

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Wednesday, May 20, 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 Learning Foundation “Barriers” Campaign (*D. Danielli*)
- 2.2 Delegations
- 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, May 6, 2009
- 3.2 Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session
- 3.3 Order Paper
- 3.4 Action Items
 - 3.4.1 EDC By-Law (*S. Parfeniuk*) – Report 09099
 - 3.4.2 General Brock Property (*P. Russell*) – Report 09083
 - 3.4.3 Student Fees (*G. Tuck Kutarna*) – Report 09094

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 Community Engagement Update (*Y. Obeng*) – Report 09097
 - For action: May 20, 2009**
 - 4.2.2 Terms of Reference/Membership (FSL Committee) – *R. Peden* – Report 09095
- 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
 - June 2009**
 - Safe and Active Routes to Schools
 - Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)
 - McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School
 - Walk-To Schools
 - 2009-10 Budget
 - FSL Advisory Committee Terms and Membership
 - Ward 3 Oakville Accommodation
 - Quarterly Financial Statements
 - Cashless Schools
 - Special Education Plan

- 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, May 20, 2009

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

Agenda Item 1

1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:15.m. noting the attendance by phone of J. Hlusko, and the anticipated arrival of K. Bateman-Olmstead and G. Tuck Kutarna.

M09-0137 G. Ockenden / D. Vrooman

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

Carried.

G. Tuck Kutarna joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m. K. Bateman-Olmstead arrived at 6:15 p.m.

The Board rose from Private Session at 7:12 p.m. Public Session was called to order at 7:24 p.m.

1.2 National Anthem

The Director introduced a CD featuring the Primary Choir from CH Norton Public School, performing O Canada.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

M09-0138 G. Ockenden / J. Hlusko

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board amend the Public Session agenda for May 20, 2009 to remove 3.4.2 General Brock Property (defer until June 3, 2009), and that the agenda be approved as amended

Carried.

1.4 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations.

Agenda Item 2

2.1 Presentations

D. Danielli introduced the Barriers Campaign coordinated by the Halton Learning Foundation.

2.2 Delegations

There were no delegations for this evening's meeting.

2.3 Acknowledgement of Delegations by the Chair

There were no delegations.

Agenda Item 3

3.1 Approval of the Minutes

M09-0139 G. Ockenden / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the minutes of the Halton District School Board meeting of May 6, 2009, as distributed.

Carried.

3.2. Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session

M09-0140 D. Danielli / G. Tuck Kutarna

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from Committee of the Whole, Private Session, May 20, 2009, respecting Personnel Matters.

Carried.

M09-0141 D. Danielli / G. Ockenden

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board “untwin” Paul A. Fisher Public School and Brant Hills Public School and appoint a Principal for Paul A. Fisher Public School, and
THAT the Halton District School Board increase the administrative strength at Milton District High School and Georgetown District High School by appointing one additional Vice Principal for each of these schools, and
THAT the Halton District School Board approve the Elementary Vice Principal Shortlist as outlined in Report 09096, and
THAT the Halton District School Board approve the following Secondary/Elementary Principal and Vice-Principal Transfers and Appointments as outlined in Report 09096.

Carried.

M09-0142 D. Danielli / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the resolutions from Committee of the Whole, Private Session, May 20, 2009, respecting Property Matters.

Carried.

M09-0143 D. Danielli / J. Hames

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board accept the tender from Sax Construction in the amount of \$561,925 (excluding GST) for the construction of the two-classroom addition to Kilbride Public School in Burlington, Ontario, and Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve a budget of \$709,998 for the construction of the addition and that this project be financed by Primary Class Size Capital Funding in accordance with the Capital Strategic Plan.

Carried.

3.3. Order Paper

The Chair called attention to the Order Paper. W. Joudrie spoke to the report pending regarding the McKenzie-Smith Bennett property, indicating it would return to a future Board meeting.

G. Tuck Kutarna inquired as to the status of the item on the Order Paper regarding the Board’s practice of early dismissal days. W. Joudrie indicated he was awaiting a response from the Ministry, and would follow-up on this matter.

3.4. Action Items

3.4.1. EDC By-law

The Chair called attention to Report 09099. D. Renzella indicated the attendance of Cynthia Clarke (Watson & Associates) and Brad Teichman (McCarthy Tetrault LLP)..

M09-0144 P. Russell / P. Ellis

Be it resolved that no further public meeting is required in regard to the Education Development Charges By-law.

Carried.

M09-0145 P. Russell / D. Vrooman

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board hereby approves the statement that there is not an operating surplus available in the non-classroom portion of the budget that can be applied to reduce growth-related net education land costs;

Carried.

M09-0146 G. Ockenden / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approves the statement that there have been no opportunities to implement alternative accommodation arrangements.

Carried.

M09-0147 P. Russell / G. Tuck Kutarna

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board enact an education development charge by-law (as attached to Report 09099) to apply to the Region of Halton.

Carried.

M09-0148 M.E. Dilly/ P. Russell

Be it resolved that the by-law levy an education development charge on both residential and non-residential development and that the percentage of the growth-related net education land cost that is to be funded by charges on non-residential development be 15%.

Carried.

M09-0149 M.E. Dilly / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the Board's by-law be in the form attached hereto with the following figures inserted:

- in paragraph 9, \$1755.00 as the education development charge on each dwelling unit in a residential development;
- in paragraph 12, \$0.49 as the education development charge per square foot of gross floor area applied to non-residential development (\$5.27 per square metre).

Carried.

3.4.2. Student Fees

G. Tuck Kutarna spoke to Report 09094 and responded to questions.

M09-0150 G. Tuck Kutarna / M.E. Dilly

***WHEREAS** the Halton District School Board is committed to full compliance with the Education Act, Regulations and all Ministry of Education Policies;
AND WHEREAS the Halton district School Board is further committed to full transparency and accountability in its treatment of all sources of revenue and expenditures;
AND WHEREAS the Halton District School Board's "commitment to every student", means ensuring an inclusive environment, in which all students can participate fully and with dignity in their school community.*

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board develop a policy to ensure that no student of a regular day school program be charged for any of the following:

- (i) a registration or administrative fee
- (ii) a course fee
- (iii) a text book fee, other than a damage deposit
- (iv) a course materials fee, where the materials are necessary for a required element of the course;
- (v) a fee for a guest speaker, visiting teacher, or "in-class field trip", where the material being presented is a required element of the course.

AND further, that the policy include a requirement that any request for funds of a student or their family by a school or Board employee be accompanied by a detailed description of how the money being requested will be spent,

AND that this policy be brought back to the Board of Trustees for consideration by no later than June, 2009.

Significant discussion ensued regarding the motion, including the immediate impact to existing partnerships within schools, and the timing of the development of the policy.

P. Ellis requested consideration be given to an amendment to the motion, G. Tuck Kutarna asked the Chair if this was an amendment, as it was her understanding that this changes the intent of the original motion. The Chair indicated it was his ruling this was an amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment. The vote was called on the amendment.

M09-0150 (a) P. Ellis / P. Russell

Be it resolved that the final paragraph of the aforementioned motion be amended to state *“That a report outlining charges to parents for course materials, registration fees, extra-curricular team fees, etc., be brought back to the Board of Trustees for consideration in June; then to develop a policy for consideration in September 2009; to take such a policy to public consultation in October/November 2009 so recommendations can be considered in time for the secondary curriculum calendar (printed in December) for implementation in September 2010.*

Defeated

Further discussion ensued regarding process. P. Russell requested a recorded vote.

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

Carried.

Agenda Item 4

4.1 Student Trustee Report

L. McVey spoke to a recent call from the Minister of Education indicating her interest in the upcoming Halton Youth Leadership Symposium (Gary Allan High School on Monday), and invited all trustees to attend.

The Chair called a 10 minute recess. The Board reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Agenda Item 5

Several public questions were asked about the French as a Second Language Committee membership.

Agenda Item 4 (cont'd)

4.2 Information Items

4.2.1 Y. Obeng responded to questions relating to the Board's Community Engagement initiative.

4.2.2 R. Peden responded to questions relating to the Terms of Reference and Membership for the French-as-a-Second Language Committee.

Noting the time, the Chair called for a motion to extend. Seeing no mover for a motion to extend, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Agenda Item 6

M09-0151 J. Hlusko / M.E. Dilly

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

Carried.

..... Recorder

.....Chair