

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

7 p.m. – Public Session

MINUTES

1.0 -- Opening

- 1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call
- 1.2 National Anthem
- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda
- 1.3 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

2.0 – Communication to the Board

- 2.1 Presentations
 - 2.1.1 Halton Report Card 2008 from Our Kids Network (*H. Gataveckas, J. Oxley*)
- 2.2 Delegations
 - 2.2.1 Novalea Jarvis, *French Entry Points*.
 - 2.2.2 Lesley Delgarno, *French Entry Points*.
 - 2.2.3 Ken Kelertas, *French Entry Points*
 - 2.2.4 Andrea Crozier-Lepp, *French Entry Points*
- 2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by Chair

3.0 – Ratification / Action

- 3.1 Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings
 - 3.1.1 Meeting of the Halton District School Board, December 10, 2008
- 3.2 Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session
- 3.3 Order Paper
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 - 3.4.2 Milton Boundaries (*S. Parfeniuk*) Report 08154
 - 3.4.3 French Entry Points (*R. Peden*) Report 08157

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- 3.4.3 French Entry Points (*R. Peden*) Report 08157
- 3.4.4 SEAC Appointment (*K. Schaffer*) – Report 09010
- 3.4.5 Banking Resolution (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09006
- 3.4.6 2007-08 Financial Statements (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09001
- 3.4.7 2008 Audit Committee (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09002

4.0 – Communication to the Board

- 4.1 Student Trustee Reports
- 4.2 Information Items (including Notices of Motion and future actions)
 - For action: January 21, 2009**
 - 4.2.1 2008-09 Revised Statements (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09003
 - 4.2.2 Ward 4 Oakville Recommendations (*W. Joudrie*) Report 09007
 - 4.2.3 Striking Committee (*B. Jones, D. Danielli*) – Report 09013
 - 4.2.4 French Entry Points (*R. Peden*) – Report 08157
 - 4.2.5 SEAC Appointment (*K. Schaffer*) – Report 09010
 - 4.2.6 Banking Resolution (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09006 (revised)
 - 4.2.7 2007-08 Financial Statements (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09001
 - 4.2.8 2008 Audit Committee (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09002
- 4.3 Committee Reports
- 4.4 Director's Report
 - 4.4.1 Board Correspondence
 - 4.4.2 Monitoring Reports
 - 4.4.3 Other
 - 4.4.3.1 Facilities Update (*G. Cullen*)

4.4. Director's Report (*cont'd*)

4.4.3.2 Future Agenda Items

January 2009

- 2008-09 Revised Statements
- Ward 4 Oakville Recommendations
- Striking Committee
- LTAP Lakeshore Woods
- Projected Enrolments 2009-10
- PARC 16 Renovation Plans
- Ward 3 Oakville: Response to Facilitator's Report /Consultation Process

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- Portable Protocols
- LTAP 2008-09
- Transportation Report: Secondary Bell Times
- Transportation Harmonized Policy Report
- 2009-10 Budget Process

4.5 Communications from the Chair

4.6 Trustee Questions and Comments

5.0 – Public Input

5.1 Public Question Period – **8:45 p.m.**

6.0 – Adjournment

6.1 Motion to Adjourn

**Halton District School Board
Wednesday, January 7, 2009**

Present: K. Bateman-Olmstead (late), D. Danielli, M.E. Dilly, P. Ellis, J. Hames, J. Hlusko*, B. Jones,
G. Ockenden, P. Russell, G. Tuck Kutarna, D. Vrooman, N. Dogra, L. McVey

* Note: J. Hlusko expressed regrets for the January 15, 2009 meeting

Agenda Item 1

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

M09-0001 P. Russell / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board move into Private Session.

Carried.

The Board rose from Private Session at 7:04 p.m. Public Session was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Chair introduced students from École Forest Trail Public School, accompanied by teacher Celeste Bradford. The choir performed O Canada to start the meeting.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

M09-0002 J. Hlusko / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the agenda for January 7, 2009 as distributed, noting 4.2.1 as “2008-09 Revised Estimates” instead of “Revised Statements”.

Carried.

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Presentations

The Chair welcomed Jacki Oxley and Heather Gataveckas, who introduced the protocol partners of the Our Kids Network. The team presented the organization’s “report card” for 2008.

2.2 Delegations

The Chair welcomed delegates Novalea Jarvis, Lesley Dalgarno, Ken Kelertas and Andrea Crozier-Lepp, all speaking to French Entry Points.

2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

The Chair thanked the delegates for their presentation.

Agenda Item 3

3.1 Approval of the Minutes

M09-0003 P. Ellis / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Halton District School Board, December 10, 2008, noting the correct motion number M08-0240, and P. Russell’s attendance (not via phone).

Carried.

3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

P. Russell asked for a recorded vote on the following recommendation.

M09-0004 D. Danielli / J. Hames

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board declare the following sites surplus to the needs of the Board and commence with the disposition of surplus property in accordance with Provincial regulations.

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M09-0004 (continued) D. Danielli / J. Hames

1. Speyside P.S. – Halton Hills
2. Laurier elementary site –Milton
3. Portion of General Brock HS – Burlington
4. Palmer elementary site – Burlington
5. Parkway belt – Oakville
6. Portion of White Oaks North campus – Oakville
7. Lorne Skuce Public School – Oakville
8. Portion of McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School – Halton Hills

G. Ockenden	yes	P. Russell	no
J. Hames	yes		
J. Hlusko	yes		
D. Vrooman	yes		
P. Ellis	yes		
M.E. Dilly	yes		
G. Tuck Kutarna	yes		
D. Danielli	yes		
B. Jones	yes		Carried.
N. Dogra	yes		
L. McVey	yes		

3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper.

G. Tuck Kutarna asked for clarification regarding when the “Georgetown Field of Dreams” item would be returning to the Board, anticipating February 2009. She indicated she’d bring the item up at the end of tonight’s agenda.

D. Danielli asked for clarification regarding the shaded items, specifically M00-0152, M08-0039 and M08-0161.

3.4. Action Items

3.4.1. Transportation Policy Exemptions

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 08159, indicating implementation would be expected following the March Break.

M09-0005 P. Russell /G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rescind the motion to provide transportation services to students who reside East of Mountainview Road, upon the opening of Gardiner Public School, pending confirmation from the Town of Halton Hills of the placement of an adult crossing guard at the corner of Mountainview Road and Danby Road, no sooner than March 16, 2009.

Carried.

3.4.2. Milton Boundaries

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 08154 and responded to trustee questions. D. Danielli noted the representation from each school and the timelines of when the committee began.

M09-0006 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the boundaries for Milton elementary schools be adjusted as outlined in Report 08154.

Carried.

3.4.3. French Entry Points

The Chair called attention to Report 08157 and the recommendations. P. Russell indicated her desire to see the recommendations treated separately for both the vote and discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding the order of the motions and debate.

P. Russell requested a recorded vote on the first motion.

Discussion ensued regarding transportation costs, potential student interest, exponential costs for the implementation of pilot programs region-wide, and implication for program costs. A friendly amendment was suggested to clarify transportation for pilot programs, so as not to impact existing transportation offerings.

M09-0007 D. Vrooman / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board provide transportation to students opting to study French Immersion where offered as pilot programs, (according to Item 10.1 of the French as a Second Language Policy that states “transportation to the Centre be provided from designated associate schools in accordance with the eligibility guidelines of the Board’s Transportation Policy”).

Citing the need for more information, D. Vrooman proposed a motion to defer, but subsequently withdrew the option of deferral.

The vote was called on the main motion, noting the request for a recorded vote.

M09-0007 D. Vrooman / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board provide transportation to students opting to study French Immersion where offered as pilot programs, (according to Item 10.1 of the French as a Second Language Policy that states “transportation to the Centre be provided from designated associate schools in accordance with the eligibility guidelines of the Board’s Transportation Policy”).

G. Ockenden	no	K. Bateman-Olmstead	yes
P. Russell	no	J. Hlusko	yes
J. Hames	no	D. Vrooman	yes
P. Ellis	no	B. Jones	yes
M.E. Dilly	no		
G. Tuck Kutarna	no		
D. Danielli	no		Defeated.
N. Dogra	no		
L. McVey	no		

Agenda Item 5

Public questions were asked about conflict of interest guidelines for trustees, and enrolment capacity at West Oak Trails Public School.

Agenda Item 44.1 Student Trustee Reports

Due to the time, this agenda item was moved ahead. L. McVey and N. Dogra highlighted the upcoming Student Senate meeting, and other activities planned for the Student Senate and student trustees.

3.4.4. French Entry Points

The Chair continued discussion on the resolutions outlined in Report 08157.

M09-0008 D. Vrooman / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that, beginning September 2009, the Halton District School Board offer a pilot program of Middle Immersion with a Grade 4 entry point in one school in each of the areas: Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville and Burlington, and THAT this be consistent with current Policy item 8.5 modified to fit the middle immersion example, “if at the time of registration, enrolment is below 25 (recommended staffing numbers for Grade 4), the program will not be offered at that Centre.”

Defeated (8-3).

M09-0009 M.E. Dilly/ P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Board extend the Public Session meeting beyond 10 p.m.

Defeated.

M09-0010 J. Hlusko / G. Tuck Kutarna

Be it resolved that the Board reconsider the motion to extend the meeting beyond 10 p.m. to deal with one item in Private Session only.

Carried.

The Board reconvened in Private Session at 10:10 p.m.

The Board rose from Private Session at 11:08 p.m.

M09-0011 D. Danielli / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the appointment of Stuart Miller to the position of Superintendent of Education, effective February 1, 2009.

Carried.

M09-0012 P. Russell / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Board recess the meeting until 6 p.m. (Private Session) Thursday, January 15, 2009.

Carried.

CONTINUATION: Wednesday, January 15, 2009

On Thursday, January 15, 2009, the Chair called to order at 6:07 p.m., noting regrets from J. Hlusko and student trustee L. McVey.

M09-0013 M.E. Dilly / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Board convene in Private Session.

Carried.

The Board rose from Private Session at 7 p.m.

M09-0014 D. Danielli / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Director report quarterly to the Board of Trustees regarding implementation, compliance and efficacy of the Recommendations and Management Responses identified in Report 09011, Appendix A.

Carried.

M09-0015 D. Danielli / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from the Meeting in Private Session, January 15, 2009 respecting: Property Matters.

Carried.

M.E. Dilly temporarily left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

M09-0016 D. Danielli / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from the Meeting in Private Session, January 15, 2009 respecting: Negotiations.

Carried.

3.4.4 French Entry Points (cont'd)

The Director indicated it was the intent of senior administration to review additional information regarding this issue, including items relating to bussing costs, with the matter to return to the Board on a future agenda.

3.4.5. SEAC Appointment

K. Schaffer indicated this item would be withdrawn from tonight's meeting and be deferred to a future agenda, due to additional information regarding agencies within Halton qualified for SEAC membership.

3.4.6. Banking Resolution

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09006 "Revised" (distributed January 7), noting the amendment highlighted in the revised report allowing investments at Credit Unions. S. Parfeniuk responded to questions.

J. Hames clarified the report number as 09006. P. Ellis asked for clarification regarding the investment opportunity in credit unions.

M09-0017 J. Hames / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Banking Resolution – Authority to Sign (Appendix 1); Banking Resolution -- Current Expenditures (Appendix 2), and Banking Resolution – Facsimile Signatures on Cheques (Appendix 3)

Carried.

3.4.7. 2007-08 Financial Statements

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09001 and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0018 P. Russell / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board authorize the following reserve fund transfers:

1. \$649,187 to the Weather Conditions/Utilities Reserve Fund;
2. \$723,428 to the Project Update Reserve Fund;
3. \$1,780,820 to the Portable Relocation Reserve Fund; and
4. \$339,438 to the Textbook/MOL Reserve Fund/PARC 16B Review.

AND, that the Halton District School Board approve the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2008.

Carried.

M.E. Dilly returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

3.4.8. 2008 Audit Committee

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09002 and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0019 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board appoint Mr. Shabir Hasham, BAS CGA, of Milton, Ontario, as a public member of the Board's Audit Committee.

Carried.

Agenda Item 4

4.2 Student Trustee Reports

N. Dogra highlighted the Student Senate initiatives at their January meeting, and other activities planned for the Halton Youth Leadership Conference.

4.3 Information Items (including Notices of Motion and future actions)

The Chair highlighted a notice of motion coming before the Board in the near future, dealing with the Province's governance initiative.

4.2.1 2008-09 Revised Estimates

S. Parfeniuk distributed and spoke to Report 09003. He responded to trustee questions. It was noted the matter would come back to the Board on January 21, 2009 for decision.

4.2.2 Ward 4 Oakville Recommendations

The Director of Education highlighted Report 09007, indicating the recommendations will come back to the Board for action on January 21. The Director responded to several trustee questions relating to programming, a French Immersion regional committee, past practices of the Board in reviewing FSL, and other aspects of the report.

N. Dogra left the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

K. Bateman-Olmstead spoke to a motion to defer this matter – first to Committee, then to the February 4 Board meeting. She confirmed the 6 p.m. start time of the January 28 Program and Accommodation meeting.

M09-0020 K. Bateman-Olmstead / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board refer Report 09007 to the Program and Accommodation Committee on January 28, 2009, and that Report 09007 be deferred to the regular meeting of Board on February 4, 2009.

Carried.

4.2.3 Striking Committee

The Chair highlighted Report 09013 distributed to the Board, and to come back for action on January 21, 2009.

4.4 Committee Reports

D. Danielli provided an update on the recent SEAC meeting where discussions occurred regarding financial issues.

D. Vrooman provided an update of activities being undertaken by the Halton Council of Home and School Associations.

P. Russell provided an update regarding regional activities of OPSBA.

4.5 Director's Report

4.4.1 Board Correspondence

W. Joudrie highlighted items including:

- sharing information electronically re: Ward 4
- an upcoming review of appropriate student fees
- an infusion of capital funds for projects within Halton

4.4.3.1 Facilities/Construction Update

G. Cullen highlighted recent changes to facilities and construction including an update on the Georgetown Field of Dreams which will come to the Board at the next meeting.

M09-0021 G. Tuck Kutarna / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board extend the meeting beyond 10 p.m.

Defeated on a tie.

Agenda Item 6

M09-0022 P. Russell / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board adjourn at 10:04 p.m.

Carried.

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Recorder

.....Chair