

# HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

**7 p.m. – Public Session**

## MINUTES

### 1.0 -- Opening

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- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda
- 1.3 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

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  - 3.1.1 Meeting of the Halton District School Board, EDCs, May 20, 2009
  - 3.1.2 Meeting of the Halton District School Board, June 3, 2009
- 3.2 Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session
- 3.3 Order Paper
- 3.4 Action Items
  - 3.4.1 REVISED: Active and Safe Routes to School (Report 09122) – *S. Parfeniuk*
  - 3.4.2 REVISED: Cashless Schools (Report 09123) – *S. Parfeniuk*
  - 3.4.3 Oakville Ward 3 (Report 09109) -- *W. Joudrie*

### 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 Bill 212 (*O. Barnicki*) – Report 09121
  - 4.2.2 Student Fees (*W. Joudrie*) – Report 09119
  - 4.2.3 Rental Rates (*G. Cullen*) – Report 09115
  - For action: June 24 (Special Board Meeting)**
    - 4.2.4 Energy Efficient Schools (*G. Cullen*) – Report 09126
    - 4.2.5 Revisions to Board By-laws (*G. Tuck Kutarna*) – Report 09120
    - 4.2.6 OFA Debenture (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09124
    - 4.2.7 2009-10 Budget (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09116
    - 4.2.8 Special Education Plan (*S. Moffatt*) – Report 09128
- 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*)
    - 4.4.3.2 Future Agenda Items
      - Upcoming Meetings:**
        - Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)
- 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, June 17, 2009**

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

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**Agenda Item 1**

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. noting the anticipated arrival of G. Ockenden and K. Bateman-Olmstead. Regrets were expressed from M.E. Dilly (Private Session) and N. Dogra.

M09-0165 P. Ellis / J. Hames

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

**Carried.**

K. Bateman-Olmstead arrived at 6:18 p.m. G. Ockenden arrived at 6:28 p.m.

The Board rose from Private Session at 7:08 p.m. M.E. Dilly joined by phone at 7:20 p.m.

Public Session was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Director introduced Student Trustee Laura McVey, who performed O Canada.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

M09-0166 P. Ellis / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board amend the Public Session agenda for June 17, 2009 to move Item 3.4.3 to Item 3.4.2, with subsequent items being renumbered as appropriate, with the agenda being approved as amended.

**Carried.**

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

**Agenda Item 2**

2.1 Presentations

J. Hames presented Awards of Merit to the Student Trustees. Laura McVey accepted the award, and J. Hames indicated she would ensure Nupur Dogra received her award.

2.2 Delegations

There were no delegations.

2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

There were no delegations.

**Agenda Item 3**

3.1 Approval of the Minutes

M09-0167 P. Ellis / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the minutes for the Meeting of the Halton District School Board, EDCs, May 20, 2009, be approved as distributed.

**Carried.**

M09-0168 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the minutes for the Meeting of the Halton District School Board, June 3, 2009, be approved as distributed.

**Carried.**

3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

M09-0169 D. Danielli / J. Hlusko

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board dedicate a 5m widening to the City of Burlington for the frontage along Lakeshore Road, Burlington, at the Lakeshore P.S., 2243 Lakeshore Road, Burlington identified as Part 1, Plan 20R-18220.

**Carried.**

M09-0170 D. Danielli / J. Hames

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board dedicate a 3.5m widening to the City of Burlington for the frontage along Kilbride Street, Burlington, at the Kilbride P.S., 6611 Panton Street, Burlington, identified as Part 1 of Plan 20-R-18278.

**Carried.**

M09-0171 D. Danielli / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board select the West Oak Trails High School Site located on West Oak Trails Boulevard as the location for the next high school to be developed in Oakville as identified in Report 08134.

**Carried.**

3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper. G. Ockenden requested the September date be noted on the Order Paper regarding the reporting back for McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School. P. Russell requested the motion relating to the pending report for General Brock be noted on the Order Paper as well.

3.4. Action Items

3.4.1. Active and Safe Routes to School (Revised Report 09122)

S. Parfeniuk introduced Jennifer Jenkins (Halton Region), and spoke to the revised report.

M09-0172 G. Tuck Kutarna / P. Russell

Be it resolved that trustees approve a budget of \$125,000 for the 2009/2010 school year in order to continue the Active Safe Routes Pilot Project and expand the program to 25 schools across Halton region.

**Carried.**

3.4.2. Oakville Ward 3

W. Joudrie spoke to Report 09109 and responded to questions.

M09-0173 G. Tuck Kutarna / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve Hybrid #3 as outlined in Report 09109.

Be it resolved that staff provide a renewal plan for Board approval, no later than January 2010.

Be it resolved that the Clearview Community be included in consultation, with respect to French Immersion delivery options.

Be it resolved upon the completion of the renewal plans, that the Halton District School Board approve the closure and disposal of the following schools:

1. Brantwood Public School
2. EJ James Public School
3. Linbrook Public School

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rescind motion M08-147.

3.4.3 Oakville Ward 3 (cont'd)

Discussion ensued regarding the process, timing, options to be considered, and community consultation.

Many trustees commented on the efforts put forward by administration in undertaking the process, and resulting recommendation.

G. Tuck Kutarna commented on the recommendation brought forward by the Director of Education, and indicated her appreciation regarding the efforts of administration.

P. Ellis also expressed thanks to staff and community for the efforts put forward. She expressed concern regarding long-term sustainability and bussing required for sustainable enrolment at some schools.

D. Danielli spoke to her appreciation for the work done in the community consultation and indicated her support for the Director's recommendation.

K. Bateman-Olmstead spoke to the research and community input, indicating she would not be supporting the initial recommendation.

G. Ockenden asked for clarification regarding the capital improvements to schools within the southeast Oakville community, specifically New Central Public School.

D. Vrooman added his appreciation to the work done with respect to this process. He asked for additional information regarding capital costs identified for construction and renovations at schools within the community.

J. Hames also asked for clarification regarding enrolment projections, and commented on her past experiences with school closures.

Other trustee questions and discussion ensued, regarding capital renewal, geographic balance, and transportation implications.

Additional questions regarding enrolment projections, attract-back potential, the implications of the government's all-day kindergarten (2010), and optimal school size were posed.

Discussion also ensued regarding thematic programming, additional transportation issues, and capital construction plans in the future.

J. Hlusko also expressed her views regarding the French Immersion and English programs and the implications of closing EJ James Public School on long-term sustainability.

G. Ockenden commented on the information shared with trustees regarding this issue, citing his understanding that students are – or should be -- at the centre of this decision.

Additional comments were made regarding the projections, and implications of the Pascal report (daycare and full-day centered education opportunities for kindergarten students). The Director of Education provided an overview of anticipated impact to Halton with respect to the Pascal report., and future planning. Additional questions regarding implementation ensued.

J. Hames requested a recorded vote on the motion on the floor.

M09-0173 G. Tuck Kutarna / P. Ellis

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Be it resolved that staff provide a renewal plan for Board approval, no later than January 2010.

Be it resolved that the Clearview Community be included in consultation, with respect to French Immersion delivery options.

Be it resolved upon the completion of the renewal plans, that the Halton District School Board approve the closure and disposal of the following schools:

- 4. Brantwood Public School
- 5. EJ James Public School
- 6. Linbrook Public School

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rescind motion M08-147.

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

**Defeated.**

P. Ellis indicated her desire to bring forward a motion relating to Ward 3 Oakville, clarifying the students moving from New Central (JK-Grade 6) would proceed to Maple Grove Public School.

Questions were posed regarding capital costs and renovation plans, as well as grandfathering students (Clearview) who prefer to remain in a single track setting.

M09-0174 P. Ellis / M.E. Dilly

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve Hybrid #3B as outlined in Report 09109 (appendix 4).

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to engage the New Central and Clearview parents regarding thematic programming to enhance the educational experiences for students in these schools, and that staff report back on their findings no later than October 2009.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to provide capital/construction renewal plans for Maple Grove Public School, EJ James Public School, and New Central Public School no later than January 2010.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the closure and disposal of the following schools:

- 1. Brantwood Public School
- 2. Chisholm Public School
- 3. Linbrook Public School

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rescind motion M08-147.

Discussion ensued on the motion. A recorded vote was requested by B. Jones.

D. Vrooman indicated his desire to amend the component of the motion to reflect consultation with respect to French Immersion delivery.

M09-0174 (a) D. Vrooman / J. Hlusko

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to engage the New Central and Clearview parents regarding thematic programming to enhance the educational experiences for students in these schools; *and to engage Clearview parents regarding French Immersion delivery options for students in their schools*, and that staff report back on their findings no later than October 2009.

**Carried.**

M09-0174 P. Ellis / M.E. Dilly

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve Hybrid #3B as outlined in Report 09109 (appendix 4).

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to engage the New Central and Clearview parents regarding thematic programming to enhance the educational experiences for students in these schools; and to engage Clearview parents regarding French Immersion delivery options for students in their schools, and that staff report back on their findings no later than October 2009.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to provide capital/construction renewal plans for Maple Grove Public School, EJ James Public School, and New Central Public School no later than January 2010.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the closure and disposal of the following schools:

1. Brantwood Public School
2. Chisholm Public School
3. Linbrook Public School

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rescind motion M08-147.

G. Ockenden	yes
K. Bateman-Olmstead	yes
P. Russell	yes
J. Hames	yes
J. Hlusko	yes
D. Vrooman	yes
P. Ellis	yes
G. Tuck Kutarna	yes
M.E. Dilly	yes
D. Danielli	yes
B. Jones	yes
L. McVey	yes

**Carried Unanimously.**

L. McVey left the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Following a 15 minute recess, the Board resumed its meeting at 10 p.m.

M09-0175 D. Danielli / D. Vrooman

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

**Carried.**

**Agenda Item 5**

There were no public questions.

3.4.3. Cashless Schools

S. Parfeniuk spoke to the revised Report 09122 and responded to questions.

M09-0176 J. Hlusko / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Board approve a budget of \$191,109 to support the extension of the “cashless schools” pilot project to 23 schools effective September 2009, and

Be it resolved that administration present a report to the Board in May of 2010 detailing the results of the pilot project. **Carried.**

**Agenda Item 4**

4.1 Student Trustee Report

There was no Student Trustee report.

4.2 Information Items

4.2.1 Special Education Plan

S. Moffatt spoke to Report 09128 and responded to trustee questions. Page 102 of the document was distributed. Additionally, other pages omitted in the report will be included in trustee packages and on the web prior to trustee consideration of this matter at the special meeting on June 23, 2009.

M.E. Dilly left the meeting at 10 :20 p.m. P. Russell left the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

4.2.2 Revisions to Board By-laws

G. Tuck Kutarna spoke to Report 09120 and highlighted changes and “parking lot’ issues. She indicated any amendments would be circulated to trustees prior to the meeting. The matter is returning to the Board for consideration at the June 23, 2009 special meeting.

It was agreed to refer the remaining issues to a meeting on Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m. Those items include (Bill 212, Student Fees, Rental Rates, Energy Efficient Schools, OFA Debenture, 2009-10 Budget).

M09-0177 P. Ellis / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board recess tonight’s meeting (11:25 p.m.) until Monday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

**Carried.**

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**Halton District School Board**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2009**

**7 p.m. (continuation of June 17 meeting)**

Present: K. Bateman-Olmstead, D. Danielli, P. Ellis, J. Hames, B. Jones,  
G. Ockenden, D. Vrooman, P. Russell (by phone), G. Tuck Kutarna (by phone),

Regrets: M.E. Dilly, J. Hlusko, L. McVey, N. Dogra

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Trustee Russell and Trustee Tuck-Kutarna were connected to the meeting at 7:00pm

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Agenda Item 4**

4.2.3 Bill 212

W. Joudrie spoke to Report 09121 and responded to Trustee questions.

4.2.4 *Student Fees*

W. Joudrie spoke to Report 09119 and responded to trustee questions. Questions focused around program fees vs. course fees, field trips, gifts for visiting teachers, course materials. Development of a policy subject to public consultation which may be extended beyond 60 days due to summer break.

Trustees requested that the information be broken down by category and amounts per category.

Staff were directed to prepare an interim report on the transparency of fees by the end of August 2009, Phase 1 as proposed in the report to be presented to Trustees for September/early October 2009 with a final comprehensive report by December 2009.

4.2.5 *Rental Rates*

G. Cullen spoke to Report 09115 and responded to trustee questions. Questions focused around definition of the types of user groups and the different rates, discounting and charges.

4.2.6 *Energy Efficient Schools*

G. Cullen spoke to Report 09126 and responded to trustee questions. G. Cullen noted that as a result of the PARC report some schools listed in the report may be revisited. Questions focused on how the list was determined and cost of replacement components. A question was raised regarding how schools not on the list can be added, G. Cullen responded that the plan/list is for Ministry submission and it is anticipated that over time the list will be adjusted and reviewed prior to project implementation.

4.2.7 *OFA Debenture*

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09124. The matter is returning to the Board for consideration at the June 23, 2009 special meeting.

4.2.8 *2009-10 Budget*

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09116, and the appendices outlining the Board's budget development for 2009-10.

M09-0178 G. Tuck-Kutarna/ P. Ellis

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

**Carried.**

Trustee Vrooman joined the meeting at 9:05pm.

M09-0179 P. Russell/ P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board rise from Private Session.

**Carried.**

The matter is returning to the Board for consideration at the June 23, 2009 special meeting.

4.3 Committee Reports

P. Russell provided an overview of the OPSBA AGM.

Trustee Tuck-Kutarna left the meeting at 9:20pm

4.4 Director's Report

4.4.1 *Board Correspondence*

There were no items to report.

4.4.2 *Monitoring Reports*

There were no monitoring reports.

4.4.3 *Other*

Trustees discussed the number of Capital Projects and the possible need for summer approvals. Three options were presented and will be discussed at the June 23, 2009 meeting.

G. Cullen presented a Facilities Update, speaking about the current projects and their status.

4.5 *Communications from the Chair*

Trustees were advised of the Selection Committee for the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee.

4.4. *Trustee Questions and Comments*

K. Bateman-Olmstead commented on the public information sought during the summer, as posted on the Board’s website. W. Joudrie advised that if the 60 days for input ends in the summer the time may be extended.

**Agenda Item 6**

M09-0180 P.Ellis / K.Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

**Carried.**

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Recorder

.....Chair