

**JUNE 11, 2018**  
**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 Boardroom, with the following members in attendance: S. McMillan (Chairperson), C. Harrington, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall and K. Woodcock.

Trustee C. Watson attended via teleconference.

Trustees J. Hendry and K. Smith 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), M. Gerard, N. Landry, S. Lomax, S. Miller, P. Rubenschuh, L. Read and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: S. Longeway and S. Reidel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**That the agenda of the June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.**

-Carried-

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee K. Woodcock attended various events including the Abraham Erb Public School Science Fair, Eid al-Fitr festival and the Student Senate Potluck. She also toured Winston Churchill Public School, Elizabeth Ziegler Public School and MacGregor Senior Public School. At the OPSBA Annual General Meeting (AGM), members voted in Cathy Abraham as President, Michael Barrett as First Vice-President and Carol Ann Sloat as Second Vice-President.

Trustee C. Waterfall also attended the OPSBA AGM and announced Donna Daniello as Vice-President for the Central West Region. Like other trustees, she also attended the WRDSB Retirement Dinner. Her recent school visits included Elmira District Secondary School, Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate, Southwood Secondary School, Central Public School and St. Andrew's Senior Public School.

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Trustee N. Waddell presented the WRDSB OPSBA resolution on ADHD at the OPSBA AGM where eighty-eight percent voted in favour of the resolution.

Student Trustees M. Stojakovic and K. Shaban volunteered at the Waterloo-Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival.

Trustee T. Martin attended the WRDSB Pride Flag Ceremony and provided greetings from the Board. He also attended the OPSBA AGM, Retirement Dinner and Student Senate Potluck.

Trustee C. Millar toured schools with Superintendent G. Shantz including Lester B. Pearson Public School.

Student Trustee K. Shaban was happy to see the turnout at the Student Senate Annual Potluck and Meeting.

Chairperson S. McMillan attended the Children's Safety Village Hero Awards Ceremony, but not in his capacity as a trustee. Communications Officer K. Penticost sat on the selection committee for the awards. This highlights some of the many activities staff are involved in, which may go unnoticed.

Director J. Bryant invited trustees to attend the end of year System Leaders' Meeting at the Google Office on June 19, 2018, and invited trustees to attend a small end of year celebration in the Trustee Lounge on June 25, 2018, after the Board Meeting.

Chairperson S. McMillan shared regrets from Trustees J. Hendry and K. Smith. He also shared that Trustee C. Watson was attending by phone and asked that everyone speak clearly and into their microphones.

Chairperson S. McMillan reminded trustees the deadline for the Annual Trustee Survey was June 11, 2018, and that they could request another copy if needed.

### **DELEGATIONS**

The following delegations spoke at this evening's meeting:

- Robert Musselman - Supports for Autism
- Sean Henderson - French Immersion Transportation

2. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by N. Waddell:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer the Supports for Autism delegation to staff to review the matter and return to the Board with the findings.**

-Carried-

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board provide the French Immersion Transportation delegation with a copy of the Ad Hoc French Immersion Review Committee's recommendations and that staff look at the request and have it included in the exploration done by the consultant.**

-Defeated-

Opposed:  
C. Millar  
N. Waddell  
C. Waterfall  
K. Woodcock

## **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

### **REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 1013 - FIRST NATION, METIS AND INUIT VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION**

Trustee C. Harrington inquired into the addition of the wording "within a colonial system" to section 3.2.3. Superintendent P. Rubenschuh explained that the indigenous community feels there is still an underpinning of colonialism. Trustee C. Harrington disagreed with the addition of this wording.

Chairperson S. McMillan recused himself as chairperson and as Past Chairperson, Trustee K. Woodcock began to chair the meeting.

Trustees debated whether or not the WRDSB operates with an underpinning of colonialism. Points included standing on guard for O Canada while facing a picture of the Queen of England and reviewing the definition of colonialism. Some trustees argued that the indigenous people of Canada have the right to feel we are retaining authority over their territory and that the language is not unreasonable. Some trustees agreed with the sentiment, but not necessarily the wording used. Other trustees believed the wording was not appropriate for a public school board document.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 1013 - First Nation, Metis and Inuit Voluntary Self-Identification as presented at the June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole meeting with the removal of the words “within an existing colonial system” from section 2.3.2.**

-Defeated-

Opposed:  
T. Martin  
S. McMillan  
C. Millar  
M. Ramsay  
N. Waddell  
C. Waterfall  
K. Woodcock  
\*K. Shaban

Abstained:  
C. Watson

\*A student trustee will have his/her vote recorded for the purpose of public record and for accountability to the student body; however, it is recognized that a student trustee is not a member of the Board or any of its committees in accordance with the Education Act.

5. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by C. Waterfall:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board refer Board Policy 1013 - First Nation, Metis and Inuit Voluntary Self-Identification back to staff to review the wording in section 3.2.3.**

-Carried-

Opposed:  
T. Martin  
S. McMillan  
C. Millar  
\*K. Shaban

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Chairperson S. McMillan resumed chairing the meeting.

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 2011 - SUN SAFETY AND SHADING**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading as presented at the June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4003 – TRESPASSING**

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4003 – Trespassing as presented at the June 11, 2018, Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

-Carried-

**REPORTS**

**OMNIBUS: UPDATE TO APPROVALS AND FINANCING OF CAPITAL**

The recommendations presented in this report align with Ministry funding for capital priorities, child care capital, Full Day Kindergarten capital program, EarlyON program, school renewal, School Condition Improvement and Education Development Charges to strategically invest in projects that will maximize value and improvements to our learning environments

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board (Board) approve an additional expenditure of \$5,070,151 for the construction project at Grand River Collegiate Institute. The project budget is now \$10,855,705 and aligns with Ministry of Education approvals.**

**That the Board approve an additional expenditure of \$862,163 for the construction project at Cedar Creek Public School. The project budget is now \$8,845,721 and aligns with Ministry of Education approvals.**

**That the Board approve an additional expenditure of \$300,000 for the construction project at Ryerson Public School. The project budget is now \$4,706,749 and aligns with Ministry of Education approvals.**

**That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,520,852 for the construction of a child care centre at Lackner Woods Public School. The project budget is \$2,520,852 and aligns with Ministry of Education approvals.**

**That the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,520,852 for the construction of a child care centre at Saginaw Public School. The project budget is \$2,520,852 and aligns with Ministry of Education approvals.**

-Carried-

### **MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS QUARTERLY UPDATE REPORT**

This report was provided for information.

Current capital projects with budgets greater than \$2.5M were outlined in the report along with significant milestones and basic project statistics. All projects are proceeding as planned through the design and construction stages.

### **INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT AND FORECAST AS AT APRIL 30, 2018**

This report was provided for information.

The information contained in this report was based on financial results up to April 30, 2018. There were no material variances in revenues. Earlier this year, staff identified a number of pressures and provided information to explain increases in Short-term Supply Costs, Student Transportation, School Renewal and Employee Future Benefits (Retirement Gratuity Liability). No material variances have been identified subsequent to the Q1 and Q2 reports for these areas.

### **BUDGET UPDATE GSN AND EPO GRANTS 2018-2019**

This report was provided for information.

Financial Services analyzed the Grants for Student Needs and the Education Program Other Grants. Budget discussions will commence at the June 13, 2018 Special Committee of the Whole Budget meeting. Financial Services anticipates presenting to the Board of Trustees a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees for their review and approval. The report included links to relevant Ministry memorandums for trustees to review.

Coordinating Superintendent M. Gerard provided Trustees with the delegation process. An invitation for delegations was posted on the website last week encouraging delegations to attend the June 18, 2018 after the budget is presented.

### **FISCAL TASK FORCE QUARTERLY UPDATE**

This report was provided for information.

As part of the committee's work in preparing the Board's budget for the 2018-19 school year, the Fiscal Task Force developed a survey which was posted to the Board's public website for the purpose of soliciting public feedback. The survey was available from February 20, 2018 to March 16, 2018 and received an overwhelming response. With the assistance of the Research

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Department, the Fiscal Task Force has reviewed the preliminary results of the Budget Survey. Appendix A contains the summary of the review along with next steps.

Student Trustee M. Stojakovic left the meeting at 8:31p.m.

The Fiscal Task Force will review and analyze the survey breakdown by respondent at their committee meetings. Trustees are welcome to attend.

Trustee C. Watson reminded staff that she was no longer a member of the committee and asked that she be removed from further reporting.

**OPSBA MEMBERSHIP (BP3007)**

Board Policy 3007 was presented for review regarding membership in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA). Services provided by OPSBA include labour relations, lobbying, media relations and professional development. The membership fee is based on a formula connected to each school board's student enrolment.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 3007 and continue with membership in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for 2018-2019.**

-Carried-

**STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS**

**BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Trustee K. Woodcock requested that trustees provide an extension to September, 2018 for final recommendations of the Bylaw Review Committee.

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

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board extend the reporting deadline for the Bylaw Review Committee until the end of September 2018.**

-Carried-

The Bylaw Review Committee is looking at all aspects of the Bylaws including, but not limited to, meeting times, chairperson terms, parliamentary procedure and committee structures.

Trustees were advised that a generative discussion regarding the Bylaw Review is scheduled for June 25, 2018. Paper copies of the Bylaws will be made available to trustees prior to the June 25, 2018 discussions.

**OPSBA**

Trustee Woodcock provided trustees with a paper copy of the OPSBA document entitled “Meeting Labour Market Needs for French as a Second Language Instruction in Ontario”.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustees agreed to connect after the meeting to discuss commencement assignments for the fall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

11. Moved by C. Harrington, seconded by K. Woodcock:

**That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2018, be adjourned.**

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.