



**HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2014**

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

**Student Trustees:** A. Bonter, M. Peckham

**Regrets:** None

**Absent:** None

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

**Guests:** None

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

**Call to order**

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

**Board prayer**

Trustee Kyle said the Board prayer.

Chair Inch welcomed the audience to celebrate student achievement in the district.

**Delegations/presentations**

**Celebrating Student Achievement in Science and Technology**

Superintendent Portt said it was a pleasure to welcome students, staff and parents this evening to celebrate our students reaching high levels of achievement. She added that we are developing global minded students who have skills in higher order thinking, problem solving, creativity innovation, collaboration and communication.

Curriculum Coordinators, Randy Votary and Erna Sorenson introduced leaders Jo-Anne Peckham and Scott Berry, and students, who attended the Quinte Regional Science & Technology Fair, Canada Wide Science Fair and Skills Canada Competition earlier this spring.

Award winners at the Quinte Regional Science & Technology Fair from HPEDSB include:

- Cameron Bourdeau, Grade 7, Harry J. Clarke Public School, Destinations Programme, for his project Tea Time
- Holly Tetzlaff, Grade 8, Harry J. Clarke Public School, Destinations Programme, for her project Environmental Impact of Shifting Consumer Hygiene Trends, Gold Medal Winner, and a \$4,000 Entrance Scholarship to Western University
- Theresa DeCola, Grade 11, Bayside Secondary School, for her project Localised Potential Implications of Dreissenid Mussel Death and Degradation on Water Quality. Bronze Medal Winner, a \$1,000 Entrance Scholarship to Western University; the Canadian Stockholm Junior Water Prize (which includes an all-expense paid trip to Stockholm, Sweden, in early September 2014).

Award winners at the Ontario Technological Skills Competition include:

- Sterling Hattin, North Hastings High School, for his project in Welding. Bronze Medal Winner.

- Ben Anthony, Centennial Secondary School, for his project in Auto Service Technology. Bronze Medal Winner.
- Cynara Lewis, Prince Edward Collegiate Institute, for her project in Photography. Gold Medal Winner. Qualified to go to the national skills competition.

Teacher Troy Bartlett spoke on the skills and talents the students displayed and the confidence they gained through the competition.

Holly Tetzlaff thanked the Kiwanis, Board and The Hastings and Prince Edward Learning Foundation for their support and added that her participation in the Canada Wide Science Fair has been a memorable experience for her.

Principal Darren McFarlane and teacher Hilary-Anne Clarke added that these competitions are great experiences that give students confidence through positive feedback and encouragement that helps shape their future plans.

### **Recognition of Student Trustees**

Chair Inch thanked Student Trustees Abigail Bonter and Meghan Peckham for their participation on the Board this year. Vice-chair and Student Senate liaison, Dave Patterson, remarked on the leadership and work ethic these students have shown. Board Policy No. 3 identifies the importance of the student voice on the Board and these students have done so on behalf of their peers.

The students were presented with their nameplates, a memory box and honorarium.

### **Approval of the agenda**

**Moved: J. Cobb**  
**Seconded: J. Williams**

**That the agenda be approved.**

Carried

### **Approval of the minutes**

**Moved: T. Goodfellow**  
**Seconded: B. Danes**

**That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 2014 be approved.**

Carried

### **Business arising from the minutes**

None.

### **Report from the Committee of the Whole**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the following recommendation from the June 16, 2014 Committee of the Whole Board meeting.**

1. **Appointment of the External Auditor for 2014-2015**

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**Recommendations**  
**Report from Budget Committee**  
**2014-2015 Budget approval**

**Moved: J. Cobb**  
**Seconded: D. Patterson**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the 2014-2015 capital and operating budgets in the amounts of \$9,812,577 and \$189,283,234 as contained in Board Report No. B-1 dated June 16, 2014.**

Superintendent Miller reviewed report B-1 and noted that the province has indicated a 3.1% increase over 2013-2014 in the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding across the province of which the majority reflects the integration of full day kindergarten (FDK) funding into the GSN. FDK funding was previously allocated to boards through other education program grants.

In 2014-2015 full implementation of FDK will be realized and FDK students will be recognized as full time students in the GSN calculation. In the secondary panel, it is expected that there will be a decline of approximately 280 students and an ongoing decline over the next few years.

As well, a new funding model for the special education high needs amount has been announced. It is not expected that this will significantly impact the board for 2014-2015.

A balanced 2014-2015 budget was presented with no draw required on the limited surplus funds. This is an improvement from the 2013-2014 revised deficit estimate of \$1.6 M.

The 2014-2015 budget continues to support the boards' system priorities in support of student achievement while maintaining the fiscal integrity of its operations.

Trustees recognized the hard work of staff to achieve a balanced budget.

**Carried**

**Report from Operation and Finance Committee**  
**Borrowing resolution**

**Moved: S. Clements**  
**Seconded: T. Goodfellow**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board, in order to meet current 2014-2015 expenditures, approve the attached resolution authorizing the borrowing of a sum of up to \$14,000,000 outstanding at any one time as contained in the Board Report No. B-2 dated June 16, 2014.**

Trustee Danes noted that this is normal business to establish an operating line of credit for cash flow to meet the current expenditures of the board until the revenues have been received.

**Carried**

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**Report from Program and Human Resources Committee  
Special Education Plan**

**Moved: L. Kyle**  
**Seconded: T. Hall**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the amendments to the Special Education Plan 2013-2014 as contained in the Board Report No. B-3 dated June 16, 2014.**

Trustee Williams called on Superintendent Rogers to report.

Superintendent Rogers noted that in order to be compliant with the *Standards for School Boards' Special Education Plans (2000)*, we are required to maintain, review annually, update and submit our Special Education Plan to the Ministry of Education.

Superintendent Rogers reviewed the summary of amendments.

Carried

**Date and location of the regular November Board meeting**

**Moved: J. Cobb**  
**Seconded: T. Goodfellow**

**That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve holding the regular November meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014, at Quinte Mohawk School, Shannonville, as outlined in Board Report B-4, dated June 16, 2014.**

Trustee Williams noted that each year Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board holds a Board meeting at a school within the district.

Trustee Brant said he is pleased to be able to offer Quinte Mohawk School and is looking forward to providing a tour of the school.

Trustee Patterson added that this decision is in line with our endorsement of the Charter of Commitment and our support of equality of education and opportunities for all students.

Director Savery-Whiteway thanked Trustee Brant for his assistance in securing this venue.

Carried

**Information**

**Calendar of events**

- Correction - Kente Public School graduation on Tuesday, June 24, 2014

**Report from the chair**

Chair Inch reported that a trustee work session on the AiM System Plan for 2014-2015 was completed with the director today.

**Report from the Executive Committee**

Nothing to report.

**Report from Operations and Finance Committee**

Trustee Danes reported on the following items from the meeting of June 9, 2014:

- Borrowing resolution
- Parking lot improvements at Kente Public School, North Hastings High School and Maynooth Public School

**Report from Program and Human Resources**

Trustee Williams reported on the following items from the meeting of June 9, 2014:

- Presentation on continuing education program
- Overview of summer school program
- Special Education Plan 2013-2014
- Date and location of November Board meeting

**Reports from Staff**

**Board and Committee meeting schedule 2014-2015**

Director Savery-Whiteway discussed the meeting schedule for next year. A suggestion was made to include the date of the special meeting in November to approve all outstanding minutes.

**Trustee questions, reports and proposals**

- Elections in our schools
- Baccalaureate program awards at Moira Secondary School
- Sir MacKenzie Bowell final awards ceremony
- Trenton High School girls rugby team
- Quinte Secondary School athletic awards

**Correspondence**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary