

MAY 12, 2014
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: T. Martin (Chairperson), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, A. Mitchell, H. Paisley, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee E. Fung was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees J. Duimering and A. Shantz were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Allen, M.L. Mackie, and M. Schinkel.

Other staff in attendance: D. Cuomo, R. Dallan, M. Deacon, I. Gaudet, N. Hercanuck, J. Herring, N. Landry, L. Lima, L. Meikle, K. Newland, S. Morrison and G. Shantz.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson T. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest this evening.

CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

- Student Trustees J. Duimering and A. Shantz provided trustees with a video about Student Senate.
- Trustee K. Smith attended a LGBT student dance at Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute.
- Student Trustee A. Shantz attended the Relay for Life Event at Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School where over 750 people participated in the event.
- Trustee K. Woodcock attended a play performed by Mary Johnston Public School students with an anti-bullying theme, entitled 'The Ugly Duckling.'
- Trustee K. Woodcock also attended the Kodaly Festival and recognized everyone who contributed to this wonderful celebration of music.
- Trustee K. Smith attended the Educational Assistants' Dinner.
- Chairperson T. Martin and Director J. Bryant attended the 100th Anniversary of St. Andrews Public School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson T. Martin announced that Trustee M. Johnston would be taking a leave of absence beginning May 8, 2014, and pending the outcome of the June 12, 2014, Provincial Election.

Chairperson T. Martin announced he had received regrets from Vice-Chairperson E. Fung for this evening's meeting.

The OPSBA election for Director and Voting Delegate and Alternate was postponed to the Board Meeting of May 26, 2014, as a result of a discussion at the earlier In Camera session this evening.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1003 – SCHOOL COUNCILS

2. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by A. Mitchell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve revisions to Board Policy 1003 – School Councils, as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- The addition of the Parent Involvement Committee as stakeholders
- The addition of Band Councils as stakeholders

-Carried Unanimously-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1005 – SAFE ARRIVAL

3. Moved by A. Mitchell, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 1005 – Safe Arrival, as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2003 – EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE

4. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by A. Mitchell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 2003 – Early Learning and Care, as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4010 – VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN SCHOOLS

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 4010 – Video Surveillance in Schools, as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

DELETION OF BOARD POLICY 5006 – ALLOCATION TO SCHOOLS/ALLOCATION BY PRINCIPAL

Executive Superintendent M. Schinkel reported that he was recommending the deletion of this policy as the information is staffing-related and is now contained within the policy and covered under existing Collective Agreements.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the deletion of Board Policy 5006 – Allocation to Schools/Allocation by Principal, as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

REPORTS

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL UPDATES

System Administrator Early Learning S. Morrison and Business Services Manager N. Landry presented an update regarding the implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten program and the implementation and viability of the Board's Before and After School programs.

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7. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report entitled “Full Day Kindergarten and Before and After School Program Updates,” as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting. (Folio 10)

-Carried Unanimously-

ENERGY UPDATE

Manager of Facility Services I. Gaudet updated trustees with respect to energy consumption across the Board’s schools and facilities.

8. Moved by H. Paisley, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report entitled “Energy Update,” as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting. (Folio 15)

-Carried Unanimously-

2014-2015 PUPIL ACCOMMODATION GRANT–SCHOOL RENEWAL ALLOCATION

Manager of Capital Projects R. Dallan provided a report seeking approval for the budget allocations of the 2014-2015 Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal Allocation. The Pupil Accommodation Grant for School Renewal Allocation is provided by the Ministry of Education to address the cost of repairing and renovating schools and infrastructure.

9. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by A. Mitchell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the 2014-2015 Pupil Accommodation Grant expenditures for the year September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015, not to exceed the estimated level of grant received from the Ministry of Education for School Renewal Allocation, as established in the budget of the report entitled, ‘2014-2015 Pupil Accommodation Grant – School Renewal Allocation’, dated May 12, 2014. (Folio 29)

-Carried-

2014-2015 SCHOOL CONDITION IMPROVEMENT GRANT – SCHOOL RENEWAL

Controller of Facility Services I. Gaudet provided a report updating trustees regarding planned expenditures from the 2014-2015 School Condition Improvement Grant.

10. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report entitled “2014-2015 School Condition Improvement Grant,” as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting. (Folio 34)

-Carried Unanimously-

ACCOMMODATION PLANNING 2014-2015

Manager of Planning D. Cuomo provided an update to trustees on the work of accommodation planning and approval for the establishment of boundary studies and/or accommodation reviews that will be undertaken in the 2014-2015 school year.

Trustees discussed at length the amount of money that remained after the completion of the 2009 study and also the estimated cost to update and complete a new study. Executive Superintendent M. Allen responded that staff intended to use the same company that completed the original study in 2009 as a template in order to save on the cost of completion.

In response to a question by trustees, M. Allen responded that a report will come back to the Board for a decision rather than to a committee.

Trustees requested that the motion be split into two individual motions in order to allow each item to be voted on separately.

At this time Trustee K. Woodcock proposed a motion to Call the Question, but as the motion only received two votes, discussion on the proposed motions was allowed to continue.

11. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board commence an Elementary Boundary Study of Abraham Erb, Cedarbrae, Centennial, Edna Staebler, Laurelwood and Mary Johnston Public Schools, and including the new school to be constructed at 314 Sweetgale St., Waterloo, to be called the West Waterloo Elementary Schools Boundary Study.

-Carried Unanimously-

12. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board authorize the engagement of a consultant to update the review of Secondary Schools undertaken in 2009 to be funded with the remaining funds in the original authorization of 2009 with a report back to Board by March 2015 containing recommendations for secondary accommodation review priorities.

Moved in Amendment by J. Hendry, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board authorize the engagement of a consultant to update the review of Secondary Schools undertaken in 2009 to be funded with the maximum of remaining funds in the original authorization of 2009 with a report back to Board by March 2015 containing recommendations for secondary accommodation review priorities.

-Carried-

Opposed
C. Watson

EXTEND ADJOURNMENT TIME

13. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the 9:00 p.m. adjournment time be extended by thirty minutes.

-Carried Unanimously-

ANNUAL FACILITY PARTNERSHIPS CONSIDERATION

Manager of Planning D. Cuomo noted the report is provided by staff in order to fulfill a requirement within Administrative Procedure 4990 – Facility Partnerships by holding a public meeting once a year to consider potential facility partnership opportunities with the community. The staff in Planning and Transportation posted information and distributed a mailout inviting interested parties to appear as a delegation to express their interest in entering into a partnership with the Board. It was noted that the Manager of Corporate Services did not receive any delegation requests.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report entitled “Annual Facility Partnerships Consideration,” as presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting. (Folio 45)

-Carried-

BOUNDARY APPROVAL UPDATE – GRAND RIVER SOUTH/SUNNYSIDE, KITCHENER

Executive Superintendent M. Allen provided trustees with a report requesting an update on the timing of boundary changes as a result of the amendment to the scheduled opening date of Chicopee Hills Public School.

A discussion followed on adding a date to the motion in order to provide clarification around the opening of the school.

15. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board revise the timing of the boundary changes and grandfathering provisions for Lackner Woods, Sheppard, Sunnyside and Stanley Park Public Schools, originally approved on May 9, 2011, as part of the Grand River South/Sunnyside Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review to coincide with the opening of Chicopee Hills Public School. (Folio 50)

-Carried-

Moved in Amendment by K. Woodcock, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board revise the timing of the boundary changes and grandfathering provisions for Lackner Woods, Sheppard, Sunnyside and Stanley Park Public Schools, originally approved on May 9, 2011, as part of the Grand River South/Sunnyside Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review to coincide with the opening of Chicopee Hills Public School scheduled for September 2016.

-Carried-

Opposed
M. Ramsay

EXTEND ADJOURNMENT TIME

16. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the adjournment time be extended an additional thirty minutes beyond 9:30 p.m.

- Carried with Necessary Two-Thirds Vote -

CAPITAL PRIORITIES – REVISED APPROVALS

Controller of Financial Services K. Newland introduced a report seeking revised Board approval of expenditures for capital projects. The review of expenditures is undertaken every year by staff in order to ensure that the approvals align with Ministry funding approvals and are consistent with other recommendations.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revised additional expenditures of \$245,000 from the Full Day Kindergarten Capital Funding program to be supplemented with School Renewal Funding in the amount of \$308,935 for a total increased expenditure of \$553,935 and a revised total estimated cost of \$5,617,723 for the addition and renovation at Manchester Public; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve a revision to the Board Motion of March 18, 2013 to reverse the approval of up to \$800,000 from a committed Capital Reserve for Breslau Public School; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revised additional expenditure of \$200,000 from the CAPT Build Capacity Funding Program to be supplemented with School Renewal Funds in the amount of \$100,000 and temporary accommodation funds of \$100,200 for a total increased expenditure of \$400,200 and a revised total estimated cost of \$4,808,319 for the addition and renovation at Breslau Public School; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve a revision to the Board Motion of March 18, 2013 to reverse the approval of up to \$800,000 from a committed Capital Reserve for Westmount Public School; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the revised additional expenditures of \$683,193 from the CAPT Build Capacity Funding Program for additional costs of \$286,660 at Moffat Creek Public School (revised total \$14,505,934) \$261,568 at Avenue Road Public School (revised total \$6,271,655) and \$134,965 at Grand View (C) Public School (revised total \$8,134,965). (Folio 53)

-Carried-

Student Trustees J. Duimering and A. Shantz left the meeting at this time.

MOTION – TRUSTEE K. SMITH RE EXPENDITURE REVIEW AD HOC COMMITTEE

Trustee K. Smith spoke to her motion recommending the establishment of an Ad Hoc Expenditure Review Committee to develop recommendations for long-term strategies and areas in which the Board can save additional funds.

18. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Board of Trustees of the Waterloo Region District School Board strike an Expenditure Review Committee to further the work begun by the Administrative Staff of the Waterloo Region District School Board; and

That the committee be comprised of: Trustees, Parent Representatives from PIC and/or WRAPSC, Administrative Staff and System Leaders. The committee will invite presentations from all staff groups with respect to areas to consider for cost savings. The primary goals of the committee will be to bring recommendations to the Board of Trustees by the end of September 2014 for long-term strategies and areas to save that will deal with the "new reality" of being a declining enrollment Board.

-Motion Postponed-

MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION

19. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by H. Paisley:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board postpone consideration of the motion recommending the establishment of an Ad Hoc Expenditure Review Committee as outlined in a report presented at the May 12, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting to the September 15, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

Opposed
J. Hendry
A. Mitchell
M. Ramsay
K. Smith

MOTION TO ADJOURN

20. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by A. Mitchell:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2014, be adjourned.

-Motion Lost on a Tie Vote-

<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
C. Harrington	M. Ramsay
J. Hendry	K. Smith
A. Mitchell	C. Watson
H. Paisley	K. Woodcock

Note: The motion to adjourn was lost on a tie vote, which allowed the meeting to continue.

Trustees C. Harrington and A. Mitchell left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee K. Woodcock stated that she had prepared a report on the OPSBA Central West Regional Meeting that she recently attended and would distribute a report to trustees via email.

QUESTION PERIOD

Chairperson T. Martin read a portion of Board Bylaw 6.4.2 as clarification to trustees on the procedure to follow when requesting information from staff and noted that these requests can be forwarded to Agenda Development Committee for consideration, or put to a vote by trustees.

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Trustee C. Watson asked for clarification around what the WCDSB is doing regarding a decision around bell times. Director J. Bryant responded that trustees have requested more information, but that is all we know at this time. Trustee C. Watson also requested clarification around the Grand River Transit bus passes and the change in subsidy to the Board. Executive Superintendent M. Allen spoke to the Board's position on the issue of transit passes and noted that despite attempts to appeal the removal of the subsidy, Grand River Transit will be increasing our rate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items identified at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

21. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by H. Paisley:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2014, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.