



June 22, 2026

Waterloo Region District School Board

Minutes

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: M. Radlein (Chair of the Board), B. Cody, C. Johnson, J. Meissner, S. Piatkowski, M. Ramsay, M. Waseem, C. Watson and K. Woodcock.

Trustees S. Estoesta and J. Weston were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees K. Kaur and K. Trivedi were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: S. Miller (Chief Executive Officer), D. Ahluwalia, J. Fedosoff, A. Gaymes-San Vicente, H. Hughes, N. Landry, D. Lane, B. Lemon, J. Maliha, M. Newlands, K. Pivdor and C. Sagar.

Other staff in attendance: C. Gingerich, M. Mayer, M. McLaughlan, S. Reidel, L. Unsworth, E. Wainaina and S. Watters.

Call to Order

Chair M. Radlein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

That the agenda of the June 22, 2026, Board Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

Announcements/Celebrating Board Activities

Chair M. Radlein shared regrets from Trustees S. Estoesta and J. Weston.

Trustee M. Waseem provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Huron Heights Secondary School commencement ceremony. Trustee K. Woodcock was also in attendance.

Trustee C. Johnson attended the Indigenous History Month Gathering at the Education Centre.

Trustees C. Johnson, M Radlein, M. Waseem, J. Weston and K. Woodcock attended both the Waterloo Region Elementary Administrators retirement celebration and the WRDSB retirement celebration hosted by the Board of Trustees.

Trustees C. Johnson, M Radlein, S. Piatkowski, J. Weston and K. Woodcock attended the opening ceremonies for Willow River Public School.

Trustee C. Johnson attended the Grand River Pride Street Party in downtown Galt.

Trustee C. Johnson provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Southwood Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Trustee S. Piatkowski provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Waterloo Collegiate Institute commencement ceremony.

Trustee S. Piatkowski will be providing greetings on behalf of the Board at the Bluevale Collegiate Institute commencement ceremony.

Trustee M. Ramsay provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate & Vocational School commencement ceremony.

Trustee K. Woodcock provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Laurel Heights Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Trustee K. Woodcock will be providing greetings on behalf of the Board at the Cameron Heights Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Chair M. Radlein attended the annual Tinman Triathlon in Elmira.

Chair M. Radlein attended the Occasional Teachers annual dinner as well as the Grandview Public School 75th anniversary celebration in New Hamburg.

Chair M. Radlein attended the raising of the Pride and Every Child Matters flags at the Education Centre.

Chair M. Radlein provided greetings on behalf of the Board at the Jacob Hespeler Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Chair M. Radlein will be providing greetings on behalf of the Board at the Grand River Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Chair M. Radlein attended both the land blessing and groundbreaking events at the new Kitchener Elementary School located on the Rosenberg II site.

Trustee M. Waseem will be providing greetings on behalf of the Board at the Elmira District Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Trustee M. Waseem will be providing greetings on behalf of the Board at the Glenview Park Secondary School commencement ceremony.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Communications Good News Update

Senior Manager H. Hughes introduced the Communications Good News Update video sharing highlights from the month and items of traditional media and social media interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations scheduled.

Consent Agenda

2. Moved by C. Watson, seconded by B. Cody:

That the consent agenda of the Board Meeting of June 22, 2026, and the actions contained therein, be approved with the exception of Folio 32-33 and Folio 34, Motion 2.

-Carried-

Folio 32-33 - Student Achievement and Well-Being Standing Committee

June 15, 2026 Minutes: Reported Student Behaviour Incidents Quarterly

Data Q3 – 2025-2026 & Student Evacuation Quarterly Data Q3 – 2025 - 2026

Trustees discussed a motion to include “Staff noted that each incident is followed by a debrief between the principal and the person who reported the incident.” in the minutes of both reports on Folio 32 and 33 to reflect the responses from staff and provide a reference point for accountability.

3. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by M. Waseem:

That Folio 32-33 both be amended to add “Staff noted that each incident is followed by a debrief between the principal and the person who reported the incident.” to both the Reported Student Behaviour Incidents Quarterly Data Q3 – 2025-2026 & Student Evacuation Quarterly Data Q3 – 2025 - 2026.

-Carried-

Opposed
M. Ramsay
C. Watson

4. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by C. Johnson:

That Folio 32-33, from the consent agenda of the June 22, 2026, Board Meeting, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

Opposed: C. Watson

**Folio 34, Motion 2 - Student Achievement and Well-Being Standing
Committee June 15, 2026 Minutes: Motion: Collaboration Sub Committee**

Trustee C. Watson pulled the motion for additional consideration by the Board providing clarification on why the motion should be considered and referenced an email from a bargaining group received in January, suggesting that this committee, if approved, could look at implementing the suggested items from the email.

A recorded vote was requested.

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

That the Student Achievement & Well-Being Standing Committee recommend approval to establish a “Collaboration” Sub Committee to review research, statistical information, trends, best practices within our board and abroad, including relevant legislation, funding information, budget timelines and constraints, information about the role and responsibilities of ECEs, EAs, and CYWs and any other information related to the increase of violent incidences and lack of funding for educational supports within the learning environments within WRDSB schools.

And that this Collaboration Sub Committee have at a minimum, 1 Student Trustee, 2 Parents, 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member, 1 Early Childhood Educator , 1 Educational Assistant , 1 Child and Youth Worker , 1 Elementary Teacher , 1 Secondary Teacher, 1 Vice Principal (Elementary), 1 Principal (Elementary/Secondary,) 1 Superintendent, 2 Trustees chosen by the Chair and any other staff member and/or board staff as designated by the Director.

And that the Sub Committee structure remains flexible to include designates for each member and that experts and guest speakers be included as needed.

And that this new Collaboration Sub Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees that would help address violent incidents, the lack of funding for educational support, and any other related challenges within the learning environments in WRDSB schools.

-Defeated-

In Favour:

B. Cody
M. Ramsay
C. Watson

Opposed:

C. Johnson
J. Meissner
S. Piatkowski
M. Radlein
M. Waseem
K. Woodcock
*K. Kaur
*K. Trivedi

* Student Trustees votes are recorded for the purpose of public record and for accountability to the student body; however, it is recognized that “a student trustee is not a member of the Board” (Education Act, Section 55 (2)).

6. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by J. Meissner:

That Folio 34, from the consent agenda of the June 22, 2026, Board Meeting, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

Opposed

B. Cody
C. Watson

Motions From In Camera Meeting

The following motions were approved in the In Camera session held earlier this evening.

Approval of Agenda

A. Moved by M. Waseem, seconded by J. Meissner:

That the agenda of the June 22, 2026, In Camera Board Meeting be approved and be deemed to meet the legislative requirements for discussion in camera with the addition of a question regarding Recent Hold and Secures at Schools.

-Carried-

Consent Agenda

B. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by B. Cody:

That the consent agenda of the In Camera Board Meeting of June 22, 2026, and the actions contained therein, be approved.

-Carried-

Rise & Report

C. Moved by J. Meissner, seconded by C. Johnson:

That the In Camera Board Committee Meeting of June 22, 2026, rise and report in public.

-Carried-

This concludes the reporting of In Camera motions.

Recommendations from Standing Committees

Business Services Standing Committee

7. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by M. Waseem:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the recommendations from the Business Services Standing Committee meeting of June 8, 2026.

-Carried-

Staff Follow Up

There were no items of staff follow up.

Reports

Math Achievement Action Plan

This presentation is provided for information.

Representatives from Learning Support Services presented an update on the WRDSB Math Achievement Action Plan. The presentation highlighted the board's whole-system

approach to mathematics instruction, which is guided by Ministry of Education priorities, equitable access, and tiered interventions. Key achievements from the past school year included the development of Kindergarten Mathematics Long Range Plans, the deployment of targeted resources for diverse learners, and high system-wide engagement with digital learning tools like Knowledgehook and Reflex. Data collected throughout the year demonstrated encouraging trends, including improved student self-assessment accuracy, positive growth in student confidence, and an overall shift toward responsive secondary instructional practices. Additionally, the newly implemented MAT1LY foundational skills course for Grade 9 students resulted in above-average academic growth and enhanced student belief in their mathematical abilities. Moving forward into the next school year, the board intends to refine these initiatives, strengthen student transitions into mainstream courses, and enhance summer learning resources for families.

Trustees asked questions regarding the data provided, supporting students as they transition from MAT1LY and additional data collection.

Multi-year Accessibility Plan Update

This presentation is provided for information.

The WRDSB Accessibility Committee provided a status update report on the 2021-2026 Accessibility Plan. As a designated public sector organization under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, the WRDSB is legislatively required to maintain and regularly update a multi-year accessibility plan to eliminate systemic barriers. The report highlights the board's ongoing initiatives across key operational areas, including customer service, employment, physical environment, transportation, and information and communications. The status summary indicates that various objectives, such as mandatory staff training, website upgrades, school facility modernizations, and specialized transportation audits, are largely complete or progressing on track. All ongoing financial requirements for these initiatives are managed within the existing annually approved board budgets, and the complete document will be published on the WRDSB website for public access. This year, procurement of accessible playground equipment was highlighted during the presentation.

Trustees asked questions regarding playground vendors.

8. Moved by S. Piatkowski, seconded by C. Watson:

That the Board Meeting of June 22, 2026, be extended by thirty minutes to 10:00 p.m.

-Carried-

Trustees asked questions about the barrier for accessible record keeping which is a result of Ministry of Education mandated formats for records and the distribution of records. Trustees also asked about feedback on accessibility and specific concerns from families regarding physical sites.

Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Report

This presentation is provided for information.

The June 2026 Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly report reflects the work that is being done to prioritize student achievement and well-being, and build strong communities through partnerships with parents, families, local leaders and community members. The report highlights school visits, student and community, community meetings and government relations.

Board Reports

There were no Board reports.

Board Communications

The Waterloo Region District School Board received the following communications:

- Waterloo Region District School Board to Minister of Education and Premier of Ontario - Support for HWDSB's Letter
- Waterloo Region District School Board to Ombudsman of Ontario
- Rainy River District School Board Student Trustees to Minister of Education
- Bluewater District School Board SEAC to Minister of Education
- Waterloo Region District School Board to Minister of Education and Premier of Ontario - Lead Testing in Schools

Other Business

There was no other business.

Question Period

Trustee K. Woodcock asked if the Ministry of Education was providing new funding for the new classroom resources through Nelson Education's Edwin platform announced today. Superintendent N. Landry confirmed that this includes new additional funding.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Adjournment

9. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by J. Meissner:

That the Board Meeting of June 22, 2026, be adjourned.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.