

**JUNE 24, 2019
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: 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), 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: T. Amos, L. Anderson, C. Ashley, J. Bond, F. Frasher, W. Jocques, D. Liebermann, C. Pinnock, S. Reidel, L. Slupeiks and W. Zhou.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson J. Herring called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Meissner:

That the agenda of the June 24, 2019, Board Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Woodcock:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of June 24, 2019, 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 K. Meissner, seconded by J. Weston:

That the agenda of the June 24, 2019, In Camera Board Meeting be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera.

-Carried-

B. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by J. Weston:

That the consent agenda of the June 24, 2019, In Camera Board Meeting and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

C. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by S. Piatkowski:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the appointment of Lila Read as the Associate Director effective September 1, 2019.

-Carried-

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

That we rise and report in public session.

-Carried-

Note: This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee C. Watson declared a conflict of interest in the in camera meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATING BOARD ACTIVITIES

Trustee K. Meissner shared an invitation to an upcoming outdoor education 50th anniversary celebration in October. She will share the invitation details via email.

Trustee S. Piatkowski attended the National Indigenous day at Eastwood Collegiate Institute on June 21, 2019.

Trustee J. Weston attended Chicopee Hills Public School's first graduation celebration.

Trustee K. Meissner visited Riverside Public School to share her experience as a trustee with the grade five classes.

Trustee C. Whetham attended the Ryerson Public School kindergarten celebration of their new classrooms.

Chairperson J. Herring shared that the final ratification of the 2019-2020 Budget Recommendations was approved within the consent agenda. She thanked the Financial Services staff for providing a balanced budget.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees B. Wahl and O. Judelson-Kelly spoke to their successes and memories from their time as student trustees. They expressed special thanks to Trustee C. Millar for her guidance and for being an ally.

Trustee C. Millar provided words of farewell and appreciation for the 2018-2019 Student Trustees, B. Wahl and O. Judelson-Kelly. She spoke to the growth they provided to Student Senate and expressed gratitude to the Communications Department for their engagement with Student Senate.

Chairperson J. Herring echoed Trustee C. Millar's comments of appreciation.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS UPDATE

Chief Communications Officer A. Russell provided trustees with the monthly update. She also provided an overview of some of the accomplishments throughout the school year followed by June's theme of pride and the many incredible pride events across the system. She highlighted the video on pathways to graduation, provided the news summary, top web posts and social media engagements. The presentation finished with a number of trustee engagement photos from the school year.

Chairperson J. Herring thanked the Communications Department for their hard work.

REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLAN

The report was provided for information.

Director Bryant provided introductory remarks for the presentation.

The report served as an end-of-year check-in on the work related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and Operational Goals. The data in this report speaks to key measures of implementation and outcomes. Further data and evidence related to outcome measures for the 2018-2019 school year will be made available at a future Board Meeting.

Three stories of operational goal success were shared with trustees:

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1. L. Anderson, Principal at Glencairn Public School explained how they are getting to know students by monitoring their academic, social and emotional needs.
2. Secondary student Thomas and his teacher, T. Amos, shared how he was successfully reengaged back into school.

Trustee M. Ramsay left the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

3. Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate & Vocational School teachers C. Ashley and C. Pinnock shared the success of the Black Brilliance Conference and the Digital Story Project and how students are engaging in school.

Director J. Bryant ended the presentation by referencing how important this work is and how it allows the WRDSB to make a difference to each and every student.

Trustees asked questions of clarification on the Strategic Plan report.

SUSPENSION/EXPULSION REPORT AS OF MAY 31, 2019

The report was provided for information.

Superintendent P. Rubenschuh shared the information regarding monthly and year-to-date suspension and expulsion data. He informed trustees about the “Keeping Kids in School” project WRDSB is voluntarily participating in with the Ministry of Education.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL SURVEY

The report was provided for information.

The annual evaluation included a questionnaire to be completed by each member to evaluate the performance of the Board as a whole. Trustees were provided with a summary of the responses. Five of eleven trustees completed the survey. The objective of the questionnaire is to improve the overall performance of the Board by assisting members to reflect on their individual and collective accomplishments to build on their strengths and assess their need for continuing education.

OPSBA AGM VOTING DIRECTION AND CONSIDERATION

The purpose of this report is to provide direction for Chairperson J. Herring (or alternate) as voting delegate at the OPSBA AGM. As per usual practice, OPSBA sent several items slated for consideration at the OPSBA 2019 AGM, in order that they may be reviewed and discussed as necessary at the board table prior to the General Meeting in July. This discussion will help prepare the Voting Delegate for the AGM. This year’s AGM is being held July 4-6, 2019, at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board supports the OPSBA Strategic Direction Priorities 2019-2020 Recommendations at the AGM.

-Carried-

Trustees C. Watson and K. Smith left the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

4. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board supports OPSBA's Recommendation on Member Board Policy Resolution (a) School Trip Template and Training for Boards.

-Carried-

5. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board supports OPSBA's Recommendation on Member Board Policy Resolution (b) Autism Funding Supports.

-Carried-

6. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by K. Missner:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board supports the Constitutional amendments that were approved by the OPSBA Board of Directors at their May 3-4, 2019 meeting and in accordance with Section 19.01 of the OPSBA Constitution and By-Laws.

-Carried-

Trustee S. Piatkowski noted that since posted, he has put forward a nomination for the Policy Development Work Group.

Trustee K. Smith returned 8:56 p.m.

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

That the Waterloo Region District School Board empower the voting delegate to use their discretion when voting for the OPSBA Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting.

-Carried-

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The Board sent out the following communications:

- WRDSB to Minister of Education re: Education Funding

QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee K. Woodcock inquired about a parent concern that only male students received the Physical Education Award at MacGregor Senior Public School. Superintendent P. Rubenschuh explained that the subject awards are based on merit and based on student feedback three years ago, it was decided to not include gender as a criteria, allowing for all students to be eligible. Students identifying as female were awarded more than a proportional number of awards this year. Trustees suggested that the school may need to communicate the criteria to families more clearly.

Trustee J. Weston inquired into what happens to secondary student Chromebooks when they graduate. Coordinating Superintendent S. Lomax confirmed that Chromebooks need to be returned to the school as they include WRDSB software on them. Chromebooks deemed in good condition will be recycled within the school for use. Unreturned Chromebooks will be locked and unuseable.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustees were wished a safe and happy summer and reminded to check their email over the summer as it will be the primary method of communication.

8. Moved by K. Smith, seconded by K. Meissner:

That the Board Meeting of June 24, 2019, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.