

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

7 p.m. – Public Session

MINUTES

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4.0 – Communication to the Board

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- 4.2.10 Portable Protocols (*M. Zonneveld*) – Report 09069
 - 4.2.11 Naming Milton Schools (*M. Denton*) – Report 09055
 - 4.2.12 Palermo Boundaries (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09071
 - 4.3 Committee Reports
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 - 4.4.1 Board Correspondence
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 - 4.4.3 Other
 - 4.4.3.1 Facilities Update (*G. Cullen*)
 - 4.4.3.2 Future Agenda Items
 - April/May 2009**
 - Safe and Active Routes to Schools
 - Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)
 - McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School
 - FSL Advisory Committee Terms and Membership
 - Ward 3 Oakville Accommodation
- 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: J. Hlusko

Agenda Item 1

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. noting regrets from J. Hlusko, and indicating the anticipated arrival of M.E. Dilly. M.E. Dilly arrived at 6:12 p.m.

M09-0085 K. Bateman-Olmstead / 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 7:18 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Director introduced a CD featuring students from White Oaks Secondary School, performing O Canada.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

K. Bateman-Olmstead asked if consideration could be given to amending the agenda be amended to move Item 4.2.12 to be dealt with as action as a new item 3.4.5.

D. Vrooman confirmed the two-step process – amending the agenda, and then having trustees waive the rules to vote on this item this evening.

G. Tuck Kutarna asked when this information would be shared publicly, given trustees only received the report this evening.

K. Bateman-Olmstead indicated she would leave the agenda as stated.

M09-0086 P. Ellis / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the agenda for April 1, 2009 as distributed.

Carried.

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Presentations

The Chair and Vice Chair joined the Director in welcoming Milton District High School Principal Ian Jones, and White Oaks Secondary School Principal John Stieva, being recognized for the honour of being named Canada's Outstanding Principals 2009.

Both recipients expressed their delight in being recognized by the Board, and thanked trustees for the honour.

2.2 Delegations

There were no delegations.

2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

There were no delegations.

Agenda Item 33.1 Approval of the MinutesM09-0087 M.E. Dilly / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting as distributed.

Carried.3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private SessionM09-0088 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Elementary Principal and Vice-principal appointments and placements as outlined in Report 09068.

Carried.

P. Ellis requested a recorded vote on the following motion.

M09-0089 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board accept the tender from TRP Construction in the amount of \$2,775,200 as contained in Tender No. T09-07 for Lakeshore Public School in Burlington, Ontario; and THAT the Halton District School Board approve a budget of \$3,381,939 for the construction of the addition/renovation and that this project be financed through Prohibitive to Repair (\$3,381,939), as approved by the Ministry.

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

Carried.M09-0090 D. Danielli / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board accept the tender from Maple Reinders Construction in the amount of \$1,810,000 as contained in Tender T09-11 for Sunningdale Public School in Oakville, Ontario, and

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve a budget of \$2,570,095 for the construction of the addition/renovation and that this project is financed by Proceeds of Disposition in the amount of \$432,000 and Renewal(\$828,000) as approved by the Ministry. The remaining costs of \$1,310,095 to be financed through;

- Good Places To Learn (GPTL) \$200,00
- and/or Renewal/Proceeds of Disposition \$1,110,095 subject to Ministry approval.

Carried.3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper.

3.4. Action Items3.4.1. SEAC Appointment

W. Joudrie indicated this matter had come before the Board at a previous time. He requested K. Schaffer provide a chronology of the history of this issue, suggesting an “all call” go out to all associations prior to a decision in this regard. She responded to trustee questions.

M09-0091 M.E. Dilly / D. Danielli

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board remove the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders, and VIEWS from the list of associations with representation on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried.3.4.2. Revised Estimates Report

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09057 and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0092 D. Vrooman / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the additional budget for the Information Technology Department as follows:

\$235,000 to offset the deficit in the infusion budget;

\$ 20,000 to offset the deficit in the web design budget; and

\$170,000 to develop an electronic OSR/student transcript system.

Be it resolved that trustees approve the balance of the year-end surplus be used to support the capital investments required as a result of the PARC 16 process.

Carried.3.4.3. Secondary Bell Times

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09015 and responded to trustee questions.

Trustee discussion ensued regarding the timing of embarking on this initiative, the workload it would create, and the initial feeling of the school communities regarding this issue.

M.E. Dilly requested a recorded vote on this matter.

M09-0093 M.E. Dilly / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board authorize staff to undertake a comprehensive consultation process to include all Halton District School Board stakeholder groups and report back to Trustees no later than January 2010 on the proposed bell time changes as detailed in Report 09015.

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

L. McVey no

N. Dogra yes

Defeated.

3.4.4. Early Dismissal Days

W. Joudrie spoke to Report 09061 and responded to trustee questions.

Questions were posed regarding the previous decision the Board had made based on the best possible solution regarding the School Year Calendar. W. Joudrie reiterated the structure that had to be adhered to in setting the calendar, the use of PD days, and the Minister's recent direction regarding the start date.

P. Ellis requested additional consultation be sought in coming back to the Board with a proposed calendar, particularly feedback from school staff in dealing with the anomaly of the 2009-10 school year.

M09-0094 P. Russell / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to reconsider the start date for the 2009-2010 school year to fall after Labour Day, with an amended calendar brought back to the Board for consideration and submission to the Ministry for approval.

Carried.

G. Tuck Kutarna asked that her comments be noted in the minutes to outline her concerns and rationale regarding the motion she is putting forward for consideration.

G. Tuck Kutarna indicated her initial intent in bringing forward the motion regarding investigation of costs incurred by families when early dismissal days were experienced. She highlighted prior discussions trustees had about early dismissal days, and the concern raised regarding the additional costs those days posed to families in terms of transportation and childcare. G. Tuck Kutarna reiterated her initial request to Associate Director R. Peden to bring back a report with regard to the costs/benefits of these early dismissal days for families. She cited personal experience where working parents were seen racing to a school to pick-up kids and juggling their workday to make that allowance. She commented on the costs for families in transportation, or daycare coverage at the odd time of day averaging between \$3-4 per hour. G. Tuck Kutarna commented her initial request had asked for these costs to be identified in the report, however in that absence, she felt obligated to bring these forward, based on personal experience, for trustee information. G. Tuck Kutarna asked that the Board consider this issue, recognizing it does have an issue on collective agreements, but also recognizing her motion was not asking to abandon the practice but instead find out whether in doing this the Board is compliant with the Education Act and associated regulation(s).

M09-0095 G. Tuck Kutarna / M.E. Dilly

Whereas the Halton District School Board is committed to full compliance with the intent and requirements of Ministry policy and the Education Act; and
Whereas there is a concern with regard to the cost and inconvenience to parents as a result of early dismissal in Halton schools on the last day of school, prior to both the Christmas and summer vacation periods;

Therefore Be it resolved that the Director request written direction from the Ministry of Education with regard to whether Halton District School Board's practice of early dismissal days is:

- (a) consistent with the intent of the Education Act and Regulation 304; and
- (b) consistent with the government's requirement that Board's provide 194 instructional days per year;
- (c) consistent with Ministry of Education's policies and goals.

Carried.

Agenda Item 4

4.1 Student Trustee Reports

L. McVey and N. Dogra highlighted past meetings, Student Senate initiatives and other issues being discussed by the Student Trustees, 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

A question was asked by a member of the public regarding the cost of transportation as it relates to Ward 4 Oakville.

Agenda Item 4 (cont'd)

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

4.2.1 Safety and Well-being Update

The Chair called attention to Report 09065 and responded to trustee questions. Trustees asked M. Zonneveld for additional information related to some of the initiatives.

4.2.2 PCS Addition – Brant Hills

The Chair called attention to Report 09062 and responded to trustee questions.

4.2.3 PCS Addition – Kilbride

The Chair called attention to Report 09063 and responded to trustee questions.

4.2.4 PCS Addition – Mohawk Gardens

The Chair called attention to Report 09064 and responded to trustee questions.

4.2.5 Transportation Alternatives

S. Parfeniuk highlighted this report. S. Parfeniuk responded to trustee questions.

4.2.6 Transportation Safety

S. Parfeniuk highlighted this report. S. Parfeniuk responded to trustee questions.

4.2.7 Consortia Update

S. Parfeniuk highlighted the report's content and responded to trustee questions.

4.2.8 Mid-Year Update re: Operational Plans

W. Joudrie highlighted the report's content and responded to trustee questions. Trustees asked for additional information regarding some of the Operational Plan accomplishments.

4.2.9 Budget Update

S. Parfeniuk highlighted the information regarding the GSNs (Grants for Student Needs), and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0096 K. Bateman-Olmstead / M.E. Dilly

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

Carried.

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4.2.10 Portable Protocols

The Chair highlighted the report indicating the item would return for action on April 15.

4.2.11 Naming Milton Schools

M. Denton highlighted the report and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0096 K. Bateman-Olmstead /P. Russell
Be it resolved that the Board adjourn at 10:17 p.m.

Defeated.

4.2.12 Palermo Boundaries

S. Parfeniuk spoke to the report distributed earlier. He responded to trustee questions.

4.2 Committee Reports

D. Vrooman commented on the need for a Program and Accommodation Committee to discuss the EDC bylaw and LTAP.

P. Russell spoke to upcoming OPSBA events, conferences and meetings.

4.3 Director’s Report

W. Joudrie commented on the addition of Report 09071 (Palermo Boundaries) added to the agenda package on the Board website for April 1, 2009.

4.4 Communications from the Chair

B. Jones commented on correspondence that had been shared with trustees previously.

4.5 Trustee Questions and Comments

D. Danielli asked trustees to save May 21 for the Social Justice Awards for Halton students.

G. Ockenden indicated he would be bringing forward a brief video from Robert Little students at a future meeting when this item was on the agenda at an earlier time.

G. Tuck Kutarna commented on trustees’ continued use of single-use water bottles when they had been provided with reusable containers.

P. Ellis and D. Danielli asked for information regarding the appointment of an internal auditor

Agenda Item 6

M09-0097 K. Bateman-Olmstead / P. Ellis
Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

Carried.

..... Recorder

.....Chair