

DECEMBER 11, 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, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees C. Harrington, C. Millar, and N. Waddell were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees G. Kenyon and K. Shaban were not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Gerard, B. Lemon, S. Lomax, P. Rubenschuh, L. Read and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: L. Agar, V. Ford, S. Galliher, N. Hercanuck, N. Manning and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Trustees enjoyed a performance by the Centennial Chamber Ensemble.

Trustee M. Ramsay joined the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved with the removal of Folio 48.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson S. McMillan shared regrets from Trustees C. Harrington, C. Millar and N. Waddell and from Student Trustees G Kenyon and K. Shaban.

DELEGATIONS

Chairperson S. McMillan reviewed the rules and requirements for delegations.

The following delegations spoke at this evening's meeting:

- Jennifer Poortinga – Fischer-Hallman/Huron Elementary Boundary Study
- Elaine Lavallee – Fischer-Hallman/Huron Elementary Boundary Study
- Annette Locklin – Wildflowers Development Area

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1012 – FAITH AND RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1012 – Faith and Religious Accommodations as presented at the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2002 – PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2002 – Partnerships and Sponsorships as presented at the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4020 – NAMING AND RENAMING OF BOARD FACILITIES

4. Moved by C. Waterfall, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4020 – Naming and Renaming of Board Facilities as presented at the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4019 – WCSSAA

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4019 – WCSSAA as presented at the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 5003 – RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEES

6. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by T. Martin:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 5003 – Recognition of Retiring Employees as presented at the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REPORTS

FISCHER-HALLMAN HURON BOUNDARY STUDY REPORT

At the December 18, 2017, Board Meeting the following motion was removed for additional discussion and Trustees put the motion to a vote.

Senior Planner N. Hercanuck presented the findings and recommendation of the Fischer-Hallman/Huron Elementary Schools Boundary Study Working Group (the Working Group). He also recognized the Working Group and community for their contributions and hard work. The Working Group has completed the Boundary Study process and is recommending implementation of Scenario 4.

Trustees inquired into various aspects of Scenario 4. Trustees expressed concerns regarding French Immersion students, roundabout safety and reducing the number of student transitions (school changes).

At the December 18, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting the following motion was removed for additional discussion and Trustees put the motion to a vote.

7. Moved by K. Woodcock and M. Ramsay:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board (Board) approves the boundary changes and recommendations resulting from the Fischer-Hallman/Huron Elementary Schools Boundary Study described as Scenario 4 including:

- **The Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 boundary for Janet Metcalfe Public School, effective September 2018 for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7 and September 2019 for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8; and**
- **The Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 boundary for Jean Steckle Public School, effective September 2018 for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 and Grade 8, and September 2019 for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6; and**
- **Providing the option for students in Huron Woods attending Jean Steckle Public School as of June 28, 2018, to remain at Janet Metcalfe Public School until completing Grade 8 with transportation (based on the students' address as of June 28, 2018); and**
- **Providing the option for students enrolled in Grade 5 at Queen Elizabeth Public School or Southridge Public School within the Mattamy Wildflowers Development Area as of June 28, 2018, to remain at those schools until completing Grade 6 with transportation (based on the students' address as of June 28, 2018).**

-Carried-

WILDFLOWERS DEVELOPMENT AREA SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS REPORT

Manager of Planning L. Agar presented the recommended changes to the Wildflower development area secondary school assignment to Forest Heights effective January 1, 2018. This change affects any students moving into the area (Grades 9 to 12), and those starting high school in September 2018 and beyond.

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

That the Waterloo District School Board (Board) approves the Holding School reassignment of the Wildflowers Development Area (see the map in Appendix A attached to this report) from Huron Heights Secondary School to Forest Heights Collegiate Institute, effective January 1, 2018.

And those students and their younger siblings residing in the Wildflowers Development Area attending Huron Heights Secondary School as of December 31, 2017 may choose to remain at Huron Heights Secondary School until graduation.

-Carried-

DOON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT AREA SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS REPORT

This report is a clarification step so that re-direction of the Doon South Development Area can be undertaken should over-crowding at existing secondary schools require it (in this case, Huron Heights Secondary School).

9. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by K. Smith:

That the Waterloo District School Board approves the assignment of Development Area status to the Doon South Development Area at the secondary level whereas it was previously identified and assigned at the elementary panel only. Secondary school assignment of this area is to be determined.

-Carried-

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee C. Watson is looking for further information on Safe Injection Sites (SIS) and the proximity to schools. Superintendent P. Rubenschuh confirmed staff was waiting on the SIS Feasibility Study as data is still being compiled. The Board will receive the information when it becomes available through WRIDS. Trustee C. Watson would like this in the form of a report.

It was the will of the Board to receive a brief update on the process staff goes through when the Board requires teachers to perform additional duties. Specific interest in what care/steps go into evaluating the workload and ensuring teaching is not impacted. According to Trustee Ramsay, a news article indicated that teachers are taking more sick days due to additional duties..

Trustee K. Smith expressed interest in what feedback was being given for the Public Engagement on Education Assessment in Ontario. Coordinating Superintendent L. Read confirmed the various WRDSB stakeholders who have provided feedback and attended public meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 11, 2017, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.