

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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 Delegations
 - 2.1.1 Gayle Cruickshank, Food for All Program
- 2.2 Presentations
 - 2.2.1 Joy Wilcox, *Hawthorne Village Boundary Changes*
- 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, November 5, 2008
- 3.2 Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session
- 3.3 Order Paper
- 3.4 Action Items
 - 3.4.1 By-law Review (*P. Russell*) – Report 08148
 - 3.4.2 The Learning Partnership (*P. Russell*) – Report 08149
 - 3.4.3 Trustee Expense Policy (*P. Russell*) – Report 08151
 - 3.4.4 Georgetown Field of Dreams (*G. Cullen*) – Report 08153

4.0 – Communication to the Board

- 4.1 Student Trustee Reports
- 4.2 Information Items (including Notices of Motion and future actions)
 - 4.2.1 Long-Term Accommodation Plan (*S. Parfeniuk*)
 - For action: January 2009**
 - 4.2.2 Transportation Policy Exemptions (*S. Parfeniuk*) Report 08159
 - 4.2.3 Milton Boundaries (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 08154
 - 4.2.4 French Entry Points (*R. Peden*) – Report 08157
- 4.3 Committee Reports
- 4.4 Director's Report
 - 4.4.1 Board Correspondence
 - 4.4.2 Monitoring Reports
 - 4.4.2.1 Policy IIC: Financial Condition (*Report 08150*)
 - 4.4.2.2 Quarterly Reporting: Chair's Supplies Account and Board Leadership (*Report 08160*)
 - 4.4.3 Other
 - 4.4.3.1 Facilities Update (*G. Cullen*) – Report 08123
 - 4.4.3.2 Georgetown District High School Design Costs (*G. Cullen*)
 - 4.4.3.3 Future Agenda Items
 - 4.4.3.3.1 Milton Boundaries
 - 4.4.3.3.2 French Immersion Entry Points
 - 4.4.3.3.3 Portable Protocols
 - 4.4.3.4 The Learning Partnership (*Report 08145*)
 - 4.4.4 Policies and Procedures
 - 4.4.4.1.1 Inclement Weather Policy
 - 4.4.4.1.2 Admin Procedure: P/VP Promotions
- 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

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

Agenda Item 1

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

M08-0216 P. Ellis / P. Russell

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

Carried.

The Board rose from Private Session at 7 p.m. Public Session was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Chair introduced students from BT Lindley Public School, accompanied by teacher Audrey Hibrandt. The choir performed a musical selection and O Canada.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

M08-0217 P. Ellis / D. Danielli

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the agenda for November 19, 2008 noting moving of item 3.4.4 to Communication to the Board.

Carried.

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Presentations/ Delegations

The Chair welcomed Joy Wilcox and Gary Collins, who spoke to the issue of boundary changes affecting Hawthorne Village.

2.2 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

The Chair thanked the delegates for their presentation.

Agenda Item 3

3.1 Approval of the Minutes

M08-0218 P. Russell / B. Jones

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Halton District School Board, November 5, 2008, noting the amendment in Motion M08-0211 changing the word “*approved*” to “*received for information:*”, and that the minutes be approved as amended

Carried.

3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

M08-0219 J. Hames / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from Committee of the Whole, Private Session, November 19, 2008, respecting Negotiations.

Carried.

M08-0220 J. Hames / B. Jones

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from Committee of the Whole, Private Session, November 19, 2008, respecting Personnel Matters.

Carried.

3.2 Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session (cont'd)M08-0221 J. Hames / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board retain the services of the architectural firms for the elementary school projects as noted in Report 08152.

Carried.M08-0222 J. Hames / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the following Secondary/ Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Shortlists/Appointments and Placements outlined in Report 08156, as amended.

Carried.3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper.

3.4. Action Items3.4.1. By-law Review

The Chair called attention to Report 08148. Discussion ensued.

M08-0223 P. Russell / J. Hames

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve By-laws 1000-1005 as revised, and amended, as appended to Report 08148.

M08-0223(a) D. Vrooman / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that By-law 1001 be amended to change the first sentence of Item 5 to read "A vote shall be conducted".

Carried.M08-0223(b) B. Jones / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that By-law 1001 be amended to change the first sentence of Item 5 to read "A public vote shall be conducted".

Carried.M08-0223(c) P. Russell / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that By-law 1002 be amended to change the reference in item 10 re: distribution of agenda materials from "72 hours" to "96 hours", and that the following sentence be added to By-law 1004 (Item 5) – "*The Chair shall be an ex-officio voting member of all ad hoc committees and the Director of Education or delegate shall attend all committee meetings.*"

Carried.M08-0223 P. Russell / J. Hames

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve By-laws 1000-1005 as appended to Report 08148, and subsequently amended.

Carried.3.4.2. The Learning Partnership

P. Russell called attention to Report 08149, and responded to trustee questions.

M08-0224 P. Russell / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Board's Contingency Funds, for the renewal of the Board's 2008-09 annual membership in The Learning Partnership.

Carried.

3.4.3. Trustee Expense Policy

The Chair called attention to Report 08151. S. Parfeniuk responded to trustee questions. The notation reflecting “*ie: Blackberry*” was changed to more broadly reflect technological advances.

Further changes were suggested to reflect approved trustee expenses relating to their role as an appointed representative of the Board, changing the wording to read: *In addition, where a trustee incurs expenditures pursuant to duties as an appointed/approved representative of the Board, these costs will not....*”

In the final paragraph, discussion ensued regarding whether unused portions of trustee expenses shall, or may, be allocated to a Reserve Account, and when a Board motion is required. It was decided the following line would be added: *”The use of these reserve account funds will be decided by Board motion.”*

Further discussion ensued regarding the effective date of funding reimbursement for trustee phone lines.

M08-0225 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Trustee Expense Policy, as appended to Report 08151, and subsequently amended

M08-0225(a) P. Russell / D. Danielli

Be it resolved that the aforementioned motion be amended to reflect an effective date of December 1, 2008, with the exception for funding of trustee phones which is to be retroactive to December 2006.

Carried.

Further discussion ensued regarding the approval process for expenses, in particular mileage expenses. The phrase “constituent” was removed from the definition of meeting expenses.

M08-0225 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Trustee Expense Policy, effective as of December 1, 2008, with the exception for funding of trustee phones which is to be retroactive to December 2006, as appended to Report 08151, and subsequently amended

Carried.

Agenda Item 44.1 Student Trustee Reports

L. McVey and N. Dogra highlighted the upcoming Student Senate meeting. The Director of Education responded to questions relating to transportation for students from the north part of the region.

Agenda Item 5

Public questions were asked about French Immersion programming, entry points, and funding. The Director of Education reminded the public of the purpose of Public Question period, as an opportunity to ask questions of clarification rather than make statements of opinion.

Following a ten-minute break, W. Joudrie and G. Tuck Kutarna responded to two questions relating to the impact of French Immersion entry points to Ward 4 Oakville.

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

4.2.1 Long-Term Accommodation Plan

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 08155, calling attention to the appendix circulated electronically to trustees.

4.2.2 Georgetown Field of Dreams

The Chair highlighted this report, indicated it will come back in January 2009.

4.2.3 Milton Boundaries

The Chair highlighted this report, indicating it will come back in January 2009.

4.2.4 French Entry Points

The Chair called attention to this report, indicating it will come back in January 2009.

4.2 Committee Reports

D. Vrooman confirmed it was the intent of the Program and Accommodation Committee to meet following the Ward 4 delegation evening on Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

D. Danielli spoke to the recent SEAC meeting including discussions that took place regarding agency membership, and highlighting the discussion regarding phenom technology.

Further discussion ensued regarding when presentations occur on reports being initially presented to the Board for information.

4.3 Director's Report

W. Joudrie highlighted correspondence forwarded to him regarding Ward 4 issues. He also spoke to monitoring reports presented to the Board in the agenda package, and upcoming agenda items.

4.4 Communications from the Chair

G. Tuck Kutarna commented on trustee involvement in Remembrance Day ceremonies, upcoming events and activities, and recent correspondence.

4.5 Trustee Questions and Comments

D. Danielli spoke to a Milton student who had completed a term as a legislative page, and the upcoming Making a Change student conference.

P. Russell spoke to community events and initiatives of interest to trustees.

K. Bateman-Olmstead highlighted recent conference attendance, offering notes to other trustees.

P. Ellis offered her congratulations to those involved in the Students First conference.

B. Jones confirmed questions posed regarding Ward 4 would be posted on the Board's website.

M08-0226 K. Bateman-Olmstead / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board reconvene in Private Session at 9:52 p.m.

Carried.

Agenda Item 6

M08-0227 D. Danielli / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board adjourn at 11:29 p.m.

Carried.

..... Recorder

.....Chair