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

Regrets were received from: Trustee Paul Tut and Student Trustee Mahmoud.

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

RESOLUTION #23-42: Trustees Fehrman/Noble moved: **That the Board agenda be approved and a recess be called to honour Ramadan Iftar at 7:47 p.m.**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

3. Delegations: The following delegations had an opportunity to share their views on suspension and expulsion of marginalized students and the challenges that families face.

- A. Eisham Karim
- B. Michelle Tom
- C. Monica Dutt

4. Correspondence: Letter from Class 5B at Cathy Wever Elementary School

RESOLUTION #23-43: Trustees Dahab/Miller moved: **That the Correspondence: Letter from Class 5B at Cathy Wever Elementary School be received and referred to staff for further consideration.**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Chair Danko declared a conflict of interest for the CTW Report – item B.

6. Confirmation of the Minutes: March 27, 2023

The minutes of March 27, 2023 were confirmed.

RESOLUTION #23-44: Trustees White/Dahab moved: **that the meeting recess to honour Ramadan Iftar until 8:08 p.m.**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

The meeting resumed at 8:14 p.m. Trustee Mulholland did not return to the meeting.

Report from Trustee Special Committees

7. Policy Committee – March 1, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-45: Trustees Miller/White moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – March 1, 2023 be approved including:**

- The Equitable Employee Recruitment, Retention and Advancement Policy
- The Student Attendance & Arrival Check Policy

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

8. Program Committee – March 20, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-46: Trustees Dahab/White moved: **that HWDSB staff present a redraft of the 2022/23 suspension and expulsion report disaggregated by grade, special education status, high priority schools, according to the 2016 reporting template, and HWDSB student census data alignment at the first Program Committee meeting in June 2023.**

Amendment

Trustee Buck/Danko moved that: HWDSB staff present a redraft of the 2022/23 suspension and expulsion report disaggregated by grade, special education status, high priority schools, according to the 2016 reporting template, and report back on timelines for sharing data disaggregated by HWDSB student census data at the first Program Committee meeting in June 2023.

RESOLUTION #23-47: Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved that: **the meeting be extended 30 minutes.**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

Trustee Buck withdrew the amended motion.

To the main motion:

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

RESOLUTION #23-48: Trustees Graeme/Buck moved: **That the Program Committee Report – March 20, 2023 be received including:**

- **Positive Culture and Well-Being Report**
- **International Baccalaureate Update**
- **Student Learning and Achievement Report**

CARRIED

Student Trustee Li voted in favour.

Student Trustee Li left the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

9. Finance & Facilities Committee – March 30, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-49: Trustees White/Wong moved: **That the Finance & Facilities Committee Report – March 30, 2023 be approved including: That the Board approve the preliminary allocation of the following full-time equivalent positions for the purpose of 2023-24 school-based staffing:**

Elementary Teachers	2,107.50
Secondary Teachers	940.99
Early Childhood Educators	283.00
Educational Assistants	661.00
Principals/Vice Principals	156.00
School Office Administration	194.00
School Custodial	346.75

CARRIED

The Chair moved to Trustee White at 10:14 p.m.

Reports from:

10. Committee of the Whole (private) – April 3, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-50: Trustees Miller/Noble moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – April 3, 2023 be approved including:**

- a) **That the Special Governance Committee report from March 21, 2023, be approved.**

CARRIED

- b) **That the Finance and Facilities Committee report from March 30, 2023, be approved including: That the Associate Director of Support Services and Treasurer be authorized to engage Phase 2 of the Property Disposition Process and enter into agreements for the sale of Confederation Beach, vacant site, consisting of approximately 3.95 acres located at 65 Frances Ave., Stoney Creek, in the City of Hamilton; and, That the properties be sold at no less than fair market value as determined by the Board’s appraiser; and, That all documentation be completed in a form satisfactory to the Board’s Solicitor and in compliance with Ontario Regulation 444/98 and Property Disposition Policy No 3.12.**

CARRIED

Trustee Danko did not vote

Trustee Danko resumed the position of Chair at 10:20 p.m.

11. Oral Reports from:

A. Student Trustees’ Report

Chair Danko read the report on behalf of Student Trustees:

- The HWDSB student senates met on March 8th and 22nd. Discussion included student experiences with the current health curriculum. Responses were shared through the Ontario Secondary School Health Curriculum Survey, a project done by OSTA-AECO. The consensus was that there were inconsistencies amongst different schools and even classes. A more holistic approach should be taken encompassing all aspects of health including nutritional, sexual, mental, and physical health.
- OSTA-AECO has launched the Ontario Student Voice Awards, available to graduating students in Ontario, recognizing their achievements in sectors such as Entrepreneurial Initiative, Sports Leadership, and Student Voice. The deadline for students to apply is April 14th at 11:59 PM. Questions can be directed to Gloria Li through school email or gloria.li@studenttrustees.org. It would be greatly appreciated if trustees share this information with their student communities, and repost OSTA-AECO's post regarding the scholarship opportunity.

B. Director’s Report

The Director shared the following:

- Director Robinson Petrazzini highlighted the Holy Season celebrations that are taking place this month.
- The Showcase of the heARTS raised \$58,700.00 this year. It was a wonderful gala event and the Director shared her gratitude to students, staff, volunteers and the supporters of the HFSS Hamilton Foundation for Student Success.
- The Director visited one of our community partners empowered square and had the pleasure of meeting with the executive director, Leo Johnson.
- Director Robinson Petrazzini extended the following message to students: “This is the time of year when students reflect on their personal and academic goals that they set for themselves. It’s an opportunity to think about how well you have done towards achieving those goals and it’s time for

you to consider what you need to do and improve in order to finish strong. So, we want students to know that they can always access supports from their classroom educators or other members of the school team, whether that be mental health supports or academic supports. We are here for you and want to help set you up for success.”

C. Chair’s Report

The Chair shared the following message:

- “We are very excited to officially announce that HWDSB is set to develop new strategic directions and this is the way that we will identify future values, priorities and goals for our system. This is our moment where we can turn a page and start a new chapter. We will be engaging in a strategic planning process for the remainder of 2023 and are looking forward to hearing from our Community. This is the road map that guides staff to create the annual plans that impact our schools and identifies goals. In doing this work we are pleased to announce the consultants who are helping us with this project:
 - Ruth Silver, Founder & Principal at Groundswell.
 - Casey Hinton, from Saffy and Nadia Galati, Principal at Saffy
 - Josie Fung, Executive Director, I-Think and Mike Gallagher, I-Think”

The Chair turned the floor over to Trustee White, Chair of Governance to share the details of the upcoming Strategic Plan. The Consultants were introduced and had an opportunity to share their background and how they will be supporting the process. Communications Manager Shawn McKillop shared the 4 stages of how HWDSB is planning a new path forward.

RESOLUTION #23-51: Trustees White/Noble moved that: **the meeting be extended 15 minutes.**

CARRIED

The Chair closed the meeting with the following message:

- “As we welcome the beginning of spring, and more specifically April, we also welcome the celebration of many religious-based days of significance. To the students, staff, families, and community members gathering over this faith-filled season, all of us at HWDSB wish you well. It is truly special to see the wide range of events and festivities taking place. Whenever, wherever, and however you choose to honour your faith, we hope it brings you peace and comfort.”

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

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