

**OCTOBER 30, 2017  
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: S. McMillan (Chairperson), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee C. Millar was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees K. Shaban was in attendance and Student Trustee G. Kenyon was absent.

*Note: Trustee K. Smith attended the meeting via teleconference.*

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), R. DeBoer, M. Gerard, B. Lemon, N. Landry, S. Lomax, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: J. Herring, N. Manning, K. Penticost and S. Reidel.

Chairperson S. McMillan welcomed the new Manager of Corporate Services Stephanie Reidel, to her first meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**That the agenda of the October 30, 2017, Board Meeting be approved.**

-Carried Unanimously-

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of October 30, 2017, and the actions contained therein, be approved.**

-Carried Unanimously-

**MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING**

*Note: The following motions were approved in the In Camera session held earlier this evening.*

3. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by T. Martin:

**That the agenda of the October 30, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.**

-Carried-

4. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Woodcock

**That the consent agenda from the In Camera Board Meeting of October 30, 2017, and the actions contained therein, be approved**

-Carried-

5. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by N. Waddell:

**That we rise and report in public session.**

-Carried-

*Note: This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.*

#### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES**

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that he had received regrets from Trustee C. Millar for this evening's meeting and that Trustee K. Smith was attending tonight's meeting via teleconference.

Trustee K. Woodcock announced that on October 17, 2017, she attended the Wilson Avenue crosswalk painting event which was part of the City of Kitchener's 'Love My Hood' Neighbourhood Strategy.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

Communications and Web Assistant Kylie Penticost provided an overview of the activities across the Board including an update on the WRDSB's Twitter and Facebook engagements and impressions during the last month.

Trustee M. Ramsay entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**REPORTS**

**STRATEGIC PLAN OPERATIONAL GOAL UPDATE FOR 2017-18**

Director J. Bryant along with members of senior administration provided an overview of the status of the WRDSB Strategic Plan and Operational Goals for 2017-18.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked Director Bryant and staff for the update on the strategic plan.

This report was for the information of the Board.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**OPSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' UPDATE**

Trustee K. Woodcock provided a handout and overview for trustees from the recent OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting. Trustees were invited to contact Trustee K. Woodcock with any questions.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

**56** Ministry of Education Response on Special Education Funding

**58** Peel District School Board on Suspension of EQAO Testing

Trustees discussed support for the Peel District School Board's correspondence on the EQAO Testing at length.

Trustee K. Woodcock suggested drafting a letter of support and after discussion trustees determined that they would like to support Peel in their letter, that the WRDSB did not want to suspend the EQAO testing for our Board, but would rather support a review of EQAO at this time.

Trustee N. Waddell noted a concern around the students in this cohort that had previously missed writing the test due to labour negotiations would again be impacted (students were in Grade 3 and are now in Grade 6 and Students that were in Grade 6 are now in Grade 9)

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board Trustees direct the Chairperson to draft a letter supporting the Peel District School Board's position around stopping EQAO testing.**

Moved in amendment by C. Watson and T. Martin:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board Trustees direct the Chairperson to draft a letter supporting a review of EQAO testing; and**

**That the letter also indicate concerns around the cohort of students who would be impacted for a second time if EQAO testing was discontinued.**

-Carried-

Opposed  
C. Harrington  
J. Hendry

**59** Trillium Lakelands DSB Support for WRDSB Opioid Crisis Letter

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairperson S. McMillan announced that another Doodle Poll would be sent to trustees to determine the date for the Trustee Seminar.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no items for Question Period.

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

Trustee C. Watson served the following Notice of Motion as supported by Trustees C. Harrington and N. Waddell:

**Whereas needles were found on a school property in Cambridge;**

**Whereas parents are concerned about students safety;**

**Whereas parents are uninformed about Safe School practices and protocol around the possible discovery of drug paraphernalia, including needles on school board property.**

**Therefore be it resolved that the WRDSB amend safe schools policy 6000 to include protocol around student safety and removal of drug paraphernalia, including needles, on school board property; and**

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**That the WRDSB hold information sessions as soon as possible, to inform parents and community members about student safety practices and protocol and the safe removal of drug paraphernalia, including needles, if discarded on school board property; and**

**That the Waterloo Catholic District School Board be invited to participate in the information sessions for parent and community members.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**That the Board Meeting of October 30, 2017, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.