

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

### The Special Meeting of the Board

July 8, 2020

A virtual Special Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Trustee Chris Braney, Chair of the Board

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Christine Thatcher

Regrets: Trustee Scott Templeton

Officials Present: Acting Director Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski, Interim Associate Director Carla Kisko, Superintendents Georgette Davis, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Communications Staff Robert Cerjanec, Peter Blake

Recording Secretary: Kim cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

2020:81

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

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5. Information Items

(a) Update #2 – School Reopening

Acting Director Norah Marsh provided trustees with an update on contingency planning and provisions for the reopening of schools in September. She noted that the Minister of Education released the document, Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year which provides a general framework for consideration in local planning. She outlined the three possible scenarios highlighting the complexities of a modified day as it relates to health and safety of students, instructional blocks and the responsibility to uphold legal requirements including provincially-negotiated collective agreements. Superintendents Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills and Jamila Maliha also provided trustees with information regarding some of the considerations and planning with respect to transportation, the intricacies of the elementary and secondary timetabling models, and an overview of the framework for remote learning including RealTime and FlexTime learning.

Acting Director Norah Marsh indicated that the district is working with our coterminous partner in establishing a model that must be approved by the Durham Region Health Department. She advised that the district is waiting for additional information from the Ministry relating to childcare in schools. The information will be shared when it is received. The group also answered questions of trustees.

3. Report from Committee of the Whole In Camera

Trustee Niki Lundquist reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with a personnel issue.

4. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: Education Finance Committee Meeting of July 8, 2020

2020:82

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

SECONDED by Trustee Ashley Noble.

THAT THE EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE PASSING OF THE BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENGAGE IN A CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, THE BOARD EXTEND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL INPUT IN WRITING TO BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN JULY 13, 2020, AND

THAT THE BUDGET BE CONSIDERED AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON JULY 15, 2020.

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(b) Report: Director's Performance Review Committee  
New Policy – Director's Performance Review

Trustee Christine Thatcher presented the report of the Director's Performance Review Adhoc Committee. Trustees Christine Thatcher and Michael Barrett also answered questions of trustees.

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MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher  
SECONDED by Trustee Michael Barrett.

THAT THE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW POLICY BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN APPENDIX A OF THE REPORT.

CARRIED

(c) Report: Integrity Commissioner Hiring Committee  
Process for the Selection of an Integrity Commissioner

Trustee Donna Edwards, on behalf of Trustee Scott Templeton, presented the report of the Integrity Commissioner Adhoc Hiring Committee.

2020:84

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards  
SECONED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED WITHIN THE REPORT TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF A NEW INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER; AND

THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PROCESS, THE COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH ITS RECOMMENDATION IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 2.1 OF BY-LAW #12.

CARRIED

(d) School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski presented trustees with the revised 2020-2021 School Year Calendars. He also answered questions of trustees.

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MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton  
SECONED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

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(d) School Year Calendar 2020-2021 (Continued)

THAT THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED:

- (i) THE PROPOSED REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS'
- (ii) THE PROPOSED REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS;
- (iii) THE PROPOSED MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR C.E. BROUGHTON P.S., AND WINCHESTER P.S.;
- (iv) THE PROPOSED MODIFIED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR BROCK H.S., HENRY STREET H.S., AND MAXWELL HEIGHTS S.S.; AND
- (v) THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BY JULY 10, 2020 FOR ALL FOUR SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS SUCH THAT THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD IS COMPLIANT WITH THE RESPECTIVE DEADLINES AS OUTLINED IN REGULATION 304.

CARRIED

4. Adjournment

2020:86

MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:14 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary