

**MARCH 26, 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), C. Harrington, J. Hendry, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees K. Shaban and M. Stojakovic were in attendance.

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

Other staff in attendance: S. Longeway 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 T. Martin, seconded by C. Harrington:

**That the agenda of the March 26, 2018, Board Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by C. Watson:

**That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of March 26, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of Folio 32.**

-Carried-

**FOLIO 32: STUDENT SUSPENSION/EXPULSION REPORT FEBRUARY, 2018**

Trustees inquired as to why there was an increase in year-to-date suspensions compared to this time last year.

Superintendent P. Rubenschuh suggested the increase may be due to increased reporting from staff. He confirmed that the increase is across the district, not in any one particular school. Staff will continue to investigate the reasons behind suspensions and determine if there are any trends which need addressing.

3. Moved by T. Martin, seconded by C. Watson:

**That Folio 32, from the consent agenda of the March 26, 2018, Board Meeting, 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 T. Martin:

**That the agenda of the March 26, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.**

-Carried-

B. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the consent agenda of the March 26, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.**

-Carried-

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the following Elementary School Principal appointments, effective April 16, 2018:**

- **Jenni Guy, from Vice-Principal at Tait Street Public School to (Acting) Principal at Woodland Park Public School**
- **Amy Humphrys, from Vice-Principal at Jean Steckle Public School to (Acting) Principal at St. Jacobs Public School**
- **Jeff Johnson, from Elementary Vice-Principal, Peel District School Board to (Acting) Principal at Chalmers Street Public School**
- **Karen Moore, from Vice-Principal at MacGregor Senior Public School to (Acting) Principal at Smithson Public School**
- **Phillip Sallesky, from Vice-Principal at Queensmount Senior Public School to (Acting) Principal at Meadowlane Public School**
- **Marc Vender, from Vice-Principal at Stewart Avenue Public School to (Acting) Principal at Blair Road Public School.**

-Carried-

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the following Elementary School Vice-Principal appointments, effective April 16, 2018:**

- **Karen Grant-O’Grady, from Elementary Teacher at Centennial Public School (Cambridge) to (Acting) Vice-Principal at Tait Street Public School**
- **Rick Saunders, from Avon Maitland District School Board to (Acting) Vice-Principal at Jean Steckle Public School**
- **Andrew Schmidt, from Toronto District School Board to (Acting) Vice-Principal at MacGregor Senior Public School**

-Carried-

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

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

-Carried-

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

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Trustee C. Waterfall declared a conflict of interest during the in camera meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES**

Trustees K. Woodcock and C. Waterfall attended the Kaleid Choral Festival at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. Many WRDSB secondary students performed at the festival.

**COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

Communications Officer S. Longeway presented the good news update for March including stories about WRDSB students. The update also included WRDSB media coverage for the month.

Trustee J. Hendry entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**REPORTS**

**TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

This report was provided for information.

The General Manager of Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region (STSWR), Inc., Benoit Bourgault, presented the 2016-17 Annual Report to the Board of Trustees.

Trustees inquired about obtaining more accessible full-size buses for field trips. Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard confirmed there are vehicles in the fleet to accommodate students with accessibility needs.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**VERBAL UPDATE – SUPERVISED INJECTION SITES**

Superintendent P. Rubenschuh provided an update to Trustees on the status of supervised injection sites in the region. Further public consultation is occurring to review the services needed at the supervised injection sites. As the list of possible sites is developed, WRDSB staff will be providing feedback with student safety as a priority.

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board of Trustees received the following communications:

- Niagara Catholic District School Board – OSTA Student Platform Report Endorsement
- Durham District School Board – Population of Electoral Group Report

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

There were no future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**That the Board Meeting of March 26, 2018, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.