

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

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Glenda McComb, Itinerant Teacher, Susan Lammes, Education Assistant and Josh Valenti, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

**Resources:** K. Donnell, K. Dostaler, T. Elliott, K. Horrigan, T. Jones, K. MacIver, D. McFarlane

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

**1. Call to order**

Chair Binder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Regular Public Board meeting.

- 2. Presentation** – Superintendent Dostaler introduced Glenda McComb, Itinerant Teacher for Blind/Low Vision, Deaf, and Hard of Hearing Students, and Sue Lammes, Educational Assistant at PECL. Their presentation shared various resources and equipment available to support student learning.

**3. Motion to convene into a Closed Committee of the Whole**

**Mover:** K. Hambly

**Seconder:** A. Robertson

**That the Regular Public Board meeting convened into a Closed Committee of the Whole at 6:18 p.m.**

**Carried**

**4. Reconvened to Regular Public Board meeting at 6:37 p.m.**

**5. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands**

Student Trustee Webster offered the Land Acknowledgement.

**6. Roll Call**

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

**7. Approval of the agenda**

**Mover:** K. Hambly

**Seconder:** A. Robertson

**That the agenda for the February 26, 2024, Regular Public Board Meeting be approved.**

**Carried**

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

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**9. Consent Agenda Items:**

Chair Binder requested that item 9(a) be removed from the list of consent agenda items and moved to item 9.1 for discussion.

**That the following Consent Agenda items be approved:**

- (a) item moved to 9.1**
- (b) Committee Meeting Minutes (for information only)**
  - i) Governance and Policy January 15, 2024,**
  - ii) Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Minutes  
January 8, 2024,**
  - iii) Parent Involvement Committee November 15, 2023,**
  - iv) Student Learning, Well-Being, and Equity Committee November 6, 2023.**

**9.1** A request to amend the draft minutes from the Regular Public Board Meeting on January 22, 2024, came forward. The amendment removed the secondary motion from item 12(c)i because the secondary motion was not seconded and was not part of the business for discussion.

**Mover: A. Robertson  
Seconded: E. Charlton**

**The January 22, 2024, Regular Public Board Meeting minutes are approved as amended.**

**Carried**

**10. Rise and Report from Closed Committee of the Whole –** Vice-chair Robertson reported that a Closed Committee of the Whole meeting was held on February 26, 2024; two human resource matters were discussed, with two recommendations to the Board.

**Recommendation**

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

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the terms of the local Collective Agreement between Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation District 29 Teacher and Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit for the period of September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026.**

**Carried**

**Recommendation**

**Mover: A. Robertson  
Seconded: R. Speck**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the appointment of Bryce Wilson as Superintendent of Business Services with a personal service contract effective March 11, 2024.**

**Carried**

**11. Report from External Organizations:**

**(a) Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)** – Vice-chair Robertson provided the following highlights from OPSBA:

- attended the Public Education Symposium in January. Six Trustees in total attended sessions that were informative topics such as navigating complex public relations, food literacy, and Bill 98,
- nominations for OPSBA awards are open to acknowledge Trustees, teachers, education workers, school administrators, students or community members who make a difference in their local school or community. The nomination form can be found on OPSBA's website, and nominations are being received until April 5th.

**(b) Food for Learning Steering Committee** – Trustee Hambly shared highlights from the January 18, 2024 meeting:

- online training is available for New Safe Food Handling for volunteers,
- The "Feed the Meter" campaign raised \$51,000.

**12. Standing Committee Reports:**

**(a) Governance and Policy Committee** – Chair Binder provided the following highlights from the Governance and Policy Committee meeting held on February 20, 2024:

- reviewed and approved the final draft of Policy XX: Indemnification of Board Members, with a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- reviewed and approved the fourth draft of Policy XX: Board Communications and Media Relations, with a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- approved a recommendation to rescind the motion approved in November 2023, with a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- reviewed and provided direction for a Notice of Motion that was received.

**i) Recommendation – Policy 11: Indemnification of Board Members**

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

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 11: Indemnification of Board Members. With the approval of this revised policy, Policy 3-I will be revoked.**

**Carried**

**ii) Recommendation – Policy 08: Board Communications and Media Relations**

**Mover: A. Robertson**  
**Seconder: R. Speck**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve Policy 08: Board Communications and Media Relations. With the approval of this revised policy, Policy 3-D will be revoked.**

**Carried**

**Mover: R. Prinzen**  
**Seconder: A. Robertson**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board rescind the motion passed on November 27, 2023;**

**“That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board of Trustees do not have individual Trustee social media accounts.”**

through a two-thirds vote as per HPEDSB By-laws Section 5.34.1(b).

Carried

iii) **Recommendation – HPEDSB Advocate for a National School Food Program**

**Mover:** A. Robertson

**Seconder:** R. Prinzen

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board submit a letter advocating to the federal government to include funding for a National School Food Program in Budget 2024.**

Carried

(b) **Student Learning, Well-Being, and Equity Committee** – Trustee Lewis shared highlights from the February 5, 2024 meeting:

- received an update on the Math Achievement Action Plan (MAAP), including digital tools available to educators and students,
- received an update on the Early reading screener selection and implementation process,
- received an update on the School Year Calendar,
- received an update from Student Services regarding restructuring behavioural support services,
- received an update about the social media mass tort process and implications,
- received information about the innovative, new Travel for Credit program.

(c) **Physical Planning, Finance, and Building Committee** – Trustee Charlton shared the following highlights from the February 12, 2024, meeting:

- received an update on the building renewal project plan,
- received an update on the projections for student enrolment for the 2024-2025 school year,
- reviewed budget risks,
- discussed public consultation on budget priorities,
- received an update on bell times for three North Hastings schools; no change will happen,
- received an update on HPEDSB's low percentage of accumulated surplus.

**13. Standing Committee Reports:**

(a) **Audit Committee** – no report

(b) **Parent Involvement Committee** – Trustee Charlton shared the following highlights from the February 21, 2024 meeting:

- received a presentation from System Lead, Stephanie Taylor-Harvey and Attendance Counsellor Kelly Towers regarding the Safe Arrival app and its use,
- received an update on the Parent's Reaching Out (PRO) Grant applications, there were a total of 31 applications submitted for funding, 25 were approved and received approximately \$1,000 each,
- reviewed the proposed school year calendar for 2024-2025,
- received information about the innovative, new Travel for Credit program.

(c) **Special Education Advisory Committee** – Chair Binder shared the following highlights from the January 25, 2024 meeting:

- received a presentation from Mike Chambers, Learning Support Coordinator on Individual Education Plans (IEP),
- received a presentation from Stephanie Taylor-Harvey, System Lead - Student Services on the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) results from 2022-2023,
- received a membership update to welcome Laura Rashotte, Infant and Child Development Worker as the new representative for Community Services of Belleville and District,
- reviewed Sections 1.0 to 2.2 of the Special Education Plan,

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- reviewed correspondence.

Trustee Lewis shared the following highlights from the February 22, 2024 meeting:

- received a presentation from Stephanie Taylor-Harvey, System Lead - Student Services on the student achievement data from the 2022-2023 EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments of Math for Grades 3 and 6,
- reviewed the draft 2024-2025 School Year Calendar,
- reviewed Part 2 of the Special Education Plan,
- received a report from sub-committees regarding Mental Health and Individual Education Plans,
- reviewed correspondence.

**(d) Supervised Alternative Learning Committee** – Trustee Hambly provided highlights from the February 15, 2024 meeting:

- a total of 21 students were approved for Supervised Alternative Learning.

**14. Advisory Committee Reports:**

**(a) Accessibility Advisory Committee** – no report

**(b) Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee** – no report

**(c) Indigenous Education Advisory Committee** – Trustee Maracle provided the following highlights from meetings held in January and February:

- working on the formalization of a community partner model, to work more strategically to embed Indigenous histories, culture and perspectives authentically and collaboratively with educators,
- reviewed the programming and initiatives that directly support improving and expanding the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous history, realities,
- currently looking at a strategic planning meeting that will go beyond a year-to-year model to include 1-3-5 year plans.

**(d) Student Voice Committee** – Student Trustees provided highlights from the student voice committee meetings:

- establishing Student Voice committees in each secondary school,
- requested students to provide feedback on the vaping problem in school bathrooms,
- planning the Student Voice Conference scheduled for April 26 at the Education Centre. Participation will include 8-10 students from each secondary school.

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

**16. Chair's Report** included the following highlights:

- attended the Public Education Symposium in January,
  - participated in a knowledge-building trustee retreat in mid-February with presenter Marion Thomson Howell
- (a) **Trustee Sharing** - nothing reported at this time

**17. Director's Report** included the following highlights:

- welcomed Tina Jones to her new role as Superintendent of Education,
- welcomed Mary Doyle to her new role as Communications Officer,
- shared information regarding an exciting new opportunity for Summer Programming, Travel for Credit - Board of Choice,
- congratulated Centennial Secondary School Grade 12 student, Emma Little on receiving the OSSTF Student Achievement for Ontario. Emma will be interviewed and filmed by OSSTF to be highlighted at their provincial gathering and awarded \$1,000 and a plaque,
- Loyalist College partners with NHHS on a dual credit program,
- received a donation of \$5,000 from The Hilly Hundred organization which is a local bike ride throughout the Bancroft area. The donation will resurrect the Mountain Bike Club at North Hastings High School,

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- reviewed the Student Achievement Plan template with data received by the Board; more information will be shared at the next Board meeting.

**18. HPEDSB Staff Reports**

- (a) **Mid-Year Strategic Plan update** – Report included an overview of focused progress on priorities and goals as outlined in the 2020-2025 HPEDSB Strategic Plan. Trustees asked questions and Director MacIver and Superintendents responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 29.
- (b) **Recommendation - School Year Calendar** – Report included an overview of the survey data collected to determine the preferred option for the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar with a recommendation to approve. Trustees asked questions and Superintendent Elliott responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 40.

**Mover: R. Prinzen  
Seconded: E. Charlton**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar.**

**Carried**

- (c) **Recommendation - Boundary Review Ad Hoc Committee**—Director MacIver extended appreciation to the members of the two committees, which include Trustee Hambly and Trustee Charlton. Director MacIver asked Superintendent Dostaler and Senior Manager Horrigan to provide further details about the two recommendations. The report included an overview of the recommendations for boundary adjustments brought forward by the Ad Hoc Committee. Trustees asked questions, and Superintendent Dostaler, Kim Horrigan, Senior Manager Facility Services and Josh Valenti, Watson & Associates, responded to their questions. To review the entire report, click [here](#) and go to page 43.

**Mover: E. Charlton  
Seconded: A. Robertson**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the recommended changes for the Bayside-Trenton Attendance Area to direct Frankford Public School English students from Bayside Secondary School to Trenton High School for Grade 9 as of September 2025 with an option for any current Grade 8 students at Frankford Public School to attend Trenton High School in September 2024.**

**Carried**

**Mover: A. Robertson  
Seconded: K. Kramp**

**That the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board approve the recommended changes for the Harmony-Foxboro Attendance Area as follows:**

- Northwest of Moira River redirected from Harmony Public School to Foxboro Public School.
- North of the 401 between Front St. and Sidney St., redirected from Harmony Public School to Susanna Moodie Elementary School.
- West of Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd., but capturing Chatterton Valley Crescent redirected from Foxboro Public School to Susanna Moodie Elementary School.

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**as of September 2025. Existing Grades 7s and 8s enrolled within these areas at the time of implementation (September 2025) would be allowed to continue in their current school without interruption until they are ready to move to high school.**

**Carried**

- 19. Calendar of Events:** To review the calendar of events and meetings, click [here](#) and go to page 83..
- 20. Correspondence – nil**
- 21. Unfinished Business – nil**
- 22. Trustee Motions for Consideration - nil**
- 23. Trustee Notice of Motions - nil**
- 24. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

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***Chair***

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***Secretary***