

**MARCH 27, 2017
BOARD MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Board Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Board Room, with the following members in attendance: S. McMillan (Chairperson), T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees C. Harrington and J. Hendry were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees R. Barnes and H. Jamal were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), R. DeBoer, M. Gerard, E. Giannopoulos, B. Lemon, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: J. Herring, N. Manning and K. Penticost.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by K. Smith:
 - Add letter of resignation from Trustee A. Mitchell

That the agenda of the March 27, 2017, Board Meeting be approved as amended.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by C. Millar:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2017, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

Note: The following motions were approved in the In Camera session held earlier this evening.

3. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by N. Waddell:

That the agenda of the March 27, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

4. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by C. Millar:

That the consent agenda of the March 27, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of Folio 10.

-Carried-

5. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by C. Watson:

That Folio 10 of the consent agenda of the March 27, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting agenda now be approved.

-Carried-

6. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by C. Millar:

That we rise and report in public session.

-Carried-

Note: This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that he had received a letter from Trustee A. Mitchell resigning her position as Trustee with the Waterloo Region District School Board effective immediately.

Chairperson McMillan read the following remarks:

“I need to announce that on Tuesday of last week, Trustee Mitchell submitted a letter informing the board of her desire to resign as Trustee for Cambridge and North Dumfries. On behalf of all Trustees and staff I would like to thank Trustee Mitchell for her years of service to the Waterloo Region District School Board. Andrea was elected in 2001, and served as Vice-Chair in 2005-2006. In 2007 she was elected Chair, and served again as interim chair in 2012. I am sure that this decision was not an easy one for her to make. I believe she made it with the help of her family and as with everything she did, the constituents of Cambridge/North Dumfries, Waterloo Region and the students of our board first in her mind.

For 16 years, she has worked to serve her community and our students. She has earned this rest, and trustees and staff are grateful for her commitment and dedication and wish her well in the future.

Thank You Trustee Mitchell.”

As the Board is required to approve the resignation, Chairperson S. McMillan called for a vote on the following motion:

7. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by C. Watson :

That the Waterloo Region District School Board of Trustees approve the resignation of Trustee A. Mitchell from the position of Trustee – Cambridge and North Dumfries with the Waterloo Region District School Board effective March 27, 2017.

-Carried-

Opposed
M. Ramsay

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Communications and Web Assistant K. Penticost provided an update on activities throughout the WRDSB this month. Highlights included:

- Werally2021 Canada Games Bid
- Eh Day Celebration at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School
- Art Show at Sunnyside Public School
- Science Fair at Crestview Public School
- 2017 Grey Cup Tour – former student
- Kid Friendly Weather on CTV featuring WRDSB students
- United Way Community Spirit Awards Breakfast

Director J. Bryant introduced K. Bileski, Chairperson of the WRDSB United Way Campaign and she spoke briefly about the Community Spirit Award for Campaign Team received by the Board.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

REPORTS

OPSBA POLICY RESOLUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Trustee K. Woodcock spoke to the two proposed Policy Resolutions that had been submitted by Trustee C. Watson contained on folios 32 & 33 in the meeting package.

Trustees are required to approve the resolutions for submission to OPSBA by April 3, 2017, in order to be included in their package for the Annual General Meeting.

8. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by N. Waddell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve and support the submission to OPSBA of the Policy Resolution by Trustee C. Watson regarding Internet Content Filtering.

-Carried-

Opposed
M. Ramsay

9. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by T. Martin:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve and support the submission to OPSBA of the Policy Resolution by Trustee C. Watson regarding the establishment of a Service Dog Policy.

-Carried-

During the discussion on the proposed policy resolutions it was noted that wording to provide a link to the key work of OPSBA should be included. Trustee K. Woodcock agreed to work with Trustee C. Watson to provide brief revisions to the proposed policy resolutions.

PILOT PROJECT UPDATE (PARTNERSHIP WITH PLASTICITY LABS)

Director J. Bryant provided an update on a pilot project with Plasticity Labs and their pilot project on happiness also known as the HERO Generation Program at Vista Hills and Riverside Public Schools.

Jim and Jennifer Moss from Plasticity Labs, along with Riverside Public School Teachers Jennifer Densmore and Michelle McMillan and Vista Hills Public School Teachers Melissa Stark and Jennifer Catton, provided trustees with an overview on how the HERO

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Generation Program instills empathy, resiliency, gratitude and efficacy among other admirable traits in their students.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked Director J. Bryant, staff and stakeholders for their presentation.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no reports from Board members this evening.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee C. Watson noted that the letter from Bluewater District School Board on Folio 38 would be discussed with the members of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business identified at this time.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee K. Smith asked for an update on recent correspondence directed by Trustees in regard to OUAC Course Fees and Community Hubs. Chairperson S. McMillan confirmed that both letters have been sent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (to be referred to Agenda Development Committee)

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Board Meeting of March 27, 2017, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.