

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, June 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held this date in the Board Room, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michael Barrett, Patrice Barnes, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Sally Meseret, Risann Wright

Regrets: Student Trustee Tyler West

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Directors David Visser and Mark Fisher, Superintendents Georgette Davis, Mohamed Hamid, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Silvia Peterson, Communications Manager, Peter Blake and Communications Officer, Kim Brathwaite

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Chair Michael Barrett advised that the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

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5. Captain Michael VandenBos P.S.

Trustee Scott Templeton welcomed the Captain Michael VandenBos Bell Club. The group performed four selections entitled "Pachelbel's Canon," "Evening Rise," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and "Popcorn." Trustee Scott Templeton congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2019:55

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

SECONDED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2019:56

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2019; AND

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 15, 2019;

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 21, 2019.

CARRIED

7. And This is My Story

Chair Michael Barrett advised trustees that starting in September 2018, the Board began a new feature entitled, This Is My Story, at every Board meeting to honour, recognize and celebrate the identity of DDSB students, staff and families. Every person has a story that makes them unique, and understanding the impact of identity helps us at the DDSB to strengthen our ability and commitment to ensuring that Equity, Diversity, Identity and Inclusion is a core priority. Tonight's edition of "And This Is My Story" featured Camp Rainbow Phoenix and how it impacts DDSB students and the difference it makes to create inclusive safe spaces.

8. Presentations

(a) Durham Region Health Department – Healthy Schools Award

Regina Elliott, RN, MN, Program Manager, Durham Region recognized the achievements of 85 schools (67 elementary and 18 secondary) from the Durham District School Board as 2018-2019 Healthy School Award recipients. This is an increase from 50 schools awarded in the previous school year. She presented the Board with plaques recognizing this achievement. She thanked the Board for its continued collaboration in promoting health and well-being in our communities and presented Chair Michael Barrett and Director Lisa Millar with plaques in recognition of the achievements.

9. Ministry Memorandums – Information

There were no memorandums at this time.

10. Public Question Period

There were no public questions at this time.

11. Presentations/Awards

(a) Awards

(i) Chairperson's Scholarship Award

Chair Michael Barrett advised that a Chairperson's Scholarship Fund was established by the Durham District School Board in May 2003 to be awarded by the Chairperson of the Board to a graduating student.

The prize is to be awarded annually to a student who:

- Is a graduating student;
- A student who exemplifies excellent leadership and citizenship;
- A student who has well represented student issues to others.

The criteria for the award is based upon the applicant meeting the eligibility requirements and a recommendation by their secondary school principal. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000.

A Committee consisting of the Chairperson of the Board, Michael Barrett, Trustees Paul Crawford, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, and Scott Templeton reviewed the nominations. The Committee decided to award the Chairperson's Scholarship for 2018/2019 to Haiqa Tahir, a student at Maxwell Heights S.S.

(i) Chairperson's Scholarship Award (Continued)

Haiqa has been a highly involved and contributing member of the Maxwell community since she arrived in grade nine. She has helped to cultivate a positive school climate. Haiqa was the grade 9 representative for Student Council and she has been a Student Ambassador throughout high school. In grade 11 she moved up to the Minister of Promotions on Council, and for 2018-2019 she became the Student Council Prime Minister. She is a modest, unifying force within the school. In Grade 11, Haiqa was an executive member of the DECA, the business club at school. In that club she worked collaboratively and individually to solve business problems and hone her leadership skills. She continued to participate in the club in grade 12. She is also Prime Minister of the Muslim Student Association, which creates cultural awareness programs, such as fashion shows. The Association also hosted an Iftaar dinner and invited the teachers to celebrate with them. This year Haiqa delivered a powerful speech in a school wide diversity assembly on Islamophobia. Outside of school, Haiqa has recorded over 341 volunteer hours and her life continues to be centered around volunteering and leadership. She has taught children grade 3-4 age at her mosque through the Muslim Children of North America organization. As well, she has volunteered at Norman G. Powers P.S. In her limited spare time, she enjoys gaming and digital art activities. Next year, Haiqa will be studying Mechatronic Engineering at Ontario Tech. She is already involved with an Islamic Relief organization at the university. Haiqa has been an extremely dedicated leader at Maxwell Heights S.S. promoting unity and diversity within the school and the community at large. Haiqa Tahir exemplifies leadership and citizenship making her a worthy recipient of the Chairperson's Scholarship. Chair Michael Barrett and Trustees Paul Crawford, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, and Scott Templeton presented Haiqa Tahir with a certificate of recognition and the scholarship award.

(ii) Learning Disabilities Association Abilities Scholarship Award

Superintendent Andrea McAuley provided trustees with information about the Abilities Scholarship 2019 recipient. The Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region (LDADR) and the Durham District School Board (DDSB) partner to provide an annual \$1000.00 Abilities Scholarship Award. This scholarship recognizes a DDSB high school student who has a diagnosed Learning Disability and who will be continuing studies (apprenticeship, college or university) in the upcoming academic year. A committee comprised of members of the Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region and Durham DSB SEAC reviewed the nominations to determine the recipient. The 2019 Abilities Scholarship recipient is Mallory McDonald from G.L. Roberts CVI. Mallory's submission highlighted her journey as a learner including the challenges and successes related to having a Learning Disability. In September, Mallory will be continuing her studies at Durham College. Chair Michael Barrett and Trustees Donna Edwards and Christine Thatcher presented Mallory MacDonald with a certificate of recognition and the scholarship award.

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(b) Presentations

(i) Student Trustee Recognition

Chair Michael Barrett, on behalf of the Trustees, thanked Student Trustees Sally Meseret and Risann Wright for their contribution and leadership on behalf of the students of the Board over the 2018/2019 academic year. Chair Michael Barrett and Vice Chair Carolyn Morton presented Sally Meseret and Risann Wright with a keepsake and wished them the best in their future studies. Student Trustee Tyler West was absent from the meeting.

A video of the current student trustees highlighting their impact and memories of the year was shared with trustees.

12. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Carolyn Morton reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with personnel issues, property matters and employee relations issues.

13. Director's News from the System

Director Lisa Millar highlighted the following good news from the system:

Recently two DDSB schools celebrated great milestones. Sinclair Secondary School recognized their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 25<sup>th</sup> and Waverly Public School's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary BBQ on June 4<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to walk down memory lane with former and current students and staff at these great schools. Everyone had a great time.

Risann Wright was recently honoured with the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership. The \$70,000 scholarship, along with an offer of paid employment for 4 summers is offered to students who help support change, nurture progress, and contribute to making the world a better place.

Sally Meseret has been elected as the 2019-2020 President of OSTA-AECO, the Ontario Student Trustees' Association. In her role, Sally will represent and be a strong, effective, and positive voice for over 2 million students across the province.

Scholarship recipients Emma Lord and Carsten Trotter, Grade 12 students from Brooklin High School, set the bar high, exemplifying student success and leadership. Lord is the recipient of a \$30,000 Western University National Scholarship – Faculty of Science Award. Trotter is the Queen's University Chancellor's Award winner who will be receiving \$36,000 towards his education. In addition, Carsten is also Brooklin High School's Valedictorian. Both students received their awards for outstanding academic performance and all-round excellence in extra-curricular activities and community involvement.

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### 13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, over 350 black male students from grades 8-10 had the opportunity to network and learn about technology, design, and digital literacy while also engaging in positive transitions at the third annual Cypher: Black Male Empowerment Conference. Cypher was once again held at Durham College, and this year's agenda featured keynote speaker, Randall Adjei and several workshops for our many students and staff in attendance.

On June 3, 25 schools and 500 students participated in *We Walk for Water* at the Ajax Waterfront. The event helped raise awareness of water scarcity, locally and globally, and included powerful speeches and calls to action for everyone to do more to help. Students also raised funds for *Me to We* to support water initiatives in Kenya.

DDSB secondary students from Grades 9-12 were invited to submit a 3-5-minute short film to the *Gettin' Legendary Replay Film Festival and Challenge*. This was the second time G.L. Roberts CVI organized the challenge and this year participation more than doubled, with 12 films screening at the red-carpet reception on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the Grade 7 students from Westcreek Public School released 96 salmon fry, which are baby salmon, into Duffins Creek at the Greenwood Conservation Area. The initiative is part of the Bring Back the Salmon program. Students participated in a hands-on classroom hatchery program, as they were given salmon eggs to monitor for five months before releasing them into the creek.

In recognition of Jewish Heritage Month, Edith Gelbard shared her incredible survival story with Grade 7 and 8 students at Stephen G. Saywell Public School. After fleeing her home in Austria and then again in Belgium, Edith went into hiding from the Nazis, and was forced to live under a different name and religion in a home for fugitive children in France. Edith's story is told in the popular book *Hiding Edith* by Kathy Kacer. After her moving presentation, Edith answered students' questions about her life experiences, and signed books.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, students in Grades 4-10 who self-identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit took part in our Indigenous Student Celebration Day. The event was filled with fun, engaging cultural experiences and workshops ranging from fiddling and hoop dancing to Treaty exploration. The day focused on education, awareness and fostered connection and pride amongst attendees.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> Durham Carifest was held once again. DDSB is a proud sponsor of this event which celebrates the culture of the Caribbean Diaspora in the Durham Region, with food, community organizations, music and dancing. This year students from Viola Desmond Public School and Bolton C. Falby Public School both performed and had lots of fun.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the dedicated careers of our retiring class of 2019. This year's Retirement Dinner congratulated and paid tribute to over 130 retiring staff and guests for the contribution to public education and the growing of young minds at the DDSB. It was our pleasure to honour them.

13. Director's News from the System (Continued)

Director Lisa Millar took the opportunity to extend well wishes to a couple members of the Senior Team. Associate Director of Education Mark Fisher, is leaving to become the Director of Education at Thames Valley District School Board.

Superintendent Anne-Marie Laginski was also congratulated on her retirement. She is moving on to another path after a dedicated career of putting the success of DDSB students first.

At the May Director's Coffee Break, the DDSB Education Centre all came together to talk about how we can continue to make a difference in our community. We shared data about hate crimes and groups impacted. We looked at data connected to anti-Semitism, islamophobia, anti-black racism and hate crimes against the LGBTQ community. Our staff were incredible and have begun to plan a campaign against hate which will be launched in the fall.

To support our commitment to inclusion, a video in honour of Pride Month was shown. A simple question was asked – "What do you wish people knew about being LGBTQ?" The response was truly moving.

Dates of Significance:

June	National Indigenous History Month
	Italian History Month
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24	La Fete National/Fete de St. Jean-Baptiste
June 26	Last Day – Secondary Schools
June 27	Last Day – Elementary Schools
June 27	Multiculturalism Day
June 28	PA Day – All Schools
July 1	Canada Day
Aug. 5	Simcoe Day
Aug. 6	First Day of Classes – Elementary Modified
Aug. 12-22	Summer Learning Institute
Aug. 19-21	Gettin' Ready for High School – Secondary Modified
Aug. 19-22	Gettin' Ready for High School – Secondary Regular
Aug. 26	First Day of Classes – Secondary Modified
September 2	Labour Day
September 3	First Day of Classes – Elementary Regular
September 3	First Day of Classes – Secondary Regular

Director Lisa Millar wished everyone a great summer.

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14. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Standing Committee Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019

Trustee Carolyn Morton presented the report of the Standing Committee Meeting of June 3, 2019.

2019:57

Moved by Trustee Patrice Barnes

Seconded by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE ANNUAL TRUSTEE EXPENSE REPORTING PERIOD TO DECEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 30 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2019:58

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2019

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the report of the SEAC meeting of April 25, 2019.

2019:59

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE REPORT OF THE SEAC MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(c) Official Naming of the Unnamed Oshawa P.S.

Superintendent Jamila Maliha provided trustees with information to approve the official naming of the Unnamed Oshawa P.S.



(c) Official Naming of the Unnamed Oshawa P.S. (Continued)

2019:60

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE NAME ELSIE MACGILL PUBLIC SCHOOL AS THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE UNNAMED OSHAWA PUBLIC SCHOOL IN OSHAWA, ONTARIO.

CARRIED

(d) Notice of Motion: By-Law #9: Trustee Determination/Distribution/Governance

Director Lisa Millar and General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter presented the following Notice of Motion:

- (a) THAT BY-LAW #9 BE AMENDED BY DELETING THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND SUBSTITUTING THE PROPOSED TEXT:

DELETED TEXT:

THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS A PUBLIC CORPORATE ENTITY COMPOSED OF ELEVEN (11) TRUSTEES, ELECTED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL RATEPAYERS FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF AJAX, BROCK/UXBRIDGE, OSHAWA, PICKERING, SCUGOG AND WHITBY. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AS MANDATED BY THE CURRENT EDUCATION ACT, 1998, HAS A COLLECTIVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY MAKING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, ITS REGULATIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION.

THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES ON A DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS DETERMINED UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT (SECTION 58).

THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRUSTEES IS GOVERNED BY ONTARIO REGULATION 412/00 (ELECTION TO AND REPRESENTATION ON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD). A REPORT IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD BY STAFF IN ADVANCE OF EACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION, OUTLINING THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRUSTEES.

PROPOSED TEXT:

THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ("DDSB") IS A STATUTORY CORPORATION UNDER SECTION 58.5 OF THE EDUCATION ACT, R.S.O. 1990, C. E.2, (THE "EDUCATION ACT"). THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DDSB. THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE AS SET OUT IN THE EDUCATION ACT. DECISION

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- (e) Notice of Motion: By-Law #9: Trustee Determination/Distribution/Governance (Continued)

MAKING AUTHORITY RESTS WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS A SINGLE BODY, NOT WITH INDIVIDUAL TRUSTEES.

THE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTED TRUSTEES IS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION ACT AND THE REGULATIONS THEREUNDER.

- (b) THAT STAFF BE INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING ON A PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED AND UPDATED GOVERNANCE BY-LAW TO REPLACE ALL EXISTING BY-LAWS WITH A SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE GOVERNANCE BY-LAW.
- (c) THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISH A JOINT STAFF/TRUSTEE WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BY-LAW AND PREPARE A DRAFT BY-LAW FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

Chair Michael Barrett advised that Part (c) of the proposed recommendation can be considered this evening with the remainder of the recommendation being a Notice of Motion to be considered at the September Board meeting.

2019:61

MOVED by Trustee Chris Braney

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISH A JOINT STAFF/TRUSTEE WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED BY-LAW AND PREPARE A DRAFT BY-LAW FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

CARRIED

15. Information Items

- (a) Incident Ad Hoc Committee Final Report

Superintendent Georgette Davis provided trustees with an update of the commitments completed by the Incident Ad Hoc Committee from February 2019 to June 2019. She introduced Chris Conley, Research Manager, and Ken MacNaughton, Administrative Officer, Safe Schools who provided trustees with a PowerPoint overview of the ongoing proactive supports for school practices, staffing and training, and next steps recommendations and future actions. They also answered questions of trustees. Additional information requested by trustees will be discussed at the next Ad Hoc meeting.

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(b) Annual Operating Plan – End of Year Update

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with an end of year update regarding the annual Operating Plan.

(c) 2019-2023 Official Enrolment Projections

Associate Director David Visser provided trustees with information on the October 31, 2019 Official Enrolment Projections (OEP). He also answered questions of trustees

(d) Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report

Associate Director David Visser introduced Christine Nancekivell, Chief Facilities Officer who presented trustees with the Quarterly Construction and Major Projects Progress Report. They also answered questions of trustees.

16. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

- (i) Ontario North East DSB
- (ii) Durham DSB
- (iii) Durham DSB
- (iv) Hamilton-Wentworth DSB
- (v) Halton DSB
- (vi) City of Oshawa
- (vii) OPSBA

The correspondence was listed for the information of trustees.

17. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

18. Adjournment

2019:60

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

SECONDED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary