

**MAY 28, 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, T. Martin, C. Millar, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees J. Hendry and M. Ramsay were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

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, N. Landry, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, E. Ranney, L. Read, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: S. Longeway, K. Penticost and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

That the agenda of the May 28, 2018, Board Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Smith:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of May 28, 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 C. Waterfall, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the agenda of the May 28, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

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

That the consent agenda of the May 28, 2018, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the Participation Agreement for CAEAS-ECAB participants and CAEAS-ECAB retirees.

-Carried-

D. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the referral of communication during police investigations to the Agenda Development Committee to schedule for discussion.

-Carried-

E. Moved by K. Smith, 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 shared regrets from Trustee J. Hendry who has been immobilized with a broken foot.

Chairperson S. McMillan thanked Vice-Chairperson T. Martin for chairing the previous meeting in his absence.

Trustee K. Woodcock toured Cedarbrae Public School and N.A. MacEachern Public School with Superintendent E. Ranney.

Trustees T. Martin, K. Smith, C. Waterfall and K. Woodcock attended the annual meeting with Cambridge City Council.

LINDA FABI BURSARY

The Linda Fabi Bursary provides funding for students who are pursuing a trade, through college or apprenticeship, and who have not already been selected to receive an award at the graduation ceremony. The recipients are as follows:

Adam Furlotte	Waterloo Oxford Secondary School
Owen Ross	Waterloo Oxford Secondary School
Pauline Ditner	Elmira District Secondary School
Matthaeus Dulhardt	Waterloo Collegiate Institute
Arneze Willis	Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute
Luke Wolf	Grand River Collegiate Institute
Megan Liddell	Preston High School
Tiana Jolaoso	Forest Heights Collegiate Institute
Cheyenne Budimlic	Southwood Secondary School
Kade Chapman	Eastwood Collegiate Institute

Linda Fabi presented the awards to the students who were in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Communications Officer S. Longeway presented an update on various staff, parent and community partner events supporting student well-being including mental health and physical wellness. These activities included Children’s Mental Health Week, Walk in their Sneakers, 91.5 The Beat Buddy Bench give away, Jump Rope for Heart and Relay for Life.

REPORTS

GRADUATION RATE VERBAL UPDATE

Director J. Bryant explained that staff planned on bringing a full report to trustees this evening but that it needs to be rescheduled.

Superintendent R. DeBoer shared that the Ministry of Education has yet to release the graduation data to the school board. Once received, the research department will review the data and develop a report. An update on strategies will need to occur at a later date.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON STUDENT AGGRESSION

This report was provided for information.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Weinert provided a summary of reported incidents of student aggression for February 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018. The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Labour are collaborating as it relates to acts of student aggression. They have surveyed boards to see what data is collected and will be following up with new requirements for reporting.

Human Resource Services will be working jointly with the Joint Health and Safety Committee to create the new online reporting mechanism which will adhere to the new guidelines.

DISCUSSION: BOARD POLICY 3008 – USE OF BOARD RESOURCES

This report was provided for information so Trustees could determine if further changes to Board Policy 3008 - Use of Board Resources during the Election Campaign are required. Trustees requested further clarification from the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) regarding section 4.7 which reads: 4.7 Trustees will not distribute (print, electronic or other method) any election-related materials via students or parents/guardians.

Trustees agreed the purpose of section 4.7 was to ensure campaigning is not done using school distribution methods, but that it was acceptable for parents to work on trustee campaigns.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board amend Board Policy 3008 - Use of Board Resources during the Election Campaign section 4.7 to read:

Trustees will not use school board resources to distribute any election related materials (print, electronic or other method) to students, parents/guardians and/or caregivers.

-Carried-

Trustee C. Harrington left the meeting.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee C. Waterfall updated trustees on the Bylaw Review Committee's progress. Trustees can expect the committee to come to the Board with some discussion topics and a request for an extension.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board received the following communications:

- Bluewater District School Board - Special Education Funding
- Ministry of Education – Special Education Funding Response
- Ministry of Education – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Response

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee C. Millar expressed concern over the Trustee Annual Survey which was handed out today. She did not feel it was an effective tool for self-evaluation. Trustees discussed where the survey originated and what a better method might be. Trustees agreed that the anonymous survey was not very transparent or effective.

4. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by C. Waterfall:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board, pending any legislative requirements, not fill out the Annual Trustee Survey this year, until further information can be gathered.

-Defeated-

Opposed:
T. Martin
K. Smith
N. Waddell
C. Waterfall
C. Watson
K. Woodcock

The majority of trustees were against the idea of stopping the current annual survey without having an alternative, transparent self-evaluation tool in place. Trustees debated the best way to develop a new process, whether through a committee or governance seminar.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board create an ad hoc committee, comprised of three trustees, to develop a new self-evaluation tool and that the committee report back to the Board in October 2018.

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee C. Watson served the following notice of motion with support from Trustees C. Harrington and N. Waddell:

Whereas Global Warming is a reality;

Whereas 55% of Waterloo Region District School Board schools are without air conditioning;

Whereas 45% of Waterloo Region District School Board schools have air conditioning;

Therefore it be resolved:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board record, track and collate temperatures and humidity levels in classrooms without air conditioning during the months of May 2019 to October 2019; and

That a report be presented to the Board of Trustees by the end of January 2020, with temperature and humidity data, as well as a prioritized plan that would air condition all Waterloo Region District School Board classrooms that are without air conditioning; and

That short-term measures be taken such as effective fans, U.V. filtering blinds, painting asphalt courtyards white, retractable shades, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Board Meeting of May 28, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.