

**MAY 29, 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), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, N. Waddell, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee K. Smith was 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, B. Lemon, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, L. Read, E. Giannopoulos, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the May 29, 2017, Board Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Harrington:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of May 29, 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 May 29, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

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

That the consent agenda of the May 29, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

5. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board of Trustees defer discussion on the Code of Conduct Report to allow for Lawyer Glenn Christie from Hicks Morley LLP, to attend a meeting and provide additional clarification to trustees.

-Carried-

Opposed
T. Martin

6. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Woodcock:

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 this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee T. Martin attended a recent Ontario Principals' Council training session for principals and spoke regarding the role of Trustees.

Trustee K. Woodcock attended a joint meeting for Trustees with Cambridge City Council and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. Director J. Bryant also attended the meeting.

Chairperson S. McMillan noted that he had received regrets from Trustee K. Smith who was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

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Trustee C. Millar attended the Town Hall Meeting organized by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario. The event was attended by several trustees and members of senior administration.

RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION – CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning introduced Dawn Campbell, Senior Coordinator with the Rick Hansen Foundation who presented the WRDSB with a cheque for \$21,810.00. The funds are to be used to make school stages accessible for students and staff and the Board was one of 50 projects to receiving funding by the Rick Hansen Foundation.

COMMUNICATIONS GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Communications assistant Kylie Penticost provided a quick update on some of the many wonderful events that took place in WRDSB schools.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

REPORTS

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016-2017 LINDA FABI BURSARY

Former Director of Education L. Fabi, attended to present the recipients of the 2016-2017 Linda Fabi Bursary with their awards.

This year's award recipients included:

Daniel Mocan	Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute
Caitlyn Toope-Yorke	Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute
Connor Gerber	Elmira District Secondary School
Hayden Law	Galt Collegiate Institute
Duncan Maguire	Grand River Collegiate Institute
Halley Matthews	Grand River Collegiate Institute
Tyrus Nebeska	Grand River Collegiate Institute
Alex Charron	Southwood Secondary School

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked L. Fabi and congratulated the students on their awards.

Chairperson S. McMillan exited the meeting at this time.

ENERGY UPDATE

Vice-Chairperson T. Martin assumed the chair for the presentation and discussion on this item as Chairperson S. McMillan left the meeting.

Manager of Mechanical, Electrical and Environmental Services L. Lima provided trustees with a report highlighting energy savings and programs in WRDSB schools and the Education Centre.

This report was for the information of the Board of Trustees.

MOTION TO REFER

As Trustee K. Smith was absent and requested the verbal update, Trustees determined that this update would be rescheduled to another meeting.

7. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the verbal update on the ‘Food for Kids’ program be referred to Agenda Development Committee for re-scheduling.

-Carried-

MONTHLY STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE – GRADUATION RATES

Chairperson S. McMillan resumed the chair at this time.

Director J. Bryant spoke to the strategies to implement a rise in graduation rates and the programs that are in place to provide teachers with tools to help our students pursue individual learning pathways which will lead to improved graduation rates.

Director J. Bryant introduced Superintendent R. DeBoer, Senior Manager of Research and Data and Evidence-Based Practice D. Liebermann, System Administrator J. Woolley and Re-Engagement Teacher D. Derman who was accompanied by a student of the program.

The presentation included methods that the Board is using to engage students and encourage and assist them in finishing their studies in order to graduate from the WRDSB.

Trustee C. Harrington exited the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked everyone for their presentation.

REVIEW OF OPSBA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & POLICY RESOLUTIONS

Trustee K. Woodcock in her role as OPSBA Director requested that trustees provide some direction to Trustee T. Martin who will serve as their Voting Delegate at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Trustees discussed each item at length and provided direction on how the Board of Trustees would like their voting delegate to vote on their behalf.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no reports this evening.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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

That the Board of Trustees direct the Chairperson to draft a letter of support for the Thames Valley District School Board correspondence regarding the reduction in class sizes for Native Language Courses.

-Carried-

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business this evening.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee C. Watson cited a recent National Award for contributions to mental health received by the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and questioned what their school board is doing differently to be nominated for this award. She further questioned whether the WRDSB applied for this award. Director J. Bryant responded that staff would look into this matter and provide a response at an upcoming meeting.

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

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Board Meeting of May 29, 2017, be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Scott McMillan
Chairperson

John Bryant
Director