

FEBRUARY 26, 2024
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Boardroom, with the following members in attendance: J. Weston (Chairperson), B. Cody, S. Estoesta*, C. Johnson, J. Meissner, S. Piatkowski, M. Radlein, M. Ramsay*, M. Waseem, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

*Virtual Attendance

Student Trustees A. Awan and C. Dong were not in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: L. Agar, D. Ahluwalia, J. Albrecht, J. Brown, V. Collis, R. Dallan, E. Dougan-McKenzie, J. Fedosoff, E. Giannopoulos, C. Hill, H. Hughes, P. Kaur, N. Landry, B. Lemon, D. Liebermann, S. Miller, M. Newlands, and G. Shantz (Acting as Designate of the Director of Education).

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Trustee M. Waseem joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations

REPORTS

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

In accordance with Regulation 304, the WRDSB is required to prepare, adopt, and submit to the Minister of Education, on or before the first day of March, a School Year Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. In preparation of the 2024-2025 School Year Calendars, a consultation process was established with representatives from stakeholder groups which included employee federations, associations, administrators and community. In addition, discussions related to the alignment of School Year Calendars have occurred with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board (WCDSB). As in past years, it is the committee's goal to ensure that the calendar is aligned as closely as possible with the calendar proposed by the WCDSB. The 2024-25 school year will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 and end on Friday, June 27, 2025.

Trustees asked questions regarding the two professional development days not in alignment with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and the teacher representation on the School Year Calendar Committee.

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1. Moved by C. Johnson , seconded by M. Radlein:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the 2024-2025 School Year Calendars containing 194 school days, as outlined in Appendices A and B of the Report titled “School Year Calendars: 2024-2025”.

-Carried-

Opposed: M. Ramsay
Abstained: C. Watson

RISE AND REPORT

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

That the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 26, 2024, be adjourned.

-Carried-

Trustees rose to report to the Board Meeting at 7:16 p.m.