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

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**RESOLUTION #23-31:** Trustees Fehrman/Noble moved: **That the agenda be approved and the Board recess at 7:39 p.m. to honour Ramadan Iftar.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.  
Trustees Tut and White were not present for the vote.

**3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes: March 6, 2023**

The minutes of March 6, 2023 were confirmed.

Trustees Tut and White returned to the room at 7:25 p.m.

**Report from Trustee Special Committees**

**5. Finance & Facilities Committee – March 9, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-32:** Trustees Tut/White moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – March 9, 2023 - Item A: That the Board proceed with an increase in the annual International Student Tuition rate commencing in the 2023-24 school year and an increase in the application fee for the program commencing in the 2023-24 school year be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**RESOLUTION #23-33:** Trustees Tut/Buck moved: **That the failed motion: That the Board proceed with an amendment to the agent commission structure commencing in the 2024-25 school year be referred back to the Finance and Facilities Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**RESOLUTION #23-34:** Trustees Tut/White moved: **That the remainder of the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – March 9, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**Report from Legislated Committees**

**6. Special Education Advisory Committee – February 22, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-35:** Trustees Dahab/Noble moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee report – February 22, 2023 be approved including that the representative update for Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton be approved.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.  
Trustee White was not present for the vote.

**RESOLUTION #23-36:** Trustees Tut/Student Trustee Mahmoud through Trustee Wong moved: **That the Board recess until 7:58 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.  
Trustee White was not present for the vote.

Board resumed at 8:00 p.m.

**Report from Community Advisory Committees**

**7. Rural Schools Advisory Committee – February 9, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-37:** Trustees Fehrman/Archer moved: **That the Rural Schools Community Advisory Committee Report – February 9, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That Heidi Oglesby be appointed as Chair of the Committee.**
- **That Superintendent Macpherson present the Implementation of the Rural School Reporting Page on HWDSB's public website per Ministry requirement.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.  
Trustee Dahab and Student Trustee Mahmoud were not present for the vote.

**8. Faith Community Advisory Committee – March 1, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-38:** Trustees Buck/White moved: **That the Faith Community Advisory Committee Report – March 1, 2023 be approved including: the recommendation to immediately seek applications to fill the vacancy for one Buddhist member and to add two additional student representatives.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.  
Trustee White was not present for the vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

**9. Student Trustee Elections 2023-2021**

**RESOLUTION #23-39:** Student Trustee Li through Trustee Wong and Trustee Tut moved: **That the following students be confirmed to stand as Student Trustee with HWDSB for the term of office August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024.**

- **Thomas Lin, Ancaster High**
- **Harry Wang, Westmount Secondary**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**Reports from:****10. Standing Committee – March 6, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-40:** Trustees Miller/Tut moved: **That the Standing Committee report – March 6, 2023 be approved including that the Draft 2023-2024 School Year Calendars be approved for public consultation and that the results be brought back to Board.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**11. Committee of the Whole (private) – March 27, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-41:** Trustees Miller/Archer moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – March 27, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – March 9, 2023 be received.**
- **That the Special Governance Committee Report – March 7, 2023 be received**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**12. Oral Reports from:****A. City/School Board Liaison Committee**

The Chair shared that there has been no date for a meeting set at this time but they are looking forward to setting quarterly meetings in the near future.

**B. Hamilton-Wentworth Home & School Association**

The Chair shared that there is an upcoming meeting in April 2023. The Home & School Executive requested a meeting with the Chair and supporting staff to receive some clarity on questions that they brought forward.

**C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HWDSB Foundation)**

Trustee Buck shared the following:

- 2023 Showcase of heARTS – will take place March 30, 2023, from 6:15 with the students performing at 7:30. There is also a silent auction taking place [Silent Auction](#). This event is both in-person and online – so no matter where you are you can enjoy a taste of some of the amazing talent at HWDSB.
- Prom Project is gearing up for another great event.
  - This year Prom Project will again be by appointment only. Please mark your calendars – April 29 from 9:00-4:00 at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.
  - Currently donations are being accepted Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning until April 26th. So, if you have a new or gently used fancy dress, full suit, dress shirt, dress pants, shoes, or accessories please consider donating them.

**D. Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)**

- The Central West Region is happening April 1st from 9am to 12PM. It is being hosted by Upper Grand District School Board. Details will be sent via email for any Trustees interested. If HWDSB would like to submit a policy resolution and/or constitution by-law amendment for consideration at their 2023 AGM this need to be done by April 12, 2023.
- Applications are now open for Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship. \$1000 will be awarded to one recipient in the OPSBA Central West Region. The deadline for receipt of application packages is May 19, 2023.
- February 22, 2023 OPSBA released a public message titled “The right schools in the right locations: OPSBA asks government to lift moratorium on school reviews”. It has been six years since the moratorium was initiated.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

[Board Meeting-20230327\\_192030-Meeting Recording.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)