

**JANUARY 29, 2018
BOARD MEETING**

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, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, and K. Woodcock.

Trustees C. Harrington, C. Millar, and C. Watson 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, I. Gaudet, B. Lemon, N. Landry, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: G. Alderman, S. Longeway, N. Manning and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the January 29, 2018, Board Meeting be approved.

-Carried Unanimously-

CONSENT AGENDA

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

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of January 29, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

MOTIONS FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

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

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

That the agenda of the January 29, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting, with the addition of a staffing announcement, be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

B. Moved by C. Waterfall, seconded by N. Waddell:

That the consent agenda of the January 29, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein be approved.

-Carried-

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

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

Trustee M. Ramsay joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson S. McMillan conveyed regrets from Trustees C. Harrington, C. Millar and C. Watson.

Trustee K. Woodcock attended the ladies basketball game at the Wilfrid Laurier University School Day at the Aud.

Trustee C. Waterfall was at Stewart Avenue Public School for the MP funding announcement related to the CanCode Program.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning highlighted some of the stories posted on social media recently, including:

- Huron Heights Secondary School donations to the Heiser Family.
- D2L event of collaboration and innovation through coding.
- Parent Posts with parent comments.
- online Kindergarten registration
- Janet Metcalfe Public School groundbreaking
- New South-West Kitchener School funding announcement
- the CanCode announcement at Stewart Avenue Public School

He also spoke to our media coverage, emails received and trending topics.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations this evening.

REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

Director J. Bryant provided his annual report. He stated that he is proud of the WRDSB students, staff and community. The Director of Education Annual Report is a Ministry of Education Requirement. Operational Goals will be addressed at next month's Strategic Plan update. This year's report is in the form of sharing stories and celebrating achievements. The report is available on the WRDSB website but also available in paper for parents if requested. Equity for students and encouraging innovation remained important this year. The report celebrates contributions from staff and students and the commitment to provide a safe environment for students to learn and grow, confidently.

Chief Communications Officer N. Manning provided a quick tour of the online content. The website is mobile responsive. Online content includes the director's message, a letter from the Student Trustees, strategic priorities and goals, and operational goals.

Trustees did not pose any questions.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee J. Hendry attended a session at the Public Education Symposium (PES) discussing the changes to the Municipal Elections Act. Areas of interest are a possible requirement for a board policy restricting use of board resources by candidates and changes to the declaration of conflict requirements. Staff will review the changes and bring the information to the Agenda Development Committee.

Trustee K. Woodcock reminded Trustees to complete the Canadian School Board Association survey on “ What Does a Trustee Look Like”, due February 9, 2018.

Trustee K. Woodcock informed Trustees that OPSBA was able to pose a question about student aggression to the new Minister of Education in a public forum. The answer was generic in nature.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received the following communications:

- Ministry of Children and Youth Services – Special Education Funding

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee K. Woodcock asked Trustees if there was interest in hosting the Central West Regional OPSBA meeting on April 7, 2018. As this is the same day as the PIC Parent Conference, Trustees could alternatively host a meeting in November 2018. After some discussion, Trustees decided to host the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Board Meeting of January 29, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.