
Trustees: Kathy Archer, Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Ray Mulholland, Graeme Noble, Todd White and Elizabeth Wong. Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang.

Regrets: Trustee Paul Tut

1. Call to Order

Dawn Danko, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and recited the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of the Agenda as Amended

The agenda was amended to include Trustees returning to private session following reports from staff.

RESOLUTION #23-132: Trustees White/Archer moved: **That the agenda be approved as amended.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes: October 16, 2023

The minutes of October 16, 2023, were confirmed.

5. Correspondence – Rainy River DSB re: Student Food Insecurity and Student Mental Health

RESOLUTION #23-133: Trustees Fehrman/Wong moved: **That the correspondence from Rainy River DSB re: Student Food Insecurity and Student Mental Health be received and filed.**

RESOLUTION #23-134: Trustees Miller/Wong moved: **That the Chair of the Board send a letter in support of Rainy River DSB to address concerns of rising food insecurities in our local communities.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Report from Trustee Special Committees

6. Policy Committee – October 4, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-135: Trustees Miller/Archer moved: **That the Policy Committee Report – October 4, 2023, be approved including the nutrition policy.**

The motion **CARRIES** on the following division:

In Favour (9): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Mulholland, White, Wong

Student Trustees Lin and Wang

Opposed (1): Trustee Noble

7. Finance and Facility Committee – October 17, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-136: Trustees White/Buck moved: **That the Finance and Facility Committee Report – October 16, 2023, be approved and that the Chair of the Board write a separate letter endorsing the staff letter and further emphasize the importance of the relationship and priority status of the municipality in this response to Ministry of Education’s Consultation on Regulatory Amendments to the Education Act.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

8. Governance Committee – October 23, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-137: Trustees White/Fehrman moved: **That the Governance Committee Report –October 23, 2023, be approved including that the First Nations, Metis an Inuit (FNMI) community advisory committee be dissolved, and that the Board of Trustees commit to the ongoing building of respectful, reciprocal relationships with Indigenous communities in the spirit of the Two Row wampum.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Report from Legislated Committees

9. Parent Involvement Committee – October 10, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-138: Trustees Buck/Miller moved: **That the Parent Involvement Committee Report – October 10, 2023, be received.**

CARRIED

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Reports from Staff

10. Living Wage Commitment – October 30, 2023

Staff brought forward the report noting that collective bargaining in the sector has changed substantially with the introduction of the *School Board Collective Bargaining Act* in 2014. HWDSB no longer has the ability to autonomously determine the remuneration of its employees that collectively bargain in accordance with the *School Board Collective Bargaining Act*. Remuneration is an item bargained at the central bargaining table and school boards' interests are represented by the Ontario Public School Board Association and the Ontario Ministry of Education.

RESOLUTION #23-139: Wong/Buck moved: **That staff report back on our ability to maintain a living wage as per the Ontario Living Wage Network commitment when collective bargaining is completed for this cycle.**

The motion **CARRIES** on the following division:

In Favour (9): Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Noble, White, Wong
Student Trustees Lin and Wang

Opposed (1): Trustee Mulholland

The Board moved 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 8:08 p.m.

Board public session resumed at 9:35 p.m. Trustees Dahab and Mulholland did not return to the meeting.

Reports from:

11. Committee of the Whole (private) – October 30, 2023

RESOLUTION #23-141: Trustees Miller/Archer moved: **That the Committee of the Whole Report – October 30, 2023 be received including that a personnel matter be approved.**

The motion **CARRIES** on the following division:

In Favour (5): Trustees Archer, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Wong
Student Trustees Lin and Wang

Opposed (2): Trustees Noble and White

Trustee Buck was not in the room for the vote.

12. Student Trustees' – Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report

The student trustees shared the following:

- Recently attended the OSTA Annual general meeting where they received guidance from outgoing trustees Mahmoud and Li. Student Trustee Wang will also be serving as the Vice chair for the student well being advocacy group.
- Student Trustee Lin has been appointed to the executive council of the Public Education Cabinet and will continue to collaborate with the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA) to bring attention to translation services within school boards across Ontario
- Student Trustees Lin and Wang helped kickstart student senate-led advisories
- Student Trustee Lin and Wang along with Director Robinson Petrazzini were MCs for the I-think Launch which engaged students from 25 schools about the boards new five-year Strategic Plan
- Student Trustees Lin and Wang were also MCs for the HWDSB Eco Summit which saw over 150 students from 13 high schools collaborate on how to better protect our environment and the sustainability of our community.

13. Director's Report

The Director shared the following:

- Recently attended the ACCPI event with Trustees and staff where 7 former students were honoured for their academic accomplishments.
- Director Robinson Petrazzini and Trustees visited Nora Henderson, Franklin Road and Huntington Park
- Attended with Student Trustees Lin and Wang the Eco Summit and I-think student launch event
- Director Robinson Petrazzini congratulated and thanked Associate Director Sue Dunlop on her retirement. Associate Director Dunlop began her career as a Teacher at Norwood Park in 1988 and was also the President of the Women's Teacher Association for a year before returning to the classroom. WH Ballard was her last teaching assignment, before taking on leadership roles as Vice Principal and Principal until 2013 when she became the Superintendent for a Family of Schools (FOS 4) and held various portfolio positions including Continuing Education, International Education, French Immersion, Healthy Schools, and her support for Indigenous Education.
- Director Robinson Petrazzini also acknowledged and thanked Board Chair Danko for her service during this past term. The Director noted that Chair Danko led with clarity and confidence during some difficult times.

14. Chair's Report

The Chair shared the following:

- Chair Danko congratulated on behalf of all Trustees, Associate Director Dunlop on her retirement and thanked her for her leadership and support over the past several years.
- Chair Danko noted that it has been an honour for the past 3 years to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees and thanked board members for their support.
- Chair Danko noted she was proud to support the system during Covid and its recovery, supporting and advocating for students and families, and providing support to a new director.
- Chair Danko is looking forward to reconnecting with her Ward 7 community as a new Chair will be elected in November during the initial board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Reference: Board Meeting Recording – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)