The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Board Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Boardroom, 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 K. Smith and C. Harrington 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), R. DeBoer, M. Gerard, E. Giannopoulos, B. Lemon, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: L. Agar, N. Hercanuck, S. Longeway, N. Manning and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees enjoyed a performance by the Grand River Collegiate Institute String Orchestra.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by C. Millar:

That the agenda of the December 18, 2017, Board Meeting be approved with the addition of a delegation.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

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

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of December 18, 2017, and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of the Fischer-Hallman Huron Boundary Study Report on Folios 23-24 and that it be reviewed after the delegation.

-Carried-

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

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

A. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the agenda of the December 18, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

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

That the consent agenda of the December 18, 2017, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

C. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Millar:

That the Board approve the Local Agreement, summarized in the report dated December 18, 2018, with the Ontario Principals' Council (Waterloo), for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2018 and Extension Agreement September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2020.

-Carried-

D. Moved by K. Woodcock, 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

Trustee C. Watson declared pecuniary interest during the in camera portion of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Chief Communication Officer N. Manning provided the good news update. He shared information on the Barrier Buster Project, secondary EQAO video and the 12 Days of Giving.

The Senior Team holiday message video was shared with Trustees.

DELEGATIONS

The following delegation presented:

• Ryan Stumpf - Huron Fischer-Hallman Boundary Study

FISCHER-HALLMAN HURON BOUNDARY STUDY REPORT ON FOLIOS 23-24

It was the will of the Board to have staff address the questions and concerns from the December 11, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided a memorandum to Trustees speaking to Active and Safe Routes to School, French Immersion, and School Transitions. Trustees discussed the original recommendation and memo and asked questions of clarification. Confirmation was given, that in the event a crossing guard is not provided, staff would bring forward alternative solutions for roundabout safety.

3. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by 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-

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee K. Woodcock spoke to the recent OPSBA meeting she attended. Trustees are asked to contact her with questions.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received the following communication:

• Grand Erie District School Board - Executive Compensation.

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Watson inquired about a People for Education article which spoke to the Auditor General's call to review the funding formula and if/when the ministry would be required to review the funding formula. Director Bryant agreed to review the article and get back to the Board with any information available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

4. Moved by K. Woodcock and T. Martin:

That the Board Meeting of December 18, 2017 be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.