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Trustees: Kathy Archer (electronically), Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Paul Tut and Todd White. Student Trustees Gloria Li and Aisha Mahmoud.

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**Regrets were received from Trustee Wong**

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

**2. Delegation: Evan Ubene: Kilometers for Public Healthcare re: Temporary Universal Mask motion**

Mr. Ubene spoke in favour of masking and shared his research and the data that he has discovered in his research.

**3. Approval of the Agenda:**

**RESOLUTION #23-01:** Trustees Tut/Buck moved: **That the Board agenda be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes: December 19, 2022**

The minutes of December 19, 2022 were confirmed.

**Report from Trustee Special Committees**

**6. Policy Committee – December 7, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-02** Trustees Noble/Tut moved: **That the Student Attendance and Safe Arrival (formerly Arrival Check) return to the Policy Committee for further discussion.**

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division of votes:

In Favour (9): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Mulholland, Noble, Tut and White. Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud

Opposed (1): Trustee Miller

**RESOLUTION #23-03** Trustees Miller/Tut moved: **That the remainder of the Policy Committee Report – December 7, 2022 be approved including:**

- **That the last intended outcome from the Student Attendance and Safe Arrival Policy be referred to the Program Committee for discussion and consideration in an existing or future report. The intended outcome states:**
  - **Culturally responsive supports, intervention strategies and best practices to encourage regular attendance and punctuality by all students who are enrolled in a school or program operated by the Board are established and implemented.**
- **That the Accommodation of Staff – Disability Policy be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**7. Finance & Facilities Committee – December 15, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-04:** Trustees Tut/Buck moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – December 15, 2022 be received including the Capital Projects Construction Update and the Development of Budget Priorities to guide 2023-24 Budget Development**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**8. Human Resources – December 13, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-05:** Trustees White/Miller moved: **That the Human Resources Committee Report – December 13, 2022 be received including the Employee Attendance Monitoring Report: September 2022-October 2022.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**9. Governance – December 12, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-06:** Trustees White/Noble moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – December 12, 2022 be approved including:**

1. that the following priorities (in alphabetical and unranked order) for trustee development for early 2023 as:
  - Equity/Human Rights (to include ARAO) workshop
  - Governance workshop
  - Indigenous Education workshop
  - Strategic Directions workshop
  - Ward Trustee workshop
2. That staff review the options available to develop a trustee newsletter and return to Governance for further discussion.
3. That under the pillar of trustee-community engagement, the 2023 work plan include trustee newsletter, communication standards from school councils and ward engagement opportunities.
4. That the Chair of the Board and Staff explore opportunities for a self-assessment tool based on the tool used by TDSB and the Governance Health Check tools to develop a framework/option for HWDSB to utilize.

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**Report from Legislated Committees**

**10. Parent Involvement Committee – December 13, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-07:** Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee Report – December 13, 2022 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**11. Special Education Advisory Committee – December 13, 2022**

**RESOLUTION #23-08:** Trustees Dahab/Buck moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee Report – December 13, 2022 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

## Report from Staff

### 12. Temporary Universal Mask motion – update on Resolution #22-168

Staff shared an update with the Board and answered questions that were raised during the open discussion. The presentation can be found at: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/meetings/Board-Appendices-1673917990.pdf>

The Chair moved to Vice Chair Miller at 8:50 p.m.

Chair Danko resumed the role as Chair at 9:00 p.m.

Trustees Dahab/Noble moved: **To extend the temporary universal masking requirement from December 5, 2022 until the February 13, 2023 Board meeting at which time it may be reviewed.**

The motion FAILED on the following division of votes:

In Favour (5): Trustees Dahab, Miller, Noble, Tut and White. Student Trustee Mahmoud

Opposed (5): Trustees Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman and Mulholland. Student Trustee Li

Staff verified that the motion from November 2022 still stands: it is strongly recommended that staff and students continue to mask in all HWDSB schools and facilities. Staff shared that they will continue with the messaging and making masks available.

## Reports from:

### 13. Standing Committee – December 19, 2022

**RESOLUTION #23-09:** Trustees Miller/Buck moved: **That the Standing Committee Report – December 19, 2022 be approved including:**

- That the Effective Communications Report be received.
- That the Transportation Report be received.

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

### 14. Committee of the Whole (private) – January 16, 2023

**RESOLUTION #23-10:** Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – January 16, 2023 be approved including:**

- That the Human Resources Committee report from December 13, 2022 be received.
- That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from December 15, 2022 be received.

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

## 15. Oral Reports from:

### A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

The Chair met with the Mayor to speak about meeting set up and tracking outstanding items.

Counsellors will be appointed in February 2023 and a meeting will be held once the committee has been established. A meeting may be held in March or April 2023.

### B. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023.

### C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Buck shared that there has been no meeting since the last update. She did reiterate that the needs of our students and community are great at this time and if anyone is able make a donation it

would be greatly appreciated. The Showcase of heARTS will be held on March 30, 2023. For further details please see: <https://app.kambeo.io/event/showcase.of.hearts1>

**D. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

The Legislative Assembly will be returning on February 21, 2023. Trustees are updated via email on a regular basis. The Public Education Symposium will be taking place on January 26-28, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

<https://hwdsb.info/boardjan162023pt1>

<https://hwdsb.info/Boardjan162023pt2>