

**OCTOBER 16, 2017**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Committee of the Whole 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, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees C. Harrington 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), M. Gerard, S. Lomax, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, L. Read 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 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by K. Woodcock:
  - Addition of Delegation Daniel Couturier re White School Buses

**That the agenda of the Oct 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that he has received regrets from Trustees C. Harrington and K. Smith for this evening's meeting.

Trustee C. Waterfall announced that along with several other trustees, she attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference held at Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School on September 26, 2017.

Additional events attended by Trustee Waterfall included:

- Coin Toss between Laurier University and the University of Waterloo on October 6, 2017
- Trustee Talk with Grade 4-5 French Immersion students at Elgin Public School
- Preston High School's Commencement Ceremony on October 13, 2017
- Trustee Talk at Ryerson Public School to the Grade 5-6 class and the Grade 5 class at Sir Adam Beck on October 16, 2017

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Student Trustee K. Shaban announced that she and Student Trustee G. Kenyon attended the recent Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Director J. Bryant invited trustees to attend the Annual Justice Dinner on November 16, 2017, at Bingeman Park and noted a follow-up email invitation will be provided to trustees.

Trustee M. Ramsay entered the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Trustee M. Ramsay announced the passing of former WRDSB staff member Cam Conrad. Mr. Conrad started his career with the then Kitchener School Board in 1967 and later became a secondary vice-principal for many years. He was well known for his 'Partners in Education' program at Budd Canada and retired in 1996. The Board of Trustees extended their condolences to the family of Mr. Conrad.

**DELEGATIONS**

The following delegations were scheduled to speak at this evening's meeting:

- Daniel Couturier re White School Buses

**REFER TO STAFF**

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

**That information provided by the delegation in regard to the use of white school buses be referred to staff to provide additional information and clarification at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

Trustee N. Waddell entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Trustee J. Hendry entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1008 – EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1008 – Equity and Inclusion as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1011 – COMMUNITY PLANNING & FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1011 – Community Planning & Facility Partnerships as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1012 – FAITH AND RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS**

5. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1012 – Faith and Religious Accommodations as amended at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4000 – PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4000 – Pupil Accommodation Review as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4014 – EXTREME TEMPERATURES**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4014 – Extreme Temperatures as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4017 - FUNDRAISING**

8. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4017 - Fundraising as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REPORTS**

**BANK BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard presented this annual report recommending, as part of the normal course of business, that the Board borrow money to meet its operating expenditures.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board adopt the Resolution, as outlined in Appendix A of this report, authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Waterloo Region District School Board.**

-Carried-

**ANNUAL IPRC MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Superintendent S. Miller presented this annual report for approval of the Board of Trustees.

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

**It is recommended that the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the staff members that have been submitted as members of the respective Identification, Placement and Review Committees for the school year 2017-2018 as per Appendix A; and**

**That the jurisdiction of each of these committees as outlined below is approved:**

- (a) **School Committees: A school I.P.R.C. is held when a program modification to accommodate an exceptional student with special education needs can be accomplished within the home school environment.**
- (b) **Area Committees: An area I.P.R.C. is held when program modifications to accommodate an exceptional student with special education needs is necessary for them to access a designated program within the present administrative area, or if a change in schools is required for the student to access the designated program.**

- (c) **District Committees:** A district I.P.R.C. is held when program modifications to accommodate an exceptional student with special education needs requires placement in cross-district special education programs. This occurs when school and area resources have been exhausted, or when specialized equipment that is not available in a school setting is being considered.

-Carried-

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Chairperson S. McMillan noted the following trustees have been added to the membership of Ad Hoc Committees, which require the approval of the Board.

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

**That the following trustee representation on Ad Hoc Committees be approved as presented at the October 16, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

Ad Hoc - Code of Conduct Policy Review Committee

Trustee C. Waterfall

Ad Hoc - French Immersion Program Review Committee

Trustee T. Martin

Trustee C. Waterfall

Trustee C. Watson

Student Trustee G. Keynon

Student Trustee K. Shaban

Ad Hoc School Naming Committee – West Kitchener

Trustee T. Martin

Trustee K. Smith

Trustee C. Waterfall

-Carried-

**STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS**

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided a follow-up on transportation issues referred to staff by a previous delegation. He noted that he and the School Travel Planner met with the parents on October 12, 2017, regarding safety concerns raised in regard to the walking routes to Elizabeth Zeigler Public School. During the discussions, the WRDSB has committed to reinstate the bus to the end of this school year and to reevaluate this issue again at that time.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard also provided a verbal update on a delegation presentation from April 10, 2012, requesting a boundary study for the Carriage Crossing Subdivision.

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He noted that approximately 10 students attending Lincoln Heights Public School are affected by this issue. He further stated that a boundary study and additional time would be required to study this area, and at this time, it is not in the approved plan for 2017-18, but this issue could be considered for inclusion in the 2018-2019 plan which will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in May 2018.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee C. Watson requested additional information on the use of white school buses as noted in the delegation presentation earlier this evening. She stated that the delegate had mentioned a 10 year contract and questioned if this was correct? She also questioned whether this was a safety issue and if so, what staff would be doing to address this concern. A brief discussion followed on the use of stop arms and overhead lights.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 16, 2017, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.