

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Board Meeting this evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Education Centre Boardroom, with the following members in attendance: S. McMillan (Chairperson), J. Hendry, T. Martin, C. Millar, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustee C. Harrington was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: J. Bryant (Director of Education and Secretary), M. Gerard, S. Lomax, L. Read, A. Russell, and M. Weinert.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by N. Waddell, seconded by K. Smith:

That the agenda of the September 10, 2018, Special Board Meeting 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 September 10, 2018, Special In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Secondary School Vice-Principal appointment of Adrian Blair, from Alternative Education Teacher at U-Turn Connect, to (Acting) Vice-Principal at Cameron Heights Collegiate Institute, effective September 4, 2018.

-Carried-

C. Moved by C. Waterfall, seconded by M. Ramsay:

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

There were no announcements.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

RECEIPT/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON AUGUST 20, 2018

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

That the agenda of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 20, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson
Abstained: M. Ramsay

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON AUGUST 29, 2018

3. Moved by M. Ramsay, seconded by T. Martin:

That the agenda of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 29, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of motion 3a on folio 10 and motion 6 on folio 14.

-Carried-

Trustee M. Ramsay requested a recorded vote for each outstanding motion.

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Trustee C. Watson would rather see further, broader consultation on the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board of Trustees make a formal request to the Ministry of Education to allow the Waterloo Region District School Board to continue to adhere to the Ontario Human Rights Code and fulfill our strategic plan by continuing to teach the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum; and

That OPSBA and Ontario public school boards be informed of the request.

-Carried-

In Favour

J. Hendry
T. Martin
C. Millar
K. Smith
N. Waddell
C. Waterfall
K. Woodcock
O. Judelson-Kelly*
B. Wahl*

Opposed

M. Ramsay
C. Watson

*A student trustee will have their 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.

Trustee M. Ramsay asked that it be on the record that he will be writing a separate letter to the Premier disassociating himself from the motion.

Chairperson McMillan reminded trustees that all trustees must abide by the Trustee Code of Conduct which states that each trustee shall uphold the implementation of any Board resolution after it is passed by the Board.

Trustees discussed the motion and how to be respectful, constructive and still send a strong message.

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

Whereas the “snitch line” may create a negative atmosphere within our school system and has the potential to threaten and diminish the positive critical relationship between teachers, students and parents/caregivers:

It be moved that the Waterloo Region District School Board send a letter to the Premier expressing our concerns with the recent establishment of the “snitch line” and respectfully request the appropriate legislation regarding this initiative be repealed in order to maintain a safe learning environment for all our staff and students free from threats of all kinds; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board make a public statement as such.

-Carried-

In Favour

J. Hendry
T. Martin
C. Millar
K. Smith
N. Waddell
C. Waterfall
C. Watson
K. Woodcock
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Abstained

M. Ramsay

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ADJOURNMENT

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

That the Special Board Meeting of September 10, 2018, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.