

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 1, 2022

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m., via tele-conference. Trustee Agro led the opening prayer.

Mr. D. Hansen, Director of Education, offered memoriums for the following deceased employees and relatives of employees of the Board:

Mrs. Maria Gratta, Mr. Jack Wigham, Mr. Ron James Maxwell, Mrs. Marie Gallant, Mrs. Jacqueline Manitowabi, Mr. Roland Lejambe, Mr. John Hough and Mr. Claudio Iannone

ITEM 2 NOTING OF MEMBERS PRESENT & ABSENT, RESOLUTIONS EXCUSING ABSENCE

PRESENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. P. Daly, Chairperson, Mr. J. Valvasori, Vice-Chairperson, Mr. L. Agro, Mr. J. Baiardo, Mr. A. D’Intino, Mr. P. Homerski, Mr. T. Iorio, Mrs. M. Nardini, Mr. M. Valvasori.

STUDENT TRUSTEES: Miss E. Hilson, Miss. N. Menechella

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & TREASURER:

Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

OFFICIALS:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education

Mr. A. Cortina, Chief Information Officer

Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education

Mr. P. Ferrie, Senior Manager, Facility Management Services

Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education

Mr. M. Hucal, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education

Mr. A. Romano, Superintendent of Human Resources

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. K. Krueger

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ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED WITH AS PRESENTED.

MOVER: Mr. T. Iorio

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

ITEM 4      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Mr. T. Iorio declared a conflict of interest with Items 8(b) as he has a family member employed by the Board.
- Mrs. M. Nardini declared a conflict of interest with Items 8(b) as she has a family member employed by the Board.

ITEM 5      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

- a)      Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 1, 2022 Meeting

MOTION:

THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022 MEETING BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo

SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori

CARRIED

- b)      Board Minutes of February 1, 2022 Meeting

MOTION:

THAT THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2022 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

- c)      Special Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 15, 2022 Meeting

MOTION:

THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. T. Iorio  
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro CARRIED

d) Special Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022

MOTION:

THAT THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. A. D’Intino  
SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski CARRIED

e) Committee of the Whole Verbal Report of March 1, 2022 Meeting

i) Airwatch Licensing Renewal

MOTION:

THAT BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE AIRWATCH LICENSES UNDER THE OECDM AGREEMENT WITH SOFTCHOICE.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE AIRWATCH LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 30, 2022 – JANUARY 29, 2023 FROM SOFTCHOICE FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$128,110.50 PLUS HST, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski CARRIED

ii) 2022 School Board Elections: Trustee Determination & Distribution

MOTION:

THAT, PURSUANT TO O. REG. 412/00 SEC. 4(1), THE HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NOT DESIGNATE ANY MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOARD’S AREA OF JURISDICTION AS A LOW POPULATION MUNICIPALITY; AND

THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NINE (9) TRUSTEE MEMBERS SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED, AS FOLLOWS:

WARDS 1, 2 & 15	1 TRUSTEE
WARDS 3 & 4	1 TRUSTEE
WARD 5	1 TRUSTEE

WARD 6                    1 TRUSTEE  
WARD 7                    1 TRUSTEE  
WARDS 8 & 14            1 TRUSTEE  
WARDS 9 & 11            1 TRUSTEE  
WARD 10                  1 TRUSTEE  
WARDS 12 & 13         1 TRUSTEE

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

- iii) Request for Proposal #4842 – Appointment of Architect for Guardian Angels CES

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD AWARD THE PROJECT TO DESIGN AND ADMINISTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIVE-CLASSROOM, INCLUDING ONE FDK CLASSROOM, AND A THREE-ROOM CHILD CARE CENTRE ADDITION AT GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RFP #4842, TO SVEDAS ARCHITECTS INC. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$187,500, PLUS HST, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. M. Nardini

CARRIED

- iv) Tender Results: HVAC Central Cooling Systems Replacement Projects Quote #4846

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD AWARD THE CHILLER AND CONDENSER UNIT REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AT ST. MARK CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CES) AND ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA CES, QUOTE #4846, TO BML MULTITRADES FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$635,468, PLUS HST, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

THAT THE BOARD AWARD THE COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, QUOTE #4846, TO SUPERIOR BOILER WORKS & WELDING LTD. FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$601,822, PLUS HST, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

MOVER: Mr. L. Agro

SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

vi) School Year Calendar 2022-2023

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR CONSISTING OF 187 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AND SEVEN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2023, FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR CONSISTING OF 187 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS, (WHICH INCLUDES 10 EXAM DAYS) AND SEVEN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022.

MOVER: Mr. A. D'Intino

SECONDER: Mr. T. Iorio CARRIED

vii) HWCDSD Bullying Incidents 2021-2022 Interim Report – Update

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD BULLYING INCIDENTS 2021-2022 INTERIM REPORT UPDATE, DATED MARCH 1, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo CARRIED

viii) School Boards' Cooperative Inc (SBCI) Services & Excess Loss Insurance Membership Fees

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT SCHOOL BOARDS' COOPERATIVE INC (SBCI) SERVICES AND EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE, DATED MARCH 1, 2022, BE RECEIVED.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$187,430.00 PLUS HST FOR RENEWAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARDS' CO-OPERATIVE INC. (SBCI) SERVICES AND EXCESS LOSS INSURANCE, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski  
SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

ITEM 6

MOTIONS TO RECEIVE, MOTIONS OF REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR STAFF OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

MOTION:

ITEM 6L) BE DEFERRED TO A FUTURE MEETING AND THAT ITEMS 6(A-T) BE RECEIVED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED

- a) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA - Memo dated January 27, 2022  
RE: ON New Release- Ontario Announces Plan to Combat Antisemitism in Schools.
- b) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA Memo dated February 1, 2022 RE:  
PPM 167 Release and Government Announcement Regarding Mandatory Online Learning Requirement.  
  
It was noted a report regarding Mandatory Online Learning Requirement will be presented at a future meeting.
- c) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated January 31, 2022 Letter from the Ontario Healthy Schools Coalition (OHSC)
- d) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 7, 2022 RE: 2022 OCSTA Award Winners
- e) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 8, 2022 RE: Provincial Government's February 1, 2022 Announcement RE: Mandatory On-line Learning Credits/Release of PPM 167
- f) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 8, 2022 ON News Release- Ontario Takes Action to Protect Students and children
- g) Patrick J. Daly and Barb Dobrowolski, Presidents, OCTSA Memo dated February 8, 2022 RE: Sexual Abuse Prevention Program
- h) OCSTA, Board of Directors meeting Highlights from February 4, 2022
- i) Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister Memo Dated: February 8, 2022 Re: Professional Activity Days for 2022-2023

- j) Anne O'Brien, Director of Catholic Education, OCSTA Memo dated February 11, 2022 RE: SAVE THE DATE: Catholic Education Week 2022 Province -Wide Mass
- k) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA Memo dated February 14, 2022 RE: ON News Release- Ontario Moving to Next Phase of Reopening on February 17,2022
- l) Chris Murawsky, National March for Life Organizing Committee, Letter dated February 2, 2022 RE: National March for Life – Thursday, May 12, 2022

Chairperson P. Daly recommended this correspondence be deferred until a decision is determined on the notice of motion presented in the March 1, 2022 Board Agenda. It will be placed on a future Board agenda.

- m) Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister Memo Dated: February 17, 2022 RE; learning Recovery Action Plan
- n) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA Memo dated February 22, 2022 RE: ON News Release- Ontario Expanding Learning on Black History
- o) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA Memo dated February 22, 2022 RE: 2019-2022 OCSTA/OECTA Central Agreement- Letter of Agreement #12
- p) Hanni Vale, Chair, Special Education Advisory Council Committee, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board Letter Dated February 15, 2022 RE: Support for Bill 172, The Education Statute Law Amendment Act in Relation to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- q) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 23, 2022 RE: OHRC Right to read Inquiry Report Release
- r) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 24, 2022 RE: Correspondence from OECTA: Online/Virtual Teaching & Learning Survey
- s) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memo dated February 24, 2022 RE: PPM 81: Provision of health support services in school settings

The Chairperson expressed thanks to Mrs. T. Kovach for her assistance and participation in OCSTA'S consultation process regarding PPM 81.

- t) Patrick J. Daly, President, OCTSA Memorandum RE: Catholic Education Week May 1 – May 6, 2022

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ITEM 7      PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION OF REPORT

- a)      Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022

Mr. P. Homerski noted that SEAC members expressed concerns re: PPM 81 and thanked OCSTA for their response to the Ministry.

MOTION:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2022 BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. J. Baiardo

CARRIED

- b)      Student Achievement & Well-Being Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2022

MOTION:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Baiardo

SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori

CARRIED

ITEM 8      STAFF REPORTS AND RESOLUTION

- a)      Administrative Staff Report- Non-Teaching

MOTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE RETURN FROM LEAVES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE OF STAFF NAMED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022 BE APPROVED. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE HIRING OF STAFF IS SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD POLICY.

MOVER: Mr. T Iorio

SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

CARRIED



b) Administrative Staff report- Teaching

MOTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE HIRING, RETURNING FROM LEAVES, LEAVES OF ABSENCE, RETIREMENTS AND TERMINATIONS OF STAFF NAMED IN THE REPORT DATED MARCH 1, 2022 BE APPROVED. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE HIRING OF STAFF IS SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CRIMINAL REFERENCE CHECK PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD POLICY.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

ITEM 9

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion

Whereas: The HWCDSB is committed to supporting the Mental Health and Well Being of its students and staff.

Whereas: The HWCDSB has a strong history of equity and inclusion. (Each Belongs)

Whereas: There is a population of students and staff within the HWCDSB that identify as 2SLGBTQ+

Whereas: Bullying and Exclusion can be major contributors to Depression and other

Mental Health disorders amongst 2SLGBTQ+ students

Whereas: A symbol of acceptance, inclusion, support and love can be found within flying the Pride Flag

Be it resolved that:

The Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, in support of all 2SLGBTQ+ students and staff, update Policy A.02 – Flag Display, to include wording directing that the Pride Flag be flown on School Sites and other board properties during the month of June of each year.

Be it further resolved that:

The Policy Review Committee meet before the next scheduled board meeting to update the Flag Flying Policy to reflect the direction to fly the Pride Flag during the month of June of each year and present it to the board at the subsequent board meeting.

Be it further resolved that:

The Director of Education make the necessary arrangements to facilitate flying the flag at schools and certain administrative buildings of the HWCDSB during each month of June beginning in June of 2022.

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MOVED BY: Mr. M. Valvasori  
SECONDED BY: Mr. P. Homerski

Trustee M. Valvasori his presented the notice of motion. He outlined his reasons for bringing this notice of motion forward. The following motion was recommended:

MOTION:

THAT THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, IN SUPPORT OF ALL 2SLGBTQ+ STUDENTS AND STAFF, UPDATE POLICY A.02 – FLAG DISPLAY, TO INCLUDE WORDING DIRECTING THAT THE PRIDE FLAG BE FLOWN ON SCHOOL SITES AND OTHER BOARD PROPERTIES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

THAT THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEET BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TO UPDATE THE FLAG FLYING POLICY TO REFLECT THE DIRECTION TO FLY THE PRIDE FLAG DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AND PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD AT THE SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING.

THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE FLYING THE FLAG AT SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS OF THE HWCDSB DURING EACH MONTH OF JUNE BEGINNING IN JUNE OF 2022.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori

At this time each Trustee expressed their views on the notice of motion.

At 6:45 p.m. Chairperson P. Daly stepped down as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson J. Valvasori assumed the Chair.

Mr. P. Daly expressed his opinion on the notice of motion.  
The following motion was presented:

MOTION:

THAT THE VOTE ON THE NOTICE OF MOTION BE DEFERRED SO THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION CAN BE REVIEWED BY THE POLICY REVIEW AND STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH A RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 2022 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini  
SECONDER: Mr. L. Agro

A recorded vote was requested for this motion:

Mr. John Valvasori – opposed  
Mrs. Mary Nardini – in favour  
Mr. J. Baiardo – opposed  
Mr. L. Agro – in favour  
Mr. P. Homerski – opposed  
Mr. T. Iorio – opposed  
Mr. A. D’Intino – opposed  
Mr. M. Valvasori – opposed  
Mr. P. Daly – in favour

MOTION DEFEATED

At 6:55 p.m. Mr. P. Daly resumed the Chair.

The Student Trustees spoke to the notice of motion.

At this time the original notice of motion was presented again with a recorded vote.

MOTION:

THAT THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, IN SUPPORT OF ALL 2SLGBTQ+ STUDENTS AND STAFF, UPDATE POLICY A.02 – FLAG DISPLAY, TO INCLUDE WORDING DIRECTING THAT THE PRIDE FLAG BE FLOWN ON SCHOOL SITES AND OTHER BOARD PROPERTIES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR.

THAT THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEET BEFORE THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING TO UPDATE THE FLAG FLYING POLICY TO REFLECT THE DIRECTION TO FLY THE PRIDE FLAG DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AND PRESENT IT TO THE BOARD AT THE SUBSEQUENT BOARD MEETING.

THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE FLYING THE FLAG AT SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS OF THE HWCDSB DURING EACH MONTH OF JUNE BEGINNING IN JUNE OF 2022.

Recorded Vote:

Mr. John Valvasori – in favour  
Mrs. Mary Nardini – opposed  
Mr. J. Baiardo – in favour  
Mr. L. Agro – opposed  
Mr. P. Homerski – in favour  
Mr. T. Iorio – in favour  
Mr. A. D’Intino – in favour  
Mr. M. Valvasori – in favour  
Mr. P. Daly - opposed

MOTION CARRIED

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ITEM 10      NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 11      ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson invited all to recite the closing prayer. As well as to remember the people of Ukraine. Trustee A. D'Intino moved adjournment at 7:03 p.m.

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Mr. P.J. Daly  
Chairperson

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Mr. D. Hansen  
Director of Education