



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2017**

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**Members present:** T. Biniaris, Brant, J. Cobb, B. Danes, M. Hall, D. Inch, L. Kyle, D. Patterson, J. Williams

**Student Trustees:** D. Austin, S. Haseeb

**Regrets:** J. Bray

**Absent:**

**Resource:** L. Andrews, C. DeMille, K. Donnell, T. FitzGibbon, K. MacQuarrie, N. Pfeiffer, C. Portt, M. Savery-Whiteway

**Guests:**

**Minutes:** D. Lucas, Administrative Assistant

**Call to order**

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

**Character Moment of Reflection**

Chair Kyle requested Trustee Williams to recite the Character Moment of Reflection, "Honesty".

**Delegations/presentations**

Chair Kyle called on Superintendent Portt for the Achieving Excellence & Equity, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Roundtable Event presentation. The presentation began with Cathy Portt, Superintendent of Education explaining that the Ministry of Education provides school boards with funding through a technology fund. The Ministry hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Roundtable Event this past winter. HPEDSB staff were invited to host a break-out session about the progress being made on the global technologies and technology enhanced learning. Curriculum Coordinators, Tracy Demianchuk, Ben Claxton and Roger Ramsey, shared highlights on HPEDSB's participation in a worldwide project called New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NDPL). This project involves eight HPEDSB schools, in addition to several schools from other countries. The learning focuses on two areas; educator learning and student learning. The connection to globally minded learners and learners include a review of how to measure the global competencies. Student progress is monitored and tracked along a continuum. Analysis tools include a teacher rubric, a student rubric and a student self-assessment. Presenters also described the HPEDSB virtual learning environment commonly referred to as the VLE. It is an online common area for students and employees to access training or professional learning opportunities for health and safety, early learning modules, WHMIS 2015 and more. It also hosts a collection of approved resources related to the 10 global competencies.

**Approval of the agenda**

**Moved:** J. Cobb

**Seconded:** B. Danes

**That the agenda for the March 27, 2017 Public Board meeting was approved.**

**Carried**

**Approval of the minutes**

**Moved: J. Williams**

**Seconded: J. Cobb**

**That the minutes of the regular Public Board meeting of February 27, 2017 be approved.**

**Carried**

**Business arising from the February 27, 2017 minutes**

- Nothing at this time

**Report from the Committee of the Whole**

**One recommendation was brought forward from the Committee of the Whole:**

- Disposal of Surplus Properties

**Recommendations:**

**2017-2018 School Year Calendar**

Chair Kyle asked Trustee Williams to provide an update on this recommendation. Trustee Williams noted that this is an annual process that takes place each year in consultation with the two neighbouring boards, employee groups, parents, school councils and community members including the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). The proposed school year calendar for 2017-2018 is a regular school year calendar, meaning that the proposed holidays align with the holidays designated by the Ministry of Education and is required to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2017 for approval.

**Moved: L. Kyle**

**Seconded: M. Hall**

1. **That the first day of school for students be Tuesday, September 5, 2017**
2. **That Semester 2 begins Friday, February 2, 2018**
3. **That the last day of the school for students be Friday, June 29, 2018**
4. **That the following seven dates be designated as professional activity days:**
  - Friday, September 29, 2017
  - Friday, October 27, 2017
  - Friday, November 24, 2017
  - Friday, February 2, 2018
  - Friday, April 13, 2018
  - Friday, May 18, 2018
  - Friday, June 29, 2018

5. **That 10 examination days be approved for secondary schools:**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018 through to Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018 through to Wednesday, June 27, 2018**

**Carried**

**OPSBA Proposed Policy Resolution**

Trustee Kyle requested Trustee Williams to provide an update on this recommendation. Trustee Williams noted that OPSBA has five regional councils, North, West, East, Central East and Central West, and due to geographical distances on site meetings may require greater travel time and expense

in a time of diminishing board resources. As leaders in school board governance, Trustees ensure that Ontario's education system continues to adapt and transform to meet the ever-changing needs and challenges of our world. At the same time, Trustees model adaptation realizing efficiency of cost and time while maintaining a high level of accountability.

**Moved: M. Hall  
Seconded: B. Danes**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that OPSBA, upon written request of the regional council (North, West, East, Central East and Central West) enable the technological (via Adobe Connect or comparable program) holding of one/both regional meetings.**

**Carried**

**Information:**

**Calendar of Events**

Director Savery-Whiteway shared the calendar of events with Trustees. Student Trustee Haseeb shared information about the Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO) Team Programming Contest which is taking place at the Education Centre on Friday, March 31, 2017. Student Trustee Austin shared information about the upcoming Student Senate elections taking place on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

**Report from Chair**

Chair Kyle stated that Wednesday March 22, 2017 was the first of four Possibilities Wednesday's scheduled for Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. This is a social media campaign to celebrate student and employee leadership and learning. Possibilities Wednesdays connect to the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan by supporting our four priorities, Achieving Excellence & Equity, Learning & Leadership, Public Confidence and Well-Being. We are coordinating efforts throughout the district to promote the great things that happen at HPEDSB every day using the hashtag HPEpossibilities. The first Wednesday was successful with many tweets and posting celebrating our focus on student achievement and well-being. The next Possibility Wednesday is April 19, 2017.

Also happening at HPEDSB is the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Place awards. These awards honour individuals who contribute to students achieving excellence and well-being. Nominations are now open and deadline to forward your nomination is April 21, 2017.

**Report from Executive Committee**

Chair Kyle provided highlights from the Executive Committee meeting held on March 6, 2017:

- Notice of motion for the 2016-2017 Board Policy Review, Part B

**Report from Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee**

Trustee Cobb provided highlights from the Student Enrolment/School Capacity Committee meeting held on March 20, 2017:

- Update on Accommodation Review Processes
- Letter received from the Minister of Education, dated March 6, 2017 related to Pupil Accommodation Reviews

**Report from the Operations and Finance Committee**

Trustee Danes provided highlights from the Operations and Finance Committee meeting held on March 20, 2017:

- Public Sector Salary Disclosure
- Trustee expense report

Director Savery-Whiteway provided an update on the public sector salary disclosure report.

Despite the fact that the board has steadily reduced the number of staff, this year's list is significantly larger due to an anomaly that occurred in 2016. The anomaly for 2016 results from the last round of central negotiations and the ability for employees to receive an early payout of their retirement gratuity if they chose to exercise that option. Those payouts occurred during the 2016 calendar and were considered income not a retirement benefit, resulting in approximately 80 employees over the 2015 figure. This is a one-time occurrence and will be experienced in school boards across the province.

#### **Report from Program and Human Resource Committee**

Trustee Williams provided highlights from the Program and Human Resources Committee meeting held on March 20, 2017:

- Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) - Math Update
- 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

#### **Information from Staff:**

##### **Notice of Motion: 2016-2017 Board Policy Review – Part B**

The notice of motion is give notice that a recommendation will be brought to the April 24, 2017 Board meeting to approve changes to the following policies.

#### **The Executive Committee hereby gives notice that it will move**

**That the Executive Committee recommends that the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve amendments to the following Board policies/forms as outlined in appendix A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and O as contained in Board Report C-2, dated March 27, 2017.**

#### **Questions, reports and proposals from Trustees**

- Student Trustees noted that there are activities happening at local secondary schools including a Kindness Assembly and a Literacy Summit which was held at Moira Secondary School.

#### **Correspondence**

- None

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**