

MARCH 23, 2015
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 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), J. Hendry, T. Martin, S. McMillan, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, N. Waddell and C. Watson.

Trustees C. Harrington, A. Mitchell and K. Smith were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees H. Birss and M. Clubine were in attendance.

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

Other staff in attendance: D. Cuomo, J. Herring, L. Meikle, N. Landry and I. Gaudet.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by T. Martin:

That the agenda of the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustees T. Martin, C. Millar and C. Watson declared a conflict of interest toward an item in the previous In Camera Meeting due to the fact that they have family members who are employees of the Board.

CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

Trustee C. Millar attended a 'Creation Convention' event organized by students at Millen Woods Public School and provided a slideshow of pictures from the event.

Chairperson K. Woodcock brought greetings on behalf of the Board at the Facility Services Professional Development Day held at Forest Heights Collegiate Institute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson K. Woodcock announced that she had received regrets from Trustees C. Harrington, A. Mitchell and K. Smith for tonight's meeting.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

FINAL APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4014 - EXTREME TEMPERATURES

Trustees discussed the proposed policy at length. Trustee S. McMillan proposed an amendment to the wording by adding an additional section to indicate that schools should remain open where practically possible. After additional discussion on the amendment, Trustee T. Martin proposed a friendly amendment that suggested moving Trustee McMillan's wording to the preamble.

Trustee M. Ramsay felt this change was not a friendly amendment and as such the issue was subsequently put to a vote and the inclusion of the wording in the preamble was approved.

2. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer Board Policy 4014 - Extreme Temperatures, to staff for additional amendments, as provided by trustees at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

FINAL APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 6008 - STUDENT DISCIPLINE

3. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve amendments to Board Policy 6008 - Student Discipline, as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

FINAL APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 4002 - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS

4. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve amendments to Board Policy 4002 - Community Use of Schools, as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried Unanimously-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2011 - SUN SAFETY AND SHADING

5. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by N. Waddell:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading, as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION

Trustees agreed to defer consideration of the remaining policies to another Committee of the Whole Meeting due to time constraints.

6. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by T. Martin:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board defer Board Policy 1013 - First Nation, Metis and Voluntary Self-Identification; Board Policy 2010 - Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting and Board Policy 5010 - Employment and Placement of Relatives for consideration at an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried

REPORTS

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS - QUARTERLY UPDATE

Controller of Facility Services I. Gaudet provided trustees with an update with regard to major capital projects.

Trustee J. Hendry inquired if it was possible to have the full names of architects instead of initials included in the report.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report titled “Major Capital Projects - Quarterly Update Report”, as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting

-Carried-

Trustee M. Ramsay left the meeting at this time.

AMENDMENT TO APPROVED WEST GALT PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW MOTION

Manager of Planning D. Cuomo provided trustees with a report requesting an amendment to previous motions regarding the transportation of grandfathered students approved as part of the West Galt Pupil Accommodation Review in 2013.

When the proposed motion was approved in 2013, a small group of students were inadvertently excluded from the motion and it was identified that this group of students will be affected in the 2015-2016 school year.

Trustee J. Hendry objected to the wording under financial implications and felt it should say minimal cost instead of no cost.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board extend transportation to grandfathered Partial French Immersion students, as set out in the text and on Appendix III of the report titled “Re-examination of the West Galt Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review Administrative Recommendations,” dated January 14, 2013, for a maximum of three years, ending July 1, 2018, subject to eligibility under *Board Policy 4009 – Student Transportation* and determined by the student’s home address on June 27, 2013 and as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

Trustee J. Hendry abstained from voting.

CHICOPEE HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING APPROVALS UPDATE

Manager of Planning D. Cuomo provided trustees with a revised report and an update on the progress of planning approvals for the new Chicopee Hills Public School and the impact on the scheduled opening date for the school.

D. Cuomo commented on the lengthy and complicated process that staff has followed in order to meet the requirements to re-zone the lands necessary to build the new school. It was noted that approval by City Council has been granted and this now clears the way for construction to begin on the new school.

Under the revised schedule, construction of the pad for the school is to occur in early Spring 2016 with tendering in April and the start of school construction in May. Based on a typical build timeframe of 12-15 months, the school should be completed for cleaning and furnishing in July and August in time for the opening of the school in September 2017.

The revised schedule clearly demonstrates that an opening date of September 2016 is no longer possible. An opening date of September 2017 can be met given fulfillment of the remaining conditions of site plan approval and the construction timeline.

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Upon approval of the revised timelines by trustees, a school community meeting will be held to update parents and the public on the timing of construction and the opening of the school. Notification will be provided through the Board web-site and individual notices sent home to parents in the future Chicopee Hills PS attendance area.

9. Moved by S. McMillan, seconded by J. Hendry:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board reschedule the opening date for the new Chicopee Hills Public School to September 2017; and

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, and subsequently amended on May 12, 2014, to coincide with the opening of Chicopee Hills Public School scheduled for September 2017.

-Carried Unanimously-

SECONDARY BOUNDARY UPDATE 2015

Manager of Planning D. Cuomo introduced the report and provided trustees with a revised copy of the Executive Summary.

Consultant Jack Ammendolia from Watson and Associates, the consultant firm hired by the Board to complete the boundary study, provided trustees with an overview and Executive Summary of the report.

10. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by T. Martin:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board receive as information the report titled “Secondary Boundary Update 2015”, as presented at the March 23, 2015, Committee of the Whole Meeting

-Carried Unanimously-

OPSBA GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TRUSTEE RESOLUTIONS

Trustees were reminded to forward any proposals to the Manager of Corporate Services to be included with the March 30, 2015, Board Meeting package.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no reports this evening.

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QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee C. Watson requested to be advised of the date when the Extreme Weather Policy would return to the Board for approval. Chairperson Woodcock responded the policy would be amended by staff and would return through Agenda Development for scheduling so an exact date could not be determined at this time.

Trustee M. Ramsay entered the meeting at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

11. Moved by S. McMillan, seconded by C. Millar:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 23, 2015, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.