

**SEPTEMBER 25, 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), J. Hendry, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees C. Harrington, T. Martin and K. Smith were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees G. Kenyon and K. Shaban were in attendance.

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

Other staff in attendance: E. Burns, V. Ford, J. Herring, N. Landry and N. Manning.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by C. Millar:
 - The addition of Delegations Gary Tomic & Irina Boronka

That the agenda of the September 25, 2017, Board Meeting be approved as amended.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of September 25, 2017, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

Trustee K. Woodcock extended congratulations on behalf of all trustees on the retirement of the Manager of Corporate Services, Jayne Herring and thanked her for her service to the Waterloo Region District School Board.

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that he received regrets from Trustees C. Harrington, T. Martin and K. Smith for this evening's meeting.

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

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

3. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the agenda of the September 25, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

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

That the consent agenda of the September 25, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

5. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by J. Hendry:

That we rise and report in public session.

-Carried-

Note: This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee C. Watson declared a conflict of interest toward the correspondence from Peel District School Board regarding Long Term Occasional Teachers (Folio 66).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chairperson S. McMillan noted the Canadian Student Leadership Conference is being held this week at Sir John A McDonald Secondary School and that he and his wife would be billeting two students.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning introduced Isobel Drummond a Grade 12 student from Bluevale Collegiate Institute who recently wrote a letter to The Record regarding the issuing of Chromebooks. Isobel thanked Board staff for issuing Chromebooks to students and spoke to the positive impact this technology has provided for students.

N. Manning also provided a roundup of activities across the Board and included highlights of the first day of school activities across the system.

Student Trustee Mentor C. Millar and Student Trustees Kenyon and Shaban announced that Student Senate now has both Twitter and Instagram accounts and asked everyone to like or follow them on social media.

DELEGATIONS

- Gary Tomic re Internet Content Filtering and Committee Representation
- Isobel Boronka re Internet Content Filtering on WRDSB Chromebooks

REFER TO STAFF

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board of Trustees refer the comments of the delegation regarding Internet Content Filtering of Chromebooks to staff to gather additional information.

-Carried-

REFER TO COMMITTEE

7. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Millar

That the Waterloo Region District School Board of Trustees request that information from the delegation regarding Internet Content Filtering and committee composition to the Internet Content Filtering Working Committee; and

That any recommendations from the working committee be provided to the Board of Trustees.

-Carried-

Note: Trustee M. Ramsay did not vote on motion # 6 or 7.

REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLAN OPERATIONAL GOAL IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE FOR 2017-18

Director J. Bryant provided some information on the implementation of our Operational Goals and the steps that are being taken to achieve these goals in order to ensure the success of each and every student.

8. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Millar

This report is for the information of the Board. We recommend that staff and trustees discuss and review the operational goal implementation plan as part of a forthcoming Trustee Seminar.

-Carried-

2016-2017 EQAO ASSESSMENT RESULTS

This report was for the information of trustees.

Senior Manager, Research and Evidence-Based Practice, D. Liebermann provided an in-depth analysis of the EQAO results and trustees were invited to ask questions for clarification.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNER UPDATE

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard introduced School Travel Planner Leslie Maxwell.

In her presentation, L. Maxwell highlighted the scope and role of a Travel Planner and her most recent work with WRDSB schools.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked L. Maxwell for her presentation.

INTERNET CONTENT FILTERING UPDATE

Superintendent G. Shantz provided an Internet Content Filtering Update as directed by the Board Motion from the June 27, 2016, Board Meeting.

In response to a comment that the Thames Valley Board is currently using monitoring software, Superintendent G. Shantz noted that the Working Committee will be looking into technology in general and that he has been in touch with the Thames Valley District School Board and is monitoring their progress.

EXTEND MEETING TIME

9. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Millar

That the normal adjournment time of 9:00 p.m. be extended to 9:30 p.m.

-Carried-

TRUSTEE RETREAT INFORMATION REQUEST

Chairperson S. McMillan provided the information requested at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 18, 2017, regarding the cost of the Trustee Retreat tentatively scheduled for November 3rd and 4th. He noted these costs are an estimate as the Administrative Assistant to the Chairperson and Trustees was currently away on vacation.

Chairperson S. McMillan also noted that trustees have received three requests to attend Commencement Exercises on November 3rd.

Trustees determined that the November 3-4 date would not work and asked that another attempt at finding a date and a new cost estimate for this date be provided at an upcoming meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee K. Woodcock attended the OPSBA Board of Directors' Meeting and asked trustees to contact her if they would like her to provide an update on the meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

No comments or actions on Board Communications.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business at this time.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee J. Hendry referred to the Special Education Advisory Committee minutes on Folio 1 and suggested that other reports could follow the same format of this document. Chief Communications Officer N. Manning noted that work is ongoing in this area and it was his hope to move forward with a standard template for Standing Committees.

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

Trustee C. Watson served the following Notice of Motion as supported by Trustees C. Harrington, C. Millar, N. Waddell and T. Martin.

That the Waterloo Region District School Board develop an Opioid Crisis policy and protocol that would include providing Naloxone Kits for every school as well as a prevention and education strategy.

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Chairperson S. McMillan noted that at the August 28, 2017, Trustee Seminar, trustees identified three possible areas of focus for staff to measure. This information was also provided to trustees via email from the Chairperson.

Chairperson S. McMillan was seeking agreement from trustees on the three areas so that staff could be notified and to allow them to come back to trustees with an estimate of how long it might take to provide the reports. It was the will of the Board to endorse the three areas of focus and further discussion will take place at the October 2, 2017, Agenda Development Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Moved by K. Woodcock and N. Waddell:

That the Board Meeting of September 25, 2017, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.