

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

September 8, 2020

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

1. Call to Order:

Roll Call: Trustee Chris Braney, Chair of the Board

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford (virtual), Donna Edwards (virtual), Darlene Forbes (virtual), Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student trustees Aaliyah Jaleel, Logan Keeler, Arpita Savaliya

Officials Present: Acting Director Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski, Interim Associate Director Carla Kisko, Superintendents Gary Crossdale, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Jack Nigro, General Counsel Patrick Cotter, Communications Officer Robert Cerjanec

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2020:106

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

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2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

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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 appointments and administrative transfers and placements. It was noted that General Counsel Patrick Cotter will retain an Interim Integrity Commissioner.

4. Recommended Action

(a) Return to School Update #5

Acting Director Norah Marsh provided trustees with a PowerPoint presentation highlighting COVID-19 Provincial Special Funding. She outlined the funding for custodial staff, health and safety training for OT's and casual staff, special education and mental health, enhanced cleaning, remote learning, ventilation in classrooms, teaching staff, transportation, technology, and school reopening emerging issues. She presented the Reserve Fund Mitigation Plan to seek authorization to access up to \$8.1 million from reserves to be used, as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the Director of Education, to fund the Reserve Fund Mitigation Plan.

Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski provided trustees with an update on staffing thus far and highlighted the enrolment numbers for both elementary and secondary students for in-person and virtual learning.

Acting Director Norah Marsh, Acting Associate Director Jim Markovski, Interim Associate Director Carla Kisko and Superintendents Mohamed Hamid and Andrea McAuley answered questions of trustees.

2020:107

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist
SECONED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCESS OF UP TO \$8.1 MILLION FROM RESERVES TO BE USED, AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TO FUND THE RESERVE FUND MITIGATION PLAN.

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(b) Notice of Motion: Masks

Trustee Scott Templeton presented the following Notice of Motion:

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(b) Notice of Motion: Masks (Continued)

2020:108

MOVED by Trustee Scott Templeton

SECONED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE BOARD MANDATE ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1 TO 3 TO WEAR MASKS SUBJECT TO THE DUTY TO ACCOMMODATE.

MOTION POSTPONED LATER IN THE MEETING
(See Following Motions)

2020:109

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

SECONED by Trustee Scott Templeton

THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE BE SUSPENDED IN ORDER TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF FIVE DAYS NOTICE IN ORDER CONSIDER THE FOREGOING MOTION (2020:108) OF TRUSTEES SCOTT TEMPLETON AND ASHLEY NOBLE.

CARRIED ON A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE

Trustees discussed the motion.

2020:110

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

SECONED by Trustee Michael Barrett

THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION (2020:108) OF TRUSTEES SCOTT TEMPLETON AND ASHLEY NOBLE BE POSTPONED TO THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2020; AND

THAT A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO DR. ROBERT KYLE, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, INQUIRING IF HE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PASSING SUCH A MOTION.

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Chair Chris Braney confirmed that Trustees Ashley Noble and Carolyn Morton will serve on the Definitely Durham Selection Committee.

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5. Adjournment

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MOVED by Trustee Michael Barrett

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary