



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 2015**

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

**Student Trustees:** C. Barry, A. Mifflin

**Regrets:** B. Danes

**Absent:**

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

**Guests:** None

**Minutes:** P. Hoskin, Administrative Assistant

**Call to order**

Chair Inch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed students, parents and guests to the meeting. Chair Inch noted that Trustee Danes had sent her regrets.

**Board Prayer**

Chair Inch asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent personal reflection.

**Delegations/presentations**

None.

**Approval of the agenda**

**Moved:** J. Cobb

**Seconded:** J. Williams

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried

**Timed Item:**

**Character moment: Deseronto Public School – ‘BURP it On’ physical activity challenge**

Superintendent Fisher stated that one of our core priorities in the Achievement in Motion for Student Success System Plan is Promoting Well-Being for Students & Employees. The ‘BURP It On’ project at Deseronto Public School is an excellent example of promoting mental and physical health. This project has spread world-wide into 226 schools/organizations in 6 continents, 23 countries, 7 provinces and 33 states.

Principal Derek Potts introduced the students and teacher, Jason Lloyd, who provided a slide show and spoke about the challenge to get youth more active.

The students were given a gift bag in appreciation of their presentation.

Chair Inch thanked Principal Potts, teacher Jason Lloyd and students for their presentation.

**Approval of the minutes**

**Moved:** J. Williams

**Seconded:** M. Hall

That the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2015 be approved.

Carried

**Business arising from the minutes**

- None.

**Report from the Committee of the Whole**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approved the following recommendations from the March 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole Board meeting.**

**1. Board member representative for Southeast Hastings**

Chair Inch invited Justin Bray to join the trustees at the Board table and presented him with his nameplate.

Chair Inch introduced Trustee Bray, the successful candidate for Board member for Southeast Hastings.

Mr. Bray moved to the Municipality of Tweed in 1978 with his family, wife Shannon and two children, Neely and Jack. Mr. Bray has worked at Proctor and Gamble for over 25 years.

He has always been committed to his community and was elected to Municipal Council in 2006 where he served two consecutive terms. During that time he served on many committees including the Youth Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Infrastructure Committee and Community Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Bray brings skill and experience in the areas of strategic planning, governance and financial responsibility to the Board.

Mr. Bray is vested in supporting children and believes in investing in children in order to ensure a sustainable and productive future. He values developing positive relationships and networking with the community.

Trustee Bray thanked board for selecting him and said he is looking forward to the challenge.

Chair Inch asked Trustee Bray to stand and recite and sign the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance. The Secretary of the Board also signed the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Trustees congratulated Trustee Bray and welcomed him to the Board.

**Recommendations**

**Report from Staff**

**Filling vacancies on committees**

Director Savery-Whiteway stated that it is necessary that the Board address the vacancies for the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee, vice-chair of Program and Human Resources Committee and trustee representative on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

To fill the vacancies for the remainder of the period ending December 7, 2015, trustees can volunteer to fill the vacancies or if there is more than one volunteer for the vice-chair of Program and Human Resources Committee or the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee, an election

will be held. There can be more than one representative on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

The chair called for a volunteer for the position of 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee.

Trustee Biniaris was the only volunteer for this position.

**The chair declared that the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee will be Trustee Biniaris.**

Director Savery-Whiteway advised that Trustee Bray will be joining both the Program and Human Resources Committee and Operations and Finance Committee.

The chair called for a volunteer for the position of vice-chair of the Program and Human Resources Committee.

Trustee Williams was the only volunteer for this position.

**The chair declared that Trustee Williams will be the vice-chair of the Program and Human Resources Committee.**

The chair called for a volunteer to be the Board representative on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee.

Trustee Bray was the only volunteer for this position.

**The chair declared that Trustee Bray will be the Board representative on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee**

**Moved: D. Patterson**  
**Seconded: M. Brant**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Trustee Binaris as the 5th member on the Executive Committee, Trustee Williams as vice-chair of the Program and Human Resources Committee, and Trustee Bray as the representative on the Safe Schools Advisory Committee, for the remainder of the period ending December 7, 2015, and as contained in Board Report C-2 dated April 27, 2015.**

Carried

## **Information**

### **Calendar of events**

- Food for Learning Auction, Thursday, April 30.
- Poverty Challenge at Loyalist College, Thursday, April 30.

### **Report from the chair**

- Nothing to report.

### **Report from the Executive Committee**

Vice-chair Kyle reported on the following items from the meeting of April 7, 2015:

- Filling the vacancy on the Board

- System planning work session June 15 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Innovation Lab, Wm. R. Kirk Building

### **Report from Operations and Finance Committee**

In Trustee Danes' absence, Trustee Brant reported on the following items from the meeting of April 13, 2015:

- Capital priorities update
- Trustee expense discussion

### **Report from Program and Human Resources**

Trustee Hall reported on the following items from the meeting of April 13, 2015:

- BIPSA update
- Mental Health Lead presentation
- Overview of the Mental Health website

### **Reports from Staff**

#### **Board Prayer**

Director Savery-Whiteway referenced Report C-2 Board Prayer and noted that in early April, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on the recitation of a prayer before public meetings. The Court found that "the recitation of the prayer at the council's meetings was above all else a use by the council of public powers to manifest and profess one religion to the exclusion of all others." The Court made the following statement, "The pursuit of the ideal of a free and democratic society requires the state to encourage everyone to participate freely in public life regardless of their beliefs."

Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board is committed to the elimination of discrimination as outlined in Ontario's Ministry of Education Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy and the Ontario Human Rights Code, as well as the Guiding Principles of equitable and inclusive education.

The director advised that as the Board prayer is set as part of the Board agenda in Board Policy No. 2 Governance By-Laws and Standing Rules, this policy will be reviewed in September as part of the regular policy review cycle. In the meantime, at the opening of Board meetings, participants will be invited to stand and take part in a moment of silent personal reflection.

#### **Administrator placements 2015-2016**

Superintendent FitzGibbon stated that each year at this time administrator placements are reviewed to address retirements, leaves and growth opportunities. The administrator placements for 2015-2016 will be released to the system tomorrow.

#### **New Trenton elementary school**

The Director advised that final Ministry approval has been received to move forward with the consolidation of Breadner Elementary School, College Street Public School and Queen Elizabeth Public School into a new elementary school on the site of the current Queen Elizabeth Public School. A communication was released today and shared with staff, families and the community regarding a plan that will ensure stability during the construction. On May 5 at 5:00 p.m. a public meeting will be held at Queen Elizabeth Public School to discuss the plan and respond to questions.

Superintendent Fisher shared the following plans for school start-up in September 2015:

- **QUEEN ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL** Will close at the end of June 2015. Students will move to Breadner Elementary School from September 2015 to January 2017. Students will then move to the new Trenton elementary school in January 2017.
- **BREADNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Students will remain at Breadner. Students will move to the new Trenton elementary school in January 2017. In the meantime, Breadner will welcome all students from Queen Elizabeth Public School in September.
- **NORTH TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOL** Will become a K – Grade 5 school in September 2015, then a K – Grade 6 school in September 2016. Students going into Grade 7 will move to the new Trenton elementary school in September 2017.
- **V.P. CARSWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Will become a K – 8 school during construction. Intermediate students will move to the new Trenton elementary school in September 2017.
- **COLLEGE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL** No changes. Students will move to the new Trenton elementary school in January 2017.
- **PRINCE CHARLES PUBLIC SCHOOL** Is not affected by the new school build.

#### **Trustee questions, reports and proposals**

Trustees reported on the following events they had attended:

- Bayside Elementary School production of Aladdin Junior
- Student Senate Meeting – election of 2015-2016 Student Trustees – Morgan Hillier, Moira Secondary School and Lauren Barry, Centre Hastings Secondary
- Student Art Show, Parrot Gallery, Belleville Public Library
- Prom Project
- Parent Involvement Committee fundraising event at Athol-South Marysburgh Public School

#### **Correspondence**

None.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**