

**JUNE 6, 2016**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Special Committee of the Whole Budget 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, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell and C. Watson.

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. Read and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: J. Herring and K. Newland.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by S. McMillan:

**That the agenda of the June 6, 2016, Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest this evening.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson K. Woodcock reminded trustees that the Board of Trustees Annual Evaluation Questionnaires are due to the Manager of Corporate Services today as they will be discussed at the June 13, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Chairperson K. Woodcock attended the recent 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Review of the Sea Cadets at the Albert McCormick Community Centre.

Trustee K. Smith spoke about her recent visits to Rockway, Hillcrest and Howard Robertson Public Schools.

Trustee C. Watson reported on a recent opportunity where she and System Administrator J. Woolley assisted Eastwood Collegiate Institute Students on their projects on student discipline.

Trustee M. Ramsay attended a conference offered by Hicks Morley LLB at Bingeman Park on labour relations.

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Chairperson K. Woodcock provided opening remarks on behalf of the Board at Grand River Collegiate Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations this evening.

**REPORTS**

**MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS – QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Superintendent M. Gerard spoke to the quarterly update report and noted there are no cautions contained within the report and all projects are on schedule at this time.

2. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by S. McMillan:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report 'Major Capital Projects – Quarterly Update' as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 6, 2016.**

-Carried-

**FISCAL TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Superintendent M. Gerard provided trustees with an update on the work of the Fiscal Task Force during the past year and highlighted the committees work in informing the budget process and outlined the summary of responses collected from the recent budget survey.

It was noted that the key suggestions and next steps were developed as a result of the consultation and suggestions received from parents, students and the community.

Trustee C. Harrington raised the question about the survey response around French Immersion and questioned whether the Board should undertake a review regarding the French Immersion program. Trustee S. McMillan questioned the survey process and the results in regard to the number of responses about the French Immersion program.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report 'Fiscal Task Force Update' as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 6, 2016.**

-Carried-

**2015-2016 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FORECAST AT APRIL 30, 2016**

Controller of Financial Services K. Newland presented a report forecasting the year-end financial position for the 2015-2016 budget year. In her presentation K. Newland noted this was the third and final report for this fiscal year and was consistent with the information provided in the previous reports to trustees.

In response to a question, Director J. Bryant responded that the Board has not yet received a response from the Ministry in regard to the request for remuneration for costs incurred during labour sanctions.

4. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by S. McMillan:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report ‘2015-2016 Interim Financial Report and Forecast at April 30, 2016’ as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 6, 2016.**

-Carried Unanimously-

**2016-2017 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

Superintendent M. Gerard and Controller K. Newland tabled the 2016-2017 budget and provided an overview of this year’s budget process. M. Gerard encouraged trustees to contact him with questions and he will provide a response for all trustees at the next budget meeting.

In response to questions raised around the addition of a position to support wellness, M. Gerard stated that he could provide additional information on this position at the next budget meeting on June 15, 2016.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report ‘2016-2017 Budget Highlights’ as presented at the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 6, 2016.**

-Carried Unanimously-

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**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no items for question period.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future agenda items were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by C. Watson:

**That the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting of June 6, 2016, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.