

**NOVEMBER 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), J. Hendry, C. Millar\*, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Waterfall, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

\*Trustee C. Millar attended via teleconference

Trustees C. Harrington and T. Martin were 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), R. DeBoer, I. Gaudet, M. Gerard, E. Giannopoulos, N. Landry, B. Lemon, S. Lomax, A. Mercier, S. Miller, E. Ranney, L. Read, P. Rubenschuh, A. Russell, G. Shantz and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: K. Penticost 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 C. Watson:

**That the agenda of the November 26, 2018, Board Meeting be approved with the Addition of Other Business to the end of the Agenda, which will include the Outgoing Trustee Presentations.**

-Carried-

Chairperson S. McMillan welcomed the present trustee elects and former trustee A. Mitchell to the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of November 26, 2018, and the actions contained therein, be approved (with the exception of motion 15 on folio 25).**

-Carried-

Trustee J. Hendry joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Trustee C. Watson shared that the concerns raised by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) including all parking lots with designated spaces, including those for staff members.

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

**That folio 25 motion 15, from the consent agenda of the November 26, 2018, Board Meeting, and the actions contained therein, be approved.**

4. Moved by C. Watson

**That motion 15 be amended to add “and staff” so that the motion reads:**

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board reassign the Trustee and staff parking spaces for general staff and visitor use; and**

**That parking spaces further from the front entrance of the Education Centre be designated for Trustee use.**

-Motion was not seconded, therefore not considered-

Trustees debated the original motion 15 on folio 25 from the consent agenda. Some trustees debated the importance of the motion compared to other issues. The original motion was brought forward through discussion of the Equity and Inclusion Committee.

5. Moved by K. Woodcock:

**That the question be called.**

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson

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

**That folio 25 motion 15, from the consent agenda of the November 26, 2018, Board Meeting, and the actions contained therein, be approved.**

-Carried-

Opposed:  
J. Hendry  
M. Ramsay

### **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 K. Smith:

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

-Carried-

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

**That the consent agenda of the November 26, 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

Chief Communications Officer A. Russell provided the monthly Good News Update. She highlighted stories from across the board including a community housing award for Suddaby Public School, a CTV story of the lived experiences of refugee students at Sunnyside Public School, the System Leaders meeting on Equity and Inclusion, United Way launch, Remembrance Day and #Art4WEFI fundraiser. She finished her update with the traditional media and social media mentions for the month.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **ANNUAL SUSPENSION/EXPULSION REPORT**

The report was provided for information.

The annual report concerning suspension, expulsion and violent incident data for the 2017-2018 school year was presented by Superintendent P. Rubenschuh. The data was presented by gender, multiple or single offences, grade, length of suspension, suspension/expulsion category and location.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee C. Watson requested that further information on the WRDSB drug strategy be brought to trustees; specifically how students are being educated and what is being offered in overdose prevention and education. It was the will of the board for the request to go to Agenda Development Committee to be scheduled.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Trustee N. Waddell served the following notice of motion with support from Trustees C. Waterfall and K. Woodcock:

**That the Waterloo Region District School Board request that the Director of Education instruct staff to prepare a report on the option of expanding the Board's summer learning program, which should include, but not limited to the following information:**

- 1. Growth of the program in previous years, including summer 2019 enrolment projections;**
- 2. Any staffing challenges experienced in the past or any potential staffing challenges that could be anticipated with a possible expansion of the program; and**
- 3. A financial overview of ways in which we could expand the program; and to present the report by the last Committee of the Whole meeting in March 2019.**

This notice of motion will be scheduled by the Agenda Development Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairperson S. McMillan shared that staff are planning to relocate the chairperson's office. A space just off the trustee lounge will be dedicated for this purpose. A few trustees expressed concern with being relocated away from senior staff.

6. Moved by M. Ramsay, seconded by C. Watson:

**That the Board further discuss the Chairperson's office relocation in January 2019.**

-Carried-

Opposed:  
N. Waddell  
C. Waterfall  
K. Woodcock

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Student Trustees O. Judelson-Kelly and B. Wahl provided a summary of the most recent Student Senate meeting. Student Senators were provided with various responsibilities and reviewed their handbook. The main areas of focus for Student Senate this year are mental health, facilities and substance abuse.

Trustee N. Waddell attended a Project Based Learning night at Groh Public School.

**OUTGOING TRUSTEE PRESENTATION**

Individual trustees provided speeches of thanks and said a few words about each of the outgoing trustees: Colin Harrington, John Hendry, Scott McMillan, Courtney Waterfall and former trustee Andrea Mitchell. Ted Martin was acknowledged at the previous meeting. Each outgoing trustee was also presented with a gift and certificate recognizing years of service.

Trustee K Woodcock presented the ceremonial gavel to outgoing Chairperson S. McMillan and thanked him for his service as chairperson.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7. Moved by J. Hendry, seconded by C. Waterfall:

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

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.