
Trustees: Jeff Beattie, Christine Bingham, Penny Deathe (electronically), Dawn Danko, Wes Hicks, Ray Mulholland, Greg Van Geffen, Todd White.

Regrets: Trustees Kathy Archer, Alex Johnstone and Larry Pattison. Student Trustees Ruby Hye and Morghen Jael

1. Call to Order

Todd White, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees

3. Governance – March 6, 2018

Chair White shared the Governance report with Trustees stating that under Ontario Regulation 412/00 of the Education Act (O.Reg.412/00), school boards are responsible for trustee determination and distribution calculations (D&D calculations).

Staff presented four scenarios to the Governance Committee that illustrated different ward couplings in order to have 11 Trustees represent 15 Wards within the City of Hamilton. The criteria used for creating each scenario was as follows:

1. Each Trustee has 1 secondary school (but no more than 2 secondary schools) in their ward/ward coupling
2. The electoral quotient is as close to a whole number as possible, without going over 1.6
3. The ward coupling is geographically connected
4. There are no more than 1 trustee per ward/ward coupling
5. There are no more than 2 wards coupled together

After reviewing all four scenarios, the Governance committee recommended consultation on a preferred option and two alternate options.

Trustees discussed the proposed options at length including:

- That HWDSB does not have enough public school board electors to warrant an additional trustee on the Board.
- The consultation plan include the full 15 ward map with the location of the current school locations.
- That the general public will not be required to use the five criteria listed above when completing the survey.

An amendment to remove alternate option 2 was brought forward by Trustee Beattie and seconded by Trustee Hicks.

This amendment was **DEFEATED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour: (4) Trustees Beattie, Hicks, Mulholland and White

Opposed: (4) Trustees Bingham, Van Geffen, Danko and Deathe

To the original motion:

RESOLUTION #18-32: Trustee Van Geffen, seconded by Trustee Bingham, moved: **That the Governance Report consultation begin no later than March 19, 2018, ending March 31, 2018 on the preferred option and on alternate option 1 and alternate option 2 for trustee distribution.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION #18-33: Trustee Beattie, seconded by Trustee Hicks, moved: **That HWDSB have a centralized public information session to be held at the Education Centre.**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes.

In Favour: (7) Trustees Beattie, Bingham, Danko, Deathe, Hicks, Van Geffen and White

Opposed: (1) Trustee Mulholland

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.