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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 (electronically) and Aisha Mahmoud.

**Regrets: Trustee Elizabeth Wong**

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**RESOLUTION #23-52:** Trustees Miller/Dahab moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

**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: April 3, 2023**

The minutes of April 3, 2023 were confirmed.

**Report from Trustee Special Committees**

**5. Audit Committee – March 23, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-53:** Trustees White/Miller moved: **That the Audit Committee Report – March 23, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

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

**6. Human Resources Committee – March 28, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-54:** Trustees Miller/Tut moved: **That the Human Resources Committee Report – March 28, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

**7. Policy Committee – April 5, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-55:** Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – April 5, 2023 monitoring items be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

It was requested that the actions items be voted on separately.

Trustee White/Tut made the following motion for the Naming of Schools Policy:

1. That the policy allows all school communities the option of selecting their Neighbourhood/community name.
2. That the policy allows a school community the option of retaining one of its existing school names following consolidation or replacement.

The motion FAILED on the following division of votes:

In Favour (3): Trustees Buck, Tut and White

Opposed (7): Trustees Archer, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Mulholland and Noble (abstained). Student Trustees Mahmoud and Li.

Trustee White/Tut made the following motion for the Naming of Schools Policy:

3. That the policy allows a part of a school to be named after an individual.

The motion FAILED on the following division of votes:

In Favour (3): Trustees Noble, Tut and White

Opposed (7): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller and Mulholland. Student Trustees Mahmoud and Li.

**RESOLUTION #23-56:** Trustees Noble/Fehrman moved: **That the Naming of Schools Policy be approved as written.**

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

In Favour (8): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Mulholland and Noble. Student Trustees Mahmoud and Li.

Opposed (2): Trustees Tut and White

**RESOLUTION #23-57:** Trustees Miller/Fehrman moved: **That the Modern Learning Policy be approved.**

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

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

Opposed (1): Trustees Noble.

**RESOLUTION #23-58:** Trustees Noble/Miller moved: **That the Nutrition Policy be referred back to the Policy Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

#### **Report from Legislated Committees**

##### **8. French As a Second Language Community Advisory Committee – March 29, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-59:** Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the French As a Second Language Community Advisory Committee Report – March 29, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

## 9. Special Education Advisory Committee – March 29, 2023

**RESOLUTION #23-60:** Trustees Dahab/Noble moved: **That the Special Education Advisory Committee report – March 29, 2023 be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Li and Mahmoud voted in favour.

### Report from Staff

#### 10. Multi Year Strategic Plan Verbal Update (Strategic Directions)

Staff provided an update outlining the process involved in the development of the Strategic Directions. The process includes Generate, Validate, Elevate and Celebrate. We are currently in the Generate process. The link to the presentation can be found here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

### Reports from:

#### 11. Committee of the Whole (private) – April 24, 2023

**RESOLUTION #23-61:** Trustees Miller/Noble moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – April 24, 2023 be approved including:**

- **That the Audit Committee report from March 23, 2023, be received.**
- **That the Human Resources Committee report from March 28, 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 they are looking forward to setting quarterly meetings in the near future and are putting together agenda items.

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

The Chair shared:

- that the Home & School Association have their Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations annual general meeting coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be a virtual meeting.
- They have met with Strategic Planning Consultants around the strategic directions. They have also met with the Director and Superintendent Goodacre.
- The follow up on the updates that the Chair shared at Board regarding current engagement has happened.
- They continue to have members involved with the school's panel, and they also had a meeting with Associate Director Dunlop and the Chair to ask a number of questions about high priority school designations and how special education funding is designated.
- They have their next meeting coming up in May and will have the election of executives at that time.

##### C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success (HFSS) (HWDSB Foundation)

Trustee Buck shared the following:

- HFSS meeting was held on April 12, 2023.
- Showcase of heARTs raised \$59,000 with 125 attending. The attendance was a bit low and it was discussed what the possible cause behind this is could be as there were more tickets sold than people who showed up. Other non-profit organizations are also seeing this same trend and recognize that folks just haven't returned to in-person events like this in general.

- Thanks, were shared to Trustees for their support and participation in making it a resounding success.
- Thanks, were also shared to Amy Leaming Cote, Executive Director, and her office for all of their work.
- Support for Students Fund Revenue has gone up. Thanks, were shared to the HFSS and Trustees for helping to get to a place where crisis has been averted.
- A decision for the audit was postponed as the Board of Directors needed to wait until they heard from the Board of Trustees on who was ratified as the Board auditor.
- HFSS is looking for an additional Director to join the HFSS team.
- Prom Project is being held on April 29, 2023. Thank you to those Trustees who volunteered to help on Saturday. Sir Winston Churchill Secondary is hosting this event.

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

- Labour Relations – The Board of Director will be meeting April 29, 2023.
- The AGM will be held on June 8-10 in Collingwood where they will be celebrating 35 years
- OPSBAs statement on the 2023-24 Grants for Student Needs was shared.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

[Board Meeting - Public-20230424\\_183349-Meeting Recording.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)