

THE HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Committees Meeting

J.W. Singleton Education Centre, Burlington, Ontario

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

7:30 p.m. Public Session

MINUTES

Present: K. Bateman-Olmstead, D. Danielli, M.E. Dilly, P. Ellis, J. Hames, B. Jones,
G. Ockenden, P. Russell (phone), G. Tuck Kutarna, D. Vrooman, R. Baker
Regrets: J. Hlusko, S. Beck, R. Baker

POLICY, BY-LAW & GOVERNANCE

Agenda Item 1

J. Hames called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. and noted the absence of J. Hlusko, as well as the attendance of P. Russell via phone.

Agenda Item 2

J. Hames indicated the previous scoping statements were distributed with the March package, and spoke to potential revisions. She indicated the suggestions would be reviewed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and brought back to the Committee.

Agenda Item 3

Trustee Expenses

J. Hames spoke to proposed changes to the governance policy relating to Trustee Expenses, and discussed the concept of additional expense allowances for Milton and/or a baseline kilometre benchmark.

Discussion ensued regarding the various viewpoints on this matter. It was agreed to consult with the Director of Education and Superintendent of Business Services for further information regarding whether the separation of trustee mileage from their existing expense account could be considered, and if possible, bring forward a motion to the Board for consideration.

As a courtesy, P. Russell also indicated it was her intent to bring forward a motion to credit back to trustees' individual expense accounts (from the Trustee PD account) those expenses related to OPSBA/Ministry conferences held within the past four months.

Capital Plan

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of Item 5 to Executive Limitation Policy J: Accommodation/Capital Planning. Clarity regarding the wording was suggested, and it was agreed to refer the matter back to the Director of Education for fine-tuning with the revision coming back

Agenda Item 4

On a motion from G. Ockenden, the committee adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 1

D. Vrooman called the meeting to order at 9:38 p.m.

Agenda Item 2

D. Vrooman indicated a scoping statement would come forward to the committee at a future date, pending further discussion with the Committee's vice-chair.

Further discussion ensued regarding future agenda items including the appointment of PARC committee chairs for the Oakville area processes, and the role of the chair in this regard. Trustees were encouraged to express their interest in assuming the role of chair of one of the two PARCs.

G. Ockenden expressed his interest in chairing the Oakville Ward 3 PARC. Trustees agreed to provide a further opportunity for additional nominations when the report comes before the Board.

K. Bateman-Olmstead expressed her interest in the Oakville Ward 5 PARC. Again, an additional opportunity for nominations will be provided when the report comes before Board.

Agenda Item 3

On a motion from K. Bateman-Olmstead, the committee adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 1

K. Bateman-Olmstead called the meeting to order at 10:21 p.m.

Agenda Item 2

K. Bateman-Olmstead presented a draft of the scoping statement for the communication committee, and discussion ensued regarding the mandate of the committee.

Agenda Item 3

On a motion from G. Ockenden, the Committee adjourned at 10:55 p.m.