

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

7 p.m. – Public Session

MINUTES

1.0 -- Opening

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 - 2.2.3 Laura Klemenchuk, *Ward 4 Oakville*
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 - For action: March 4, 2009**
 - 4.2.3 Ward 4 Oakville Accommodation (*W. Joudrie*) – Report 09049
 - 4.2.4 2009-10 Budget (*S. Parfeniuk*) -- slides
- 4.3 Committee Reports
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 - 4.4.2.1 II G: Communication & Counsel to Board (Executive Limitations) *W. Joudrie*
 - 4.4.3 Other
 - 4.4.3.1 Facilities Update (*G. Cullen*)
 - 4.4.3.2 Future Agenda Items
 - March 2009**
 - Safe and Active Routes to School
 - Portable Protocols
 - Secondary Bell Times
 - Operational Plan Mid-Year Review
 - OPSBA Alternate
 - Naming Milton Schools

4.0 – Communication to the Board (continued)

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

Agenda Item 1

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. noting P. Russell's attendance by phone, and M.E. Dilly's regrets.

M09-0058 K. Bateman-Olmstead / J. Hames

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

Carried.

The Board rose from Private Session at 6:57 p.m. Public Session was called to order at 7:26 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Chair introduced a CD featuring students from Nelson High School, performing O Canada.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

M09-0059 K. Bateman-Olmstead / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the agenda for March 4, 2009 as distributed.

Carried.

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Presentations/Delegations

The Chair called on the following delegates speaking to the issue of Ward 4 accommodation: Shelly Meadows, Laurel Best and Laura Klemenchuk. The Chair also called on Novalea Jarvis, speaking to French as a Second Language. The delegates responded to questions of clarification from trustees.

2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

The Chair acknowledged the delegation.

Agenda Item 3

3.1 Approval of the Minutes

Noting the deferral regarding the approval of the minutes from February 4, 2009 meeting, pending the addition of comments relating to the Alton high school, the Chair called attention to the revised minutes presented for trustees' consideration.

M09-0060 K. Bateman-Olmstead / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the revised minutes of February 4, 2009 as distributed.

Carried.

The Chair called attention to the February 18, 2009 minutes.

M09-0061 G. Ockenden / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board amend the minutes to reflect the correct numbering for the action items (3.4.2 to 3.4.5), and that the revised minutes of February 18, 2009 be approved as amended.

Carried.

3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private SessionM09-0062 D. Danielli / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board accept the tender from PM Contracting in the amount of \$2,773,000 as contained in Tender No. T0909 for Montclair Public School in Oakville, Ontario, and THAT the Halton District School Board approve a budget of \$3,429,419 for the construction of the addition/renovation and that this project be financed through Proceeds of Disposition (\$1,996,000) and Good Places to Learn (\$100,000), as approved by the Ministry. The additional costs of \$1,333,419 be financed through;

- Renewal \$100,000
- Primary Class Size Funding (PCS) \$400,000;
- Good Places to Learn (GPL) \$194,000; and/or
- Renewal/Proceeds of Disposition \$639,419.00, subject to Ministry approval.

Carried.

M09-0063 D. Danielli / K. Bateman-Olmstead

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board accept the tender from STF Construction in the amount of \$3,164,303 as contained in Tender No. T09-10 for Munn's Public School in Oakville, Ontario, and Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve a budget of \$3,747,146 for the construction of the addition/renovation and that this project is financed by Primary Class Size Capital (\$1,640,000) and Proceeds of Disposition (\$380,000), as approved by the Ministry. The additional costs of \$1,727,146 to be financed through;

- Good Places to Learn (GPL) \$500,000; and/or
- Renewal/Proceeds of Disposition \$1,227,146, subject to Ministry approval.

Carried.

M09-0064 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolution from Committee of the Whole, Private Session, March 4, 2009, respecting Negotiations.

Carried.

M09-0065 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board immediately begin a selection process for a Superintendent of Education, Special Education.

Carried.

3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper. G. Tuck Kutarna asked for clarification regarding the report coming back reviewing the costs and benefits of early dismissal days, suggesting it should be reflected on the Pending Reports section of the Order Paper.

3.4. Action Items3.4.1. Harmonized Policy Report

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09016 and responded to trustee questions.

D. Vrooman specifically asked that a copy of the revised policy come back to trustees for an additional opportunity to pose questions.

G. Tuck Kutarna asked for clarification regarding the students who would be affected by the recommendation outlined in paragraph one, confirming this would not impact 713 students.

G. Tuck Kutarna clarified the breakdown of students in this group being resident in both south Georgetown and Oakville, and paragraph one references only the Georgetown south population.

G. Tuck Kutarna also clarified her intent to remove paragraph one from the recommendations would not have an impact on any other exceptions, which if to be removed would come to the Board at a later date. S. Parfeniuk confirmed the consortia would be bringing back any further exceptions to the Board in the near future.

Further questions were posed regarding program-specific transportation, safety issues, and secondary bell times. S. Parfeniuk indicated the bell times would come to the Board at the March 25 meeting.

M09-0066 G. Tuck Kutarna / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board's transportation policy be revised to reflect the recommendations specifically as outlined in items 2 to 11 in Report 09016, noting the clarification in recommendation 4 which now states "*who are eligible under the distance criteria outlined in the Board's current policy*".

Carried.

G. Tuck Kutarna brought forward the following motion:

M09-0067 G. Tuck Kutarna / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that staff bring a report to the Halton District School Board of Trustees by no later than April 1, 2009 with a proposal for a Transportation policy amendment which addresses the fact that students in Halton Hills who are not entitled to bussing under the current policy have no alternative means of getting to school; and

Be it further resolved that staff include in the report recommendations regarding transportation options, including information regarding transit alternatives available in other similarly sized communities.

P. Russell requested a recorded vote:

G. Ockenden	yes	J. Hames	no
K. Bateman-Olmstead	yes	J. Hlusko	no
D. Vrooman	yes	P. Ellis	no
G. Tuck Kutarna	yes	P. Russell	no
<i>N. Dogra</i>	<i>yes</i>	D. Danielli	no
<i>L. McVey</i>	<i>yes</i>	B. Jones	no

Defeated.

M09-0068 P. Russell / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board's transportation policy be revised to reflect the first recommendation as outlined in Report 09016.

B. Jones requested a recorded vote:

G. Ockenden	no	J. Hames	yes
K. Bateman-Olmstead	no	J. Hlusko	yes
D. Vrooman	no	P. Ellis	yes
G. Tuck Kutarna	no	P. Russell	yes
<i>N. Dogra</i>	<i>no</i>	D. Danielli	yes
<i>L. McVey</i>	<i>no</i>	B. Jones	yes

Carried.

Agenda Item 5

The Chair responded to public questions relating to public transportation in situations where bussing was not available to students under the distance criteria; budget decisions relating to transportation; and issues pertaining to the organization of single-track vs. dual-track schools.\

The Chair called a 10-minute recess.

J. Hlusko left the meeting, anticipating joining by phone.

Agenda Item 4 (cont'd)

3.4.3 Good Places to Learn OFA Debenture Issue

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09036 and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0069 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the debenture by-law as attached to Report 09036.

Carried.

3.4.4 Best-Start OFA Debenture Issue

S. Parfeniuk spoke to Report 09037 and responded to trustee questions.

M09-0070 P. Russell / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the debenture by-law as attached to Report 09037.

Carried.

3.4.2. French as a Second Language

R. Peden spoke to Report 09044 and responded to trustee questions.

J. Hlusko joined the meeting by phone.

M09-0071 G. Ockenden / D. Vrooman

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

Carried.

M09-0072 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board suspend Motion M07-0203 (re: French as a Second Language), pending the following actions:

THAT staff be directed to provide a report identifying the terms of reference and membership for a proposed French as a Second Language Advisory Committee with an April 2009 formation date, and

THAT a principal with French teaching and administrative experience be hired as soon as possible to plan and implement the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee.

G. Tuck Kutarna indicated her desire to see a motion to defer this matter to the March 25 Board meeting to allow further clarification regarding the role proposed in the report.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion to defer.

M09-0073 G. Tuck Kutarna / D. Danielli

Be it resolved that this matter be deferred to the March 25, 2009 Board meeting.

Defeated.

With the defeat of the motion to defer, the vote on the main motion was called

M09-0072 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board suspend Motion M07-0203 (re: French as a Second Language), pending the following actions:

THAT staff be directed to provide a report identifying the terms of reference and membership for a proposed French as a Second Language Advisory Committee with an April 2009 formation date, and

THAT a principal with French teaching and administrative experience be hired as soon as possible to plan and implement the French as a Second Language Advisory Committee.

Carried.

Agenda Item 4

4.1 Student Trustee Reports

N. Dogra and L. McVey reported on planning efforts regarding the Halton Youth Leadership Symposium, and recent Student Senate initiatives..

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

G. Ockenden brought forward the following Notice of Motion for action at the March 25, 2009 Board meeting:

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board staff bring a report to Trustees containing information regarding the status of the McKenzie-Smith Bennett property being deemed surplus. The report, to come back to the Board no later than the end of May 2009, will include such information as the actual acreage for sale, the actual footprint of the acreage for sale and a current market assessment of the acreage for sale. Until this report comes back to the Board, the property deemed surplus will not be listed or sold.

K. Bateman-Olmstead indicated her intent to bring forward a motion relating to an action item on the March 25, 2009 Board meeting, and indicated she would speak to it after discussion on the item later in tonight's agenda.

N. Dogra and L. McVey left the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

4.2.1 Quarterly Report re: Trustee Expenses/Chair's Funds

The Chair called attention to Report 09042. S. Parfeniuk responded to trustee questions.

4.2.2 Renewal Projects and Funding

G. Cullen spoke to Report 09049 and responded to trustee questions.

P. Russell, failing to get a seconder to her motion to adjourn, left the meeting at 10:52 p.m.

4.2.3 Ward 4 Oakville

R. Peden, on behalf of W. Joudrie, spoke to Report 09049 indicating the items entitled "what is educationally sound?", "what is fiscally responsible?" and also the research included in the report.

Trustee discussion ensued with D. Vrooman indicating his request for additional information had yet to be addressed.

G. Tuck Kutarna and D. Danielli raised questions with respect to enrolment data and the role the planning department and CN Watson played in the creation and review of those numbers.

K. Bateman-Olmstead commented on a number of points raised by the community during the consultation process, citing her dissatisfaction with the report, asking for additional information for trustees prior to making a decision. She elaborated on the motion she would be bringing forward as part of the discussion on Ward 4 accommodation at the March 25 meeting. She indicated her motion would include a proposal to have the new elementary Palermo school established as a single track French Immersion school with a realignment of boundaries for both French and English track schools, and a pilot mid-entry FI program at the new Palermo school.

K. Bateman-Olmstead stated her notice of motion as:

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board open a school to be built west of Bronte Road, known as Palermo in September 2010 as a single track French Immersion Centre, and that French Immersion boundaries be realigned to provide optimum flexibility in growth to the student population and program.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board utilize this location to pilot a mid-entry French Immersion Program.

Be it resolved that serious consideration be given to the grandfathering of students and siblings who have already been relocated, and where possible and appropriate, students will be granted optional attendance in order to minimize disruption to students and staff, referring to Emily Carr and Forest Trail.

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board realign the English-track boundaries for English-track schools north of Upper Middle Road, dealing with Emily Carr and West Oak Public School directing students to lower enrolled schools south of Upper Middle.

4.2.4 2009-10 Budget

S. Parfeniuk spoke briefly to the issues related to the 2009-10 operating budget, and responded to trustee questions.

4.3 Committee Reports

D. Danielli spoke to the recent SEAC meeting, and highlighted issues and discussion items.

K. Bateman-Olmstead spoke to her recent attendance at a Safety and Wellbeing Committee and activities undertaken on the committee, as well as other conferences attended.

P. Ellis spoke to the recent OPSBA director's meeting she attended, indicating she would be sharing information with trustees in the near future. She spoke briefly to items discussed.

G. Tuck Kutarna highlighted discussions from February's Policy, By-law and Governance Committee, indicating by-law revisions are ongoing.

J. Hames indicated Communications isn't ready to go for March 11, and therefore PB&G will hold its meeting on that date.

4.4 Director's Report

4.4.1 Board Correspondence

There were no items to report.

4.4.2 Monitoring Reports

The Chair called attention to the Monitoring Report re: II G: Communication and Counsel to the Board.

M09-0074 P. Ellis / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board receive the Monitoring Report IIG: Communication and Counsel for information.

Carried.

Agenda Item 6

M09-0075 G. Ockenden / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board adjourn at 11:39 p.m.

Carried.

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Recorder

.....Chair