

APRIL 15, 2019
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: J. Herring (Chairperson), K. Meissner, C. Millar, S. Piatkowski, M. Ramsay, K. Smith, N. Waddell, C. Watson, J. Weston, C. Whetham and K. Woodcock.

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, N. Landry, S. Lomax, L. Read, A. Russell and M. Weinert.

Other staff in attendance: R. Howey, L. Lima and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson J. Herring called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by S. Piatkowski:

That the agenda of the April 15, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustees C. Millar, C. Watson and C. Whetham declared conflict of interest during the In Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 15, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee J. Weston attended the Explore Your Future event for students in grades 7 to 12 and the City of Kitchener's State of the City Address. She also attended, along with Trustee K. Woodcock and Chairperson J. Herring, the Mayor's dinner honouring a number of community programs.

Trustee K. Woodcock and the WRDSB hosted the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Central West Regional Meeting at Groh Public School. She thanked K. Sonnenberg and the school administration for their assistance in organizing the meeting.

Trustee K. Meissner congratulated the Elmira District Secondary School robotics teams for receiving the provincial entrepreneurship award.

DELEGATIONS

The following delegations spoke at this evening's meeting:

- Corina Harris – Galt Collegiate Institute & Vocational School Amphitheatre
- Jamie Colwell – Galt Collegiate Institute & Vocational School Amphitheatre
- Tom Barlow – Galt Collegiate Institute & Vocational School Amphitheatre

Trustees asked questions of clarification of the delegations.

Trustees debated and discussed a motion to refer the presentation to staff. Trustee C. Watson began to discuss the demolition and restoration costs. Trustee K. Woodcock called a Point of Order that the discussion was no longer germane to the motion. Chairperson J. Herring ruled in favour of Trustee K. Woodcock and asked that the trustees only discuss the motion on the floor.

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

That the presentation be referred to staff to answer the questions in the presentation and report back to trustees.

-Carried-

Opposed: K. Smith

Trustee C. Watson left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 4001 - OPENING OF NEW SCHOOLS AND ADDITIONS

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 4001 - Opening of New Schools and Additions as presented at the April 15, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY 6006 - ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

4. Moved by C. Millar, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve Board Policy 6006 - Adult and Continuing Education as presented at the April 15, 2019, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

-Carried-

Trustee M. Ramsay left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Trustee C. Watson re-joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

REPORTS

2018-19 INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT AND FORECAST

This report was provided for information.

The information contained in this report is based on financial results up to February 28, 2019, and indicates that we expect the WRDSB to finish the year in a balanced position. Overall, staff continue to identify, assess and mitigate financial risks to help ensure the fiscal well-being of the organization. Staff have not changed the forecast of the year-end financial position at this time, but are cautiously optimistic that they will be able to signal an in-year operating surplus.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS QUARTERLY UPDATE

This report was provided for information.

The report includes current capital projects with budgets greater than \$2.5M. Significant milestones, along with basic project statistics were provided. All projects are proceeding as planned through the design and construction stages. Controller I. Gaudet provided a brief update of the ongoing projects.

HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING UPDATE

This report was provided for information.

Trustees had previously requested “that a report be presented to the Board of Trustees with a prioritized plan that would air condition all Waterloo Region District School Board classrooms that are without air conditioning” by the end of January 2020. This report was to be presented to Trustees in April 2019 as to the status of this initiative. The request for air conditioning needs to be weighed against other needs in the system and will also need to be sustainable within the

utility budget. Trustees will receive a report after data and feedback has been collected for a number of the pilot projects and initiatives.

MOTION TO DISCONTINUE THE NUTRITION COMMITTEE

The Nutrition Committee is an inactive committee and has not met in a number of years. Processes have been put in place, many of which are operational, replacing the demand for the Nutrition Committee.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board discontinue and dissolve the Nutrition Committee effective April 15, 2019.

-Carried-

DISCUSSION: BYLAW REVIEW

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve to suspend the rules for Bylaw 6.1.7 limiting the number of times a trustee may speak on the same question.

-Carried-

This report was provided for discussion.

Full and detailed trustee comments have been provided to the Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee for review.

Trustee discussion included:

- inclusion of other community committees not listed
- ensure consistent language and uniformity in bylaws
- discussion on “voice no vote” language

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee C. Millar announced the Student Trustee elections will occur on April 24, 2019 in the Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

7. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Whetham:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 15, 2019, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.