

JUNE 28 2023
SPECIAL 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. Weston (Chairperson), B. Cody, C. Johnson, S. Piatkowski, M. Radlein, M. Ramsay, M. Waseem, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Student Trustees V. Raina and K. Soror were not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: j. chanicka (Director of Education and Secretary), D. Ahluwalia, V. Collis, E. Dougan-McKenzie, S. Miller and G. Shantz.

Other staff in attendance: M. Mayer and S. Reidel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson J. Weston called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATIONS FROM WATERLOO / WILMOT TRUSTEE APPLICANTS

Chairperson J. Weston shared that applicants were asked to make 5-minute presentations to respond to the following question: “In the role of trustee, how would you support the WRDSB Strategic Plan?” She noted that applicants were placed in random order on the agenda.

Presentations from the following Waterloo / Wilmot applicants occurred:

- Matthew Williams
- Amanda Mohammad
- Hilory Steffen
- Cristina Fernandes
- Natalie Wennyk
- Samantha Estoesta
- Brent Hutzal
- Christina Laughren
- George Schmidt
- Melanie Columbus
- Brooklin Wallis
- Martin Mirt
- Geoff Horsman

PRESENTATIONS FROM WOOLWICH / WELLESLEY TRUSTEE APPLICANTS

Presentations from the following Woolwich / Wellesley applicants occurred:

- Susan Prange
- Joseph Meissner
- Eian Campbell
- Jennifer Adams
- Arnold Radford
- Jennifer Burkholder

APPOINT SCRUTINEERS

The Chairperson is required to name two staff members to act as scrutineers. Associate Directors Scott Miller and Graham Shantz will be fulfilling this role.

ELECTION OF WATERLOO / WILMOT TRUSTEE

Trustees voted by anonymous ballot as part of the Trustee Vacancy process approved at the May 29, 2023, Board Meeting.

After the first vote, as no applicant received a majority vote, a second vote occurred in accordance with WRDSB Bylaws 6.5.8 and 6.5.9 with the following applicants still eligible:

- Cristina Fernandes
- Samantha Estoesta
- Christina Laughren

Following the vote, Chairperson J. Weston announced that Samantha Estoesta received a majority vote and was appointed Trustee for Waterloo Wilmot for the Waterloo Region District School Board.

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Following the vote, Chairperson J. Weston announced that Joseph Mesissner received a majority vote and was appointed Trustee for Woolwich / Wellesley for the Waterloo Region District School Board.

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

4. Moved by M. Waseem, seconded by M. Radlein:

That any ballots cast at the June 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting be destroyed.

-Carried-

Opposed:
M. Ramsay
C. Watson

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The Honourable Madam Justice Catrina Braid officiated the swearing-in ceremony for the new trustees. The two new trustees each signed a copy of Board Policy G201 - Trustee Code of Conduct, signifying that they understand, and will follow, the Trustee Code of Conduct.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson J. Weston welcomed the new trustees.

4. Moved by S. Estoesta, seconded by J. Meissner:

That the Special Board Meeting of June 28, 2023, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.