
Trustees: Kathy Archer*, Becky Buck, Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko*, Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble*, Paul Tut, Todd White, Elizabeth Wong*. Student Trustees Oluwafikunayomi (Fikun) Alabi, Victoria Li, and Shakowennakara:tats Daunte Hillen.

*electronic participation, ^(R) regrets

1. Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-148: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the agenda be approved as amended (to defer item #10 Audit Committee report to the November 25th Board Meeting).

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLUTION #24-149: Trustees Archer/Fehrman moved that the Minutes from October 28, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

4. Program Committee

RESOLUTION #24-150: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Program Committee report from October 21, 2024, be approved including the scope of the review of the Elementary Program Strategy, including Elementary French Immersion and Secondary Program Strategy.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

5. Finance & Facilities Committee

RESOLUTION #24-151: Trustees Buck/Tut moved that the Finance & Facilities Committee report from October 22, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

6. Human Resources Committee

RESOLUTION #24-152: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that the Human Resources Committee report from October 29, 2024, be received.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

7. Community Advisory Committees – Membership

RESOLUTION #24-153: Trustees Fehrman/White moved that the membership appointments to the following Community Advisory Committees be approved:

- Faith Advisory Committee
- French as a Second Language Advisory Committee
- Human Rights & Equity Advisory Committee
- Rural Schools Advisory Committee

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

Resolution #24-154: Trustees Tut/White moved that the Board move into private session as per the Education Act, Section 207.2 (b) 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.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

The meeting resumed in Public Session at 8:26 pm. Trustees Archer and White did not return to the public session.

8. Report from Committee of the Whole (Private) – November 18, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-155: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the Committee of the Whole report be approved including:

- *That the Finance & Facilities Committee report from October 22, 2024, be received.*
- *That the Human Resources Committee report from October 29, 2024, be received.*
- *That the Audit Committee report from November 12, 2024, be approved including the 2023-24 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the Year Ended August 31, 2024.*

9. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Chair Miller noted that the committee met in October and considered a motion put forward from a city councillor related to the "[Analysis of Hamilton Schools with Adequate HVAC Systems](#)". The motion also requested that HWDSB staff work in collaboration with Hamilton Public Health in terms of the scope of the monitoring report. The committee requested that this motion be presented to both City Council and the Board of Trustees for ratification. Once approved, the summative report prepared by the City is to return to the liaison committee in the first quarter of 2025.

RESOLUTION #24-156: Trustees Danko/Tut moved that staff be directed to share a summary of their monitoring of adequate HVAC system activity and collaborate with Public Health on the report.

CARRIED

Student Trustees Alabi, Li and Shakowennakara:tats Hillen voted in favour.

10. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Buck shared the following update:

- OPSBA launched their new website which is streamlined, user-friendly and features a modern design.
- Public Education Symposium (January 24 – 25, 2025) registration is open. The theme for the conference this year is "The Time is Now."
- Last week, Minister of Education Jill Dunlop held a virtual meeting with school board chairs and directors of education to discuss accountability, transparency, and expectations related to upcoming audits of school boards' discretionary funding.
- OPSBA and the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) are to co-host a virtual learning session on Tuesday, November 26, from 12 to 1 p.m. ET. The session will focus on the state of federal politics and connections to provincial education priorities

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Reference: [Agenda Package](#) and [Recording](#)