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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 (electronically), Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang

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**1. Call to Order**

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Swearing in of Student Trustees 2023-2024.**

Chair Danko welcomed Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang to their first official Board meeting. The Student Trustees recently attended the System Leaders meeting on August 29, 2023, as well as school council meetings. Student Trustees Lin and Wang read the Swearing in Oath.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**RESOLUTION #23-105:** Trustees Buck/Miller moved: **That the agenda be amended to include item 11.B Private CTW under section 207 B of the Education Act the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian; R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 207 (2).**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None.

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes: June 19, 2023**

The minutes of June 19, 2023, were confirmed.

**Report from Trustee Special Committees**

**6. Governance Committee – June 26, July 10, 24, August 14 and August 28, 2023**

Trustee White put all the reports together and highlighted the final Governance Committee report of August 28, 2023, as outlined on page 7-6 of the report.

**RESOLUTION #23-106:** Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the Governance Committee Report – June 26, July 10, 24, August 14 be received and that the Governance Committee Report – August 28, 2023, be approved including that the 2023-2028 Multi-Year Strategic Plan be received including the Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Directions and that a two-week consultation take place with the final document returning October 2, 2023, for board ratification.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

**Report from Legislated Committees**

**7. Parent Involvement Committee – June 13, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-107:** Trustees Fehrman/Buck moved: **That Parent Involvement Committee Report – June 13, 2023, be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

## **8. Special Education Advisory Committee – June 14, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-108:** Trustees Dahab/Miller moved: **That Special Education Advisory Committee Report – June 14, 2023, be received.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

### **Reports from Staff:**

#### **9. Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS) Update**

The consortium met on August 18, 2023. Sherry Roswell has taken on the role as Manager. Staff shared that there will be a more in-depth report coming forward with regards to the driver shortage. GPS moving forward will be very helpful and is being tested now. It is an internal process however, in future parents will be involved and families will have an app to follow the routes. If families are looking for courtesy bussing timelines, please reach out to Principals and if there is a concern about routes, please reach out to HWSTS. Staff are asking for patience during the school start up.

#### **10. Back to School Start-up Update**

Staff spoke to the following items in the back-to-school start-up:

- Summer Learning
- Re-Imagining Wellness
- New and updated Curricula
- De-streaming and Graduation
- Remote Learning 2023-2024
- Reading
- Math
- Communication to Families
- Public Health
- PPE
- Transportation
- Facility Services
- Director's Update

Staff shared that the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act received royal assent on June 8, 2023. It identifies three priority areas and each of those areas the Board will be required to report on through a new student achievement plan and they will dovetail extremely well with the recently approved strategic directions.

To see the presentation made to the Board please click on the following link: [Back to School Update 2023-24 \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/back-to-school-update-2023-24)

**RESOLUTION #23-109:** Trustees Tut/Wong moved: **That the Board move into Private session under section 207.2 B of the Education Act the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian; (e) litigation affecting the board. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 207 (2) this being done at 8:55 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

The meeting resumed in public at 10:06 p.m. Trustees Mulholland, Tut and Student Trustees Lin and Wang did not return to the meeting.

**Reports from:**

**11. Committee of the Whole (private) – June 12, 2023**

**RESOLUTION #23-110:** Trustees Miller/Buck moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – September 11, 2023, be approved including that the tentative Collective Agreement between the Canadian Office and Professional Employees, Local 527, and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the term of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, be approved and amended as per the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act.**

**CARRIED**

**12. Oral Reports from:**

**A. City/School Board Liaison Committee**

The Chair shared:

- A meeting was held on July 18, 2023, where there were three items on the agenda:
- There was an update on the Bernie Custis Secondary access to the Tim Hortons Field. They did hear from staff that access has been improved, but of course HWDSB is looking eagerly to the school having its own field. City staff said that we are still a few years off from having the Dominion Glass site rehabilitated and turned into a field, but there was ongoing work with staff to make sure the school can access Tim Horton Field as much as possible.
- There was discussion of active and sustainable school transportation. The program was paused during the pandemic and an update was given by public health staff. There are staff that are working on this and does include work on daily school routes. It is in the pilot stages, but it's where walking routes are identified and ideally will be signed. The more students you have walking on a particular route, the safer that route can be. They can also look at traffic mitigation measures if required. That's where they have school council members, staff members, as well as usually police or bylaw and public health all get together to do a school site visit.
- There was also a brief update on the City of Hamilton agreements with our board for the shared use of properties. There is a desire that the use of shared properties for the Community are maximized., but it's something that staff are continuing to work on from our board and city staff.
- It was nice to see Councillor Beattie at the meeting who was formally a Trustee with our Board.

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

Trustee Wong shared:

- There is an upcoming Board of Directors session on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, on OSSTF
- OPSBA is introducing a lineup of Good Governance workshops to support Trustees in learning. They are encouraging all trustees to join the Obstacle Leaders Academy for professional development. The first session is with Marion Thomson Howell and this is going to be on September 20, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

The recording of the Board meeting can be found here:

Part 1

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Part 2

[Board-20230911\\_220439-Meeting RecordingPart2.mp4 \(sharepoint.com\)](#)