

**APRIL 25, 2016  
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: K. Woodcock (Chairperson), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, S. McMillan, C. Millar, K. Smith, N. Waddell and C. Watson.

Trustee M. Ramsay was not in attendance.

Student Trustees R. Barnes and A. Takhar were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Deacon, M. Gerard, L. Hodgins, S. Lomax, S. Miller, E. Ranney, L. Read, M. Schinkel and G. Shantz.

Other staff in attendance: J. Herring.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson K. Woodcock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**That the agenda of the April 25, 2016, Board Meeting be approved.**

-Carried Unanimously-

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by N. Waddell:

**That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of April 25, 2016, and the actions contained therein, be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Trustee C. Watson declared a conflict of interest toward the Staffing Appointments Report on Folio 30 as she has a family member who is an employee of the Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson K. Woodcock and Trustee T. Martin announced they had attended the City of Kitchener Address on behalf on the Board.

Trustee C. Millar announced that she attended a recent performance of Shrek the Musical at Eastwood Collegiate Institute.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations this evening.

**REPORTS**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT: ARTICLE 4.10 – OPENING EXERCISES**

Chairperson K. Woodcock spoke to the report which served as written notice of the proposal to discuss amendments to Article 4.10 – Opening Exercises. At the February 29, 2016, Board Meeting trustees had voted to consider changes to the Invocation that is recited at Board Meetings by trustees.

6. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by T. Martin:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive the report titled ‘Notice of Bylaw Amendment: Article 4.10 – Opening Exercises’ as presented at the April 25, 2016, Board Meeting.**

-Carried-

**PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – 2016-2017 BUDGET**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the following additions to the regular meeting schedule to provide supplementary meetings to discuss the 2016-2017 Budget:**

- **Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)**
- **Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)**
- **Special Delegation Meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)**
- **Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)**

-Carried-

**STRATEGIC PLAN WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Trustee K. Smith provided a brief update on behalf of the Strategic Plan Working Group. Trustee Smith noted that invitations have been distributed inviting representatives to attend the May 12, 2016, all day consultation session.

**NEWCOMER UPDATE**

Superintendent G. Shantz provided an update on the status of newcomer families and students to the area and the Waterloo Region District School Board.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Student Trustee R. Barnes attended the Summit on Children and Youth Mental Health held April 7-8, 2016, in Toronto and provided a brief synopsis of the agenda and speakers at the conference.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Board communications for discussion this evening.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no items for question period this evening.

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

There were no future agenda items.

**RISE AND RECONVENE**

8. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by S. McMillan:

**That the Board Meeting of April 25, 2016 be adjourned.**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and Trustees reconvened in an Education Development Charges Meeting.