



# Halton District School Board

HALTON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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J.W. Singleton Education Centre, 2050 Guelph Line, Burlington, ON

Public Session Agenda – Wednesday, December 12, 2018

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Public Session: **6 p.m.**

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## PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA

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### 1.0 Opening

- 1.1 Welcome, Call to Order and Attendance
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands
- 1.3 Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

### 2.0 Declarations and Oaths

- 2.1 Declarations and Oaths of Allegiance

### 3.0 Consent Agenda Items

- 3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Action Items  
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### 4.0 Ratification/Action

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### 5.0 Communication to the Board

- 5.1 Director's Report
- 5.2 Communication from the Chair
- 5.3 Committee Reports
- 5.4 Trustee Questions and Comments

### 6.0 Adjournment

- 6.1 Motion to Adjourn

## Halton District School Board: INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

Public Session: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – 7 p.m.

Present: K. Amos, A. Collard, D. Danielli, T. Ehl Harrison, H. Gerrits, J. Gray, A. Grebenc, J. Oliver, L. Reynolds, M. Shuttleworth, C. Clark, K. Meng

Regrets: T. Rocha

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### 1 Opening

The Director of Education called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. welcoming new and returning trustees. He noted the absence of T. Rocha, whose swearing-in ceremony will occur at a Special Board meeting on December 12 at 6 p.m.

Student Trustee Kevin Meng recognized Halton's rich history and modern traditions of many First Nations and Métis. On behalf of the Board, acknowledgement and thanks was given to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation for sharing their traditional territory.

The Director of Education reminded Trustees of the requirement to declare any potential conflicts of interest on items on tonight's agenda. He called for approval of the agenda.

M18-0225 J. Oliver / J. Gray

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the agenda for December 5, 2018 as presented.

**Carried Unanimously.**

### 2 Declarations and Oaths

#### 2.1 Report of the Clerks of the Municipalities

The Director of Education presented the Report of the Clerks of the Municipalities certifying the elected trustee candidates for Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville.

Each trustee-elect was sworn in with the Director of Education administering the Declaration of Office, the Oath of Allegiance, and asking trustees to sign the Halton District School Board Code of Conduct.

### 3 Appointments and Elections

#### 3.1 Election of the Chair

In accordance with the Board's by-laws, the Director of Education asked all trustees, in the order dictated by drawing names, if they wished to declare their interest in the position of Chair, or speak in favour of someone for the role.

A. Grebenc indicated her interest in the role of Chair. With no other nominations for the role of Chair, A. Grebenc was acclaimed to the role.

#### 3.2 Presentation of Gavel of Office

S. Miller, Director of Education presented the gavel of office to A. Grebenc as Chair for 2018-19.

#### 3.3 Election of the Vice Chair

A. Grebenc resumed the election process for Vice-Chair in the same manner as for Chair.

T. Ehl Harrison indicated her interest in the role of Vice-Chair. With no other nominations for Vice-Chair, T. Ehl Harrison was acclaimed to the role.

L. Reynolds spoke to the celebratory tone of the meeting, and presented artwork by Indigenous artist Isaac Murdoch, a member of the Nimkey Ahzhibihcoong camp. The funds realized from the sale of this artwork will contribute to the revitalization of the Ojibway language and the sharing of traditional knowledge. The framed piece will be displayed representing the Board's efforts in Truth and Reconciliation, and celebrating the Board's Human Rights Symposium on Indigenous Realities.

#### 3.4 Inaugural Addresses

The Chair and Vice-Chair provided their inaugural comments.

The Chair called a 10-minute recess.

### 4 Delegations/Presentations to the Board

#### 4.1 Inspire Award Presentation

Award presentations had occurred November 28. They will resume in January 2019.

4.2 *Delegations/Presentations*  
There were no delegations or presentations

4.3 *Acknowledgement by the Chair*  
There were no delegations or presentations.

## **5 Consent Agenda Items**

### 5.1 *Approval of Consent Agenda Items*

M18-0226 L. Reynolds / K. Amos

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Consent Agenda Action items for December 5, 2018.

**Carried Unanimously.**

### 5.2 *Receipt of Consent Agenda Information Items*

The Chair called attention to these items in the agenda package.

## **6 Ratification/Action**

### 6.1 *For Action: December 5, 2018*

There were no items for Action on the December 5, 2018 agenda.

## **7 Communication to the Board**

### 7.1 *Student Trustee Report*

Kevin Meng and Connor Clark provided an update regarding Student Senate activities.

### 7.2 *For Action: December 19, 2018*

#### 7.2.1 *Banking Resolutions*

L. Veerman spoke to Report 18162 and responded to trustee questions.

M18-0227 A. Collard / H. Gerrits

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board suspend the rules to deal with this matter this evening. **Carried.**

Because a unanimous vote was not obtained, a recorded vote was entered into the minutes. Dissenting votes were cast by K. Amos, D. Danielli, and T. Ehl Harrison as well as student trustee C. Clark.

M18-0228 L. Reynolds / A. Collard

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the Banking Resolution – Authority to Sign (Appendix 1); Banking Resolution -- Current Expenditures (Appendix 2), Banking Resolution – Education Development Charges (Appendix 3) and Banking Resolution – Facsimile Signatures on Cheques (Appendix 4). **Carried Unanimously.**

#### 7.2.2 *Trustee Professional Development and Leadership*

A. Collard spoke to Report 18163 and responded to trustee questions.

#### 7.2.3 *New School Construction Timelines*

A. Grebenc spoke to Report 18164 and responded to trustee questions.

M18-0229 A. Grebenc / K. Amos

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board suspend the rules to deal with this matter immediately. **Carried Unanimously.**

Trustees expressed their support in helping to share this important information with their respective communities. The Chair indicated the combined effort of all trustees was the intent of the motion.

M18-0230 A. Grebenc / K. Amos

Be it resolved that the Chair of the Halton District School Board, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, inform the Halton community through news releases, social media and other communication methods, about the status of these new school build projects and PAR-related construction projects, and the implications within the Halton District School Board and its community. **Carried Unanimously.**

With this motion passing this evening, discussion ensued regarding plans for the December 19 Board meeting. It was agreed to add the Trustee PD item to the Special Board Meeting portion of the December 12 meeting, thereby eliminating the need for a December 19 Board meeting. The Special Board Meeting slated for 6 p.m. on December 12 will include the swearing in of Trustee-elect Tanya Rocha and the action item dealing with Trustee Professional Development and Leadership.

M18-0230 A. Grebenc / K. Amos

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board hold a Special Board Meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 with two agenda items: Trustee swearing in ceremony and Trustee PD.

**Carried Unanimously.**

Questions were posed from trustees regarding the timing of approvals of committee appointments and SEAC member-at-large interviews, if committee appointments are approved in mid-January.

M. Zonneveld spoke to the timing of the SEAC interviews and the next/first SEAC meeting.

7.3 *For Information: December 5, 2018*

There were no items for Information on this agenda.

7.4 *Notice(s) of Motion*

There were no Notices of Motion.

7.5 *Director's Report*

S. Miller asked R. Eatough to speak to the Board's highly successful Human Rights Symposium: Indigenous Realities (December 4). R. Eatough provided comments from the Board's Indigenous Knowledge Guide Stephen Paquette:

*I am very proud of the effort put forth by the team and am proud to be a part of the HDSB community as a whole. Through my conversations with other Indigenous Education Advisory Committee members from other boards, it is clear that we are well ahead of the game in this journey towards Truth and Conciliation. I believe that this is because we honestly understand, not just with our minds but with our hearts, which lead us in a good way on our journey. I am getting positive feedback from many people in the Indigenous community who were impressed with the symposium. As a First Nations parent, I say Chii Miigwetch to everyone for your understanding, passion and commitment.*

7.6 *Communications from the Chair*

There were no further communications from the Chair.

7.7 *Committee Reports*

There were no Committee Reports.

7.8 *Trustee Questions and Comments*

A. Collard spoke to the upcoming OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting.

T. Ehl Harrison called attention to the trustee orientation schedule shared with trustees. She spoke to discussion items for next week's Committee of the Whole, immediately following the December 12 Special Board Meeting.

K. Amos offered congratulations to her colleagues for their commitment to education for the next term of office, and to A. Grebenc and T. Ehl Harrison for their leadership. She also commented on 2019 being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for school boards in Ontario, including the Halton District School Board.

K. Amos also reminded her colleagues regarding the consultations underway by the provincial government including Health and Physical Education, as well as educational finance consultations.

**8 Adjournment**

Noting the agenda had been exhausted, A. Grebenc declared the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Recorder's Signature:

Chair's Signature:

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Report Number: 18163

Date: November 29, 2018

**FOR DECISION**

TO: The Chair and Members of the Halton District School Board  
FROM: A. Collard, Trustee, Burlington Ward 5  
RE: **Trustee Professional Development & Trustee Leadership**

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## **Rationale:**

The Trustee Expense Policy states that “use of the Reserve Account funds will be decided by the incoming Board of Trustees by Board motion”. The Trustee Expense Policy furthermore states that “Any other extraordinary or unusual expenses incurred by a trustee in carrying out their role, which they feel should be paid by the Board must be pre-approved by the Board, and will not be charged against the trustee’s account, but rather the Board’s account.”

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board use a portion of the "Reserve Account for Trustee Professional Development" to cover the registration costs for the Trustees to attend the Ontario Public School Board Association Public Education Symposium (including the pre-symposium) to be held January 24-26, 2019 (maximum of \$7,975). Upon return from this symposium, trustees who attended will share the highlights of the symposium with all trustees.***
- 2. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board use a portion of the "Reserve Account for Trustee Professional Development" to cover the registration costs for the Trustees to attend the Ontario Public School Board Association Labour Relations Symposium (including the pre-symposium) to be held in Toronto from April 4-5, 2019 (maximum of \$5,225). Upon return from this symposium, trustees who attended will share the highlights of the symposium with all trustees.***
- 3. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board use a portion of the “Board Leadership and Team Development” account to cover the registration, accommodation and transportation costs for the OPSBA HDSB Director(s) and the OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair to attend the 2019 OPSBA AGM in Toronto from July 4-7, 2019, at a cost up to a maximum of \$1,600 per participant. Upon return from the AGM the OPSBA Director(s) and/or OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair will share the highlights of the AGM with all trustees.***
- 4. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board use a portion of the “Board Leadership and Team Development” account to cover the accommodation and transportation costs for one Student Trustee Mentor to accompany the Student Trustees to the OSTA/AECO conference in Ottawa in February 2019, at a cost up to a maximum of \$1,600. Upon return from the conference, the Student Trustee Mentor that attended will share the highlights of the conference with all trustees.***

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## **Background:**

*Motion 1:* The Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) Public Education Symposium (PES) provides an opportunity for trustees to learn about the role of a School Board Trustee as well as new and proposed provincial legislation and current issues in education. This year's PES is exploring hosting workshops on a number of timely topics including:

- Parliamentary Procedures
- Respectful Oversight
- Conflict Resolution, Code of Conduct and Privacy Legislation

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- Truth and Reconciliation
- Supporting Student Trustees
- The Role of OPSBA
- Education Hot Topics for 2019
- Legalization of Cannabis - the impact on Public Education

Minister of Education Lisa Thompson has been invited to the Opening Ceremony, and Keynote Addresses will be given by Michael 'Pinball' Clemons and Don Drummond.

The cost to attend the symposium is \$725.00 per person, plus HST. The cost for this year's symposium has not yet been announced. If all 11 Trustees attend the pre and main symposium the maximum cost for the symposium should be \$7,975.00, plus HST. Several of our trustees will also be attending the OPSBA Central West Region meeting held along with the conference.

*Motion 2:* The Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA) Labour Relations Symposium provides an opportunity for trustees to learn about the role of the School Board Trustee as it pertains to labour relations as well as new and proposed provincial legislation and current legal issues in education. This year's Labour Relations Symposium will be looking forward as we prepare for collective bargaining. Presentations will focus on current labour relations issues in the education sector and human resources topics.

The cost to attend the symposium last year was \$475.00 per person, plus HST. The cost for this year's symposium has not yet been announced. If all 11 Trustees attend the pre and main symposium, the maximum cost for the symposium should be approximately \$5,225.00, plus HST.

The balance in the Reserve Account for Trustee Professional Development as at August 31, 2018 is approximately \$41,047.00 per Superintendent Veerman. Professional Development related to previous PES and Labour Relations symposiums were paid using this account for the last several years.

*Motion 3:* The OPSBA AGM is an annual conference that the OPSBA HDSB Director(s) and the OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair must attend in their role as the board's representatives. The OPSBA HDSB Director is determined through Striking Committees. The OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair is elected by the Directors from OPSBA Central West Region and is currently an HDSB trustee. It has been the practice of the Board to cover the costs for the OPSBA AGM for the OPSBA HDSB Director(s) and the OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair (when the OPSBA Central West Regional VP/Chair is a trustee with the HDSB) to ensure that they are able to attend. The cost for registration and accommodation is approximately \$1,600 per person, including HST.

*Motion 4:* It has been the practice of this Board the Student Trustee Mentor to accompany the Student Trustees on any conferences outside of the GTA. The Student Trustee Mentor is on site should any issues occur with the conference itself or the accommodations. The OSTA/AECO conference is taking place in Ottawa in February 2019 and a trustee will be accompanying the students in their capacity as the Student Trustee Mentor. The cost for transportation and accommodation is approximately \$1,600, including HST.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*A. Collard, Trustee, Burlington, Ward 5*