

**Members present:** E. Charlton-(v), S. Binder, K. Hambly, K. Kramp, S. Lewis, S. Maracle, E. Parsons-(v), R. Prinzen, A. Robertson, R. Speck-(v),

**Student Trustees:** A. Shah, C. Vance, J. Webster

**Absent:**

**Guests:** none

**Resources:** K. Donnell, K. Dostaler, T. Elliott, N. Kishinchandani, K. MacIver, K. Niemi, D. McFarlane

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

**1. Call to order**

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Public Board meeting.

**2. Motion to convene into a closed Committee of the Whole – not required**

**3. Reconvene to Regular Public Board meeting - not required**

**4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

Trustee Kramp offered the Land Acknowledgement.

**5. Presentation: Swearing in of new and returning Student Trustees**

Director MacIver welcomed each of the student trustees; Aashvi Shah, Clara Vance and Julia Webster to come forward and be sworn in and sign their declaration of office for the 2023-2024 school year.

**6. Roll Call**

Chair Binder requested a roll call of Trustees and Student Trustees. All members present.

**7. Approval of the agenda**

**Mover:** K. Kramp

**Seconder:** A. Robertson

That the agenda for the September 25, 2023 Regular Public Board Meeting be approved.

**Carried**

**8. Conflict of Interest – None declared.**

**9. Consent Agenda Items**

**Recommendation**

**Mover:** K. Hambly

**Seconder:** A. Robertson

That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

(a) Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2023

(b) Special Public Board Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

(c) Committee Meeting Minutes (for information only)

- i) Audit Committee June 7, 2023
- ii) Physical Planning, Finance and Building June 5, 2023
- iii) Governance and Policy June 10, 2023

**Carried**

10. **Rise and Report from the Closed Committee of the Whole** – Vice-chair Prinzen reported a Special Closed Committee of the Whole meeting was held on September 18, 2023; Human Resource matters were discussed.

11. **Report from External Organizations:**

(a) **Food for Learning Steering Committee** – no report

- (b) **Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)** – Trustee Robertson attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting on September 24-25, 2023, highlights from that meeting were:
- OPSBA was approached by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association regarding social media litigation; several individual Catholic School Boards are considering joining,
  - Local Government week takes place October 16-20, 2023; Trustees are encouraged to reach out to schools to schedule visits and to share materials that can be modified to include board specific items,
  - draft policy update to be shared within the next few days regarding the Updated Draft Legal Defense Fund Policy,
  - three motions were voted on and passed; they included motions to continue holding in-person only Public Education Symposium and Annual General Meetings, and to continue holding hybrid Board of Directors meetings.
  - next Board of Directors meeting will take place in November and paired with the OPSBA Advocacy Day at Queens Park.

12. **Standing Committee Reports:**

(a) **Governance and Policy Committee** - Chair Binder shared highlights from the September 18, 2023:

- reviewed the draft Board and Communications and Media Relations Policy,
- reviewed the Student Representation on Board Policy,
- reviewed the 2023-2024 Trustee Learning Sessions, and
- reviewed suggested By-Law revisions.

Chair Binder noted that there is one recommendation coming forward from the Governance and Policy Committee for Board approval.

**Recommendation:**

**Mover: S. Lewis**

**Seconder: A. Robertson**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board give public notice that revisions to the HPEDSB By-Laws will be coming forward to the October 23, 2023, Regular Public Board meeting for review and approval.**

**Carried**

(b) **Student Learning, Well-Being and Equity Committee** – Trustee Lewis shared highlights from the September 6, 2023, meeting:

- reviewed an information report on the Ministry of Education Student Achievement Plan outlined in *The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023*.

Chair Binder noted that there is one recommendation coming forward from the Student Learning, Well-being, and Equity Committee.

**Recommendation**

**Mover:** A. Robertson  
**Seconder:** K. Hambly

That Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board acknowledge that the three Provincial Priorities are embedded and serve as the foundation for the current 2020-2025 HPEDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan.

**Secondary Motion**

**Moved:** R. Prinzen  
**Seconded:**

That the above recommendation be postponed to the next meeting.

The secondary motion was not seconded.

**Not Carried**

The main recommendation was discussed and brought forward for approval.

**Carried**

**(c) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee** – Trustee Kramp shared highlights from the September 11, 2023, meeting:

- reviewed a report on the 2023-2024 Capital Priorities Program,
- reviewed a report on Long-Term Capital and Accommodation Plan,
- reviewed a report on Easthill Elementary School,
- reviewed a report on Interim Financial Report (as of July 31, 2023),
- received a verbal update on Enrolment updates,

Chair Binder noted that there are two recommendations coming forward from the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee.

**Recommendation**

**Moved:** A. Robertson  
**Seconded:** S. Lewis

That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the borrowing resolution in order to meet 2023-2024 capital expenditures of the board.

- Authorizing the borrowing of a sum of up to \$11,606,364 from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, in order to meet short-term borrowing requirements for the demolition of an existing building and the construction of a new K-8 elementary school, Easthill Elementary School, on the Queen Elizabeth (Belleville) site under the Capital Priorities Grant, Full Day Kindergarten and Child Care programs.

**Carried**

Trustees asked questions regarding the occupancy of Easthill Elementary School, Director MacIver responded to their questions.

**Recommendation**

**Moved:** K. Hambly  
**Seconded:** S. Lewis

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the proposed trustee mileage allocation to differentiate the distances travelled. This allocation will be reviewed annually after the Organization Meeting held in November.**

**Carried**

Trustees asked questions regarding this mileage allocation, Director MacIver responded to their questions.

**13. Statutory Committee Reports:**

- (a) **Audit Committee** – Trustee Robertson provided highlights from the September 20, 2023 meeting:
- re-elected Trustee Robertson as Chair of the Audit Committee,
  - reviewed the 2023-2024 Annual Report on Internal Audit Activities,
  - reviewed the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees,
  - reviewed the report on the Annual Report to the Ministry of Education,
  - received a verbal update on External Audit, and
  - approved a recommendation to go forward to the Board on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for approval of the Regional Internal Audit Plan.
- (b) **Parent Involvement Committee** – no report
- (c) **Special Education Advisory Committee** – no report
- (d) **Supervised Alternative Learning Committee** – no report.

**14. Advisory Committee Reports:**

- (a) **Accessibility Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee** – no report
- (c) **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** – no report
- (d) **Student Discipline Committee** – no report
- (e) **Student Voice Committee** – no report

**15. Administrative Committee Reports**

- (a) **Information Technology Advisory Committee** – no report
- (b) **Mental Health Leadership Team** – no report

**16. Ad Hoc Committee Report** - no report

**17. Chair's Report** - Report included the following highlights:

- attended the Learning Foundation Open House “*New Year, New Look, New Faces*” held on September 8, 2023,
- attended an information session on Community Planning and Partnerships meeting held at Kente Public School on September 21, 2023,
- attended the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting September 22-23, 2023.

**18. Director's Report** – Report included the following highlights:

- introduced new Superintendent of Business Services, Narin Kishinchandani,
- shared unfortunate news circulating throughout the province about gender politics, and noted that as a system HPEDSB made a public statement clarifying HPEDSB's commitment to safe and inclusive spaces for all,
- shared the system focus on Student Achievement; literacy, math, and de-streaming in grade 9 pathway,
- reviewed a number of operational items upcoming for decisions such as; Boundary reviews, transportation adjustments,
- joined students at Marmora Public School for the first day of school,
- attended an assembly at Eastside Secondary School,

- interviewed by Mix 97 and 95.5 Hits FM radio stations,
- thanked staff who attended the Military Family Resource Centre Lawn Party on September 16<sup>th</sup>,
- welcomed 55 International Students from 11 countries, and
- thanked facilities and custodial staff for their work over the summer.

**19. HPEDSB Staff Reports:**

- (a) **Enrolment Update:** A verbal update was provided on the elementary and secondary enrolment to date. Current student enrolment is 15,343; elementary is 10,779 which is 98 fewer students than projected; secondary is 4,565 which is 28 higher than projected. Enrolment is still changing and will be updated. Current Kindergarten enrolment is 148 students higher than projected. Trustees asked questions regarding enrolment and Superintendent McFarlane responded to their questions. A request to bring forward information back to Trustees regarding the “leavers” was requested, Superintendent McFarlane noted he would be providing that information when it becomes available.
- (b) **Summer Learning and Mental Health Supports:** Report included an update of the Summer Learning and Mental Health supports delivered to students in 2023. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Dostaler responded to their questions. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 25.
- (c) **2023 Ontario Scholars:** Report included the percentage of graduating students from seven secondary schools. In June 2023, there were a total of 336 students across HPEDSB eligible for this provincial award. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 30.
- (d) **Multi Year Strategic Plan 2022-2023 Year End:** Report included an update to Trustees on the goals of the HPEDSB 2020-2025 Multi Year End Strategic Plan. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 31.
- (e) **Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee:** Report includes information on a Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee (BRAC) being created. As a result of this committee being created, there is a need to identify two Trustees to serve on the Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committees; one for Harmony-Foxboro area and one for Trenton-Bayside area. To review the report, click [here](#) and go to page 32.

Chair Binder noted that there is a recommendation for Board to approve two trustee members for this committee: one for Harmony-Foxboro and one for Trenton-Bayside.

Chair Binder asked for nominations from Trustees for the Harmony-Foxboro area Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Hambly nominated Trustee Charlton to represent the committee for the Harmony-Foxboro area. Trustee Kramp seconded the motion, Trustee Charlton accepted the motion.

Chair Binder asked a second and third time for nominations, no further nominations came forward.

**Recommendation:**

**Moved:** A. Robertson  
**Seconded:** R. Prinzen

**That the nominations be closed.**

**Carried**

**Chair Binder declared Trustee Charlton has been elected to represent the Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee for the Harmony-Foxboro area.**

Chair Binder asked for nominations from Trustees for the Trenton-Bayside area Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Lewis nominated Trustee Hambly to represent the committee for the Trenton-Bayside area. Trustee Kramp seconded the motion, Trustee Hambly accepted the motion.

Chair Binder asked a second and third time for nominations, no further nominations came forward.

**Recommendation:**

**Moved:           A. Robertson  
Seconded:       S. Lewis**

**That the nominations be closed.**

**Carried**

**Chair Binder declared Trustee Hambly has been elected to represent the Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee for the Trenton-Bayside area.**

**20. Calendar of Events and meetings scheduled for September 2023:**

Trustee events, committee meetings and school events are noted on the agenda. Trustee Hambly shared information that the City of Belleville would be hosting a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday September 30, 2023, at Lions' Pavilion in West Zwick's Park beginning at 10:00 am. Trustee Parsons shared information about Frankford Public School celebrating 100 Years on Saturday September 30, 2023, at 36 Adelaide Street, Frankford with an open house scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., formal presentations at 10:00 a.m.

**21. Correspondence – nil**

**22. Unfinished Business – nil**

**23. Trustee Motions for Consideration - nil**

**24. Trustee Notice of Motions - nil**

**25. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

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***Chair***

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***Secretary***