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

1. Call to Order

Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini, Director of HWDSB, called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgment and O Canada

3. Meeting Roll Call

4. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #23-142: Trustees Buck/Miller moved: **That the agenda be approved.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Election of the Chair

RESOLUTION #23-143: Trustee Buck/Miller moved: That Heather Miller and Matthew Gerard be appointed as scrutineers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Director called for nominations for the Chair of the Board.

Trustee Tut nominated Trustee Miller.

The Director called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #23-144: Trustee Buck, seconded by Trustee Fehrman, **moved to close nominations.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION #23-145: That Trustee Maria Felix Miller be appointed Chair of the Board.

CARRIED

Trustee Dahab did not participate in the vote.

Trustee Miller thanked Trustee Tut for nominating her and all trustees who supported her election and then took over as Chair.

6. Election of the Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board.

Trustee Buck nominated Trustee Tut.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

RESOLUTION #23-146: Trustee Fehrman/Buck, **moved to close nominations.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION #23-147: That Trustee Paul Tut be appointed Vice-Chair of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Tut thanked Trustee Buck for nominating him and all trustees who supported his election. He assumed the Vice-Chair position.

7. Greetings from Pat Daly, Chair, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board

On behalf of Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Chair Pat Daly congratulated both Trustees Miller and Tut for their election as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board and looks forward to working with them both.

He thanked past chair Danko for all her hard work integrity and dedication and expressed that she was a joy to work with so closely through Covid and many other complex transportation related needs.

He commended all trustees, senior staff, and the director for their dedication and sacrifice and associate director Gerard for his openness and transparency to find practical and effective solutions. He also commended and thanked Trustee Mulholland, for his many years of service and stated he has always looked up to Trustee Mulholland and he has been an outstanding mentor, who he admires, respects and is honoured to be his friend.

In concluding his remarks P. Daly congratulated all trustees for the continuing work and service in collaboration with his Board to better serve the students and families of Hamilton-Wentworth.

Chair Miller thanked Chair Daly for his time and well wishes.

8. Appointments to Board Mandated Committees

RESOLUTION #23-148: Trustee Tut/Mulholland, moved: **That the appointments to the following Board Mandated Committees be approved.**

A. Standing Committee

All Trustees

B. Suspensions Appeals & Expulsion Hearings

All Trustees

C. Trustee Code of Conduct Review

First Alternate Trustee White & Second Alternate Trustee Noble

D. Parent Involvement Committee

Trustees Buck, Fehrman

E. Supervised Alternate Learning Committee (SAL)

Trustees Archer, Fehrman, Miller

F. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustees Dahab and Danko (4-year term)

G. Student Trustee Mentor

Trustee Fehrman

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Appointments to Trustee Special Committees

RESOLUTION #23-149: Trustee Fehrman/Tut, moved: **That the appointments to the following Trustee Special Committees be approved.**

A. Audit Committee

Trustees Danko, Tut, White (4-year term)

B. Finance and Facilities

Trustees Buck, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, White

C. Governance

Trustees Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, White

D. Human Resources

Trustees Dahab, Danko, White, Wong

E. Policy

Trustees Archer, Buck, Dahab, Noble, White

F. Program

Trustees Archer, Dahab, Danko, Fehrman, Wong

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Election of Committee Chairs for Trustee Special Committees:

RESOLUTION #23-150: Trustee Tut/Buck, moved: **That the appointments of the following Chairs for Special Committees be approved.**

A. Finance and Facilities

Trustee Tut nominated himself for Chair of Finance & Facilities.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

B. Governance

Trustee Danko nominated Trustee White for Chair of Governance.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

C. Human Resources

Trustee Danko nominated herself for Chair of Human Resources.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

D. Policy

Trustee Buck nominated Trustee White for Chair of Policy.

Trustee Noble nominated himself for Chair of Policy.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

Trustees voted by ballot and Trustee White was declared Chair of Policy.

RESOLUTION #23-151: Trustees Mulholland/White moved: **That the ballots be destroyed.**

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

In Favour (10): Trustees Archer, Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Mulholland, Noble, Tut, White and Wong

Opposed (1): Trustee Dahab

E. Program

Trustee Buck nominated Trustee Fehrman for Chair of Program.

The Chair called three times for nominations and no further nominations were received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Appointments to HWDSB Community Advisory Committees:

RESOLUTION #23-152: Trustee Tut/White, moved: **That the appointments to the following HWDSB Community Advisory Committees be approved.**

A. Faith Community

Trustees Buck, White

B. French as a Second Language

Trustees Noble, White

C. Human Rights and Equity

Trustee Dahab

D. Rural Schools

Trustees Fehrman, Noble

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Appointments as Liaison/Representatives to Associate Agencies:

RESOLUTION #23-153: Trustee Buck/Fehrman, moved: **That the appointments to the following Liaison/Representatives to Associate Agencies be approved.**

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Trustees Danko, Miller, Tut

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations

Trustee Danko

C. Hamilton Foundation for Student Success

Trustee Archer

D. Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA)

Trustees Buck as Director, Fehrman as Alternate

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Directors Remarks

Director Robinson Petrazzini congratulated Trustee Miller on her new role as Chair and Trustee Tut on his role as Vice-Chair. The Director also thanked Trustee Danko for her contribution and service over the past three years as Chair.

The Director offered her support and looks forward to collaborating with Trustees to best support students, families and the communities of HWDSB. The Director noted it is an exciting time at HWDSB – a time of change in support of charting a new course together as a Board with the powerful and dynamic multi-year strategic plan. There has been outstanding contribution from the community, and while there is an ongoing effort to embed our mission and vision, we are already seeing our new values of joy, dignity, compassion and trust across our system. On behalf of the Executive Council, Trustees were thanked for their service to the Hamilton community and to our families and our students at HWDSB.

14. Chair's Remarks

Newly appointed Chair Miller thanked the Director for her kind and very thoughtful words. Chair Miller thanked the Director, senior staff, brand-new Associate Director Nunn, as well as associate Director Gerard and all staff on Executive Council for the support provided to trustees and the Chair and the Vice Chair every single day.

Chair Miller also thanked Trustee Danko as the outgoing Chair for her patience and guidance and openness with which she showed Trustee Miller when she was in the role of Vice-Chair and spoke to how Chair Danko led the board through an incredible amount of hardship through a global pandemic and the reopening of schools.

Chair Miller noted she is looking forward to supporting individual trustees so that they can be effective in their work to support their communities and be the best stewards of this board and organization. She is incredibly proud of what's been done this year with the multi-year strategic plan and the leadership that many trustees have undertaken in that work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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