



Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 1st floor Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener.

Trustees Present:

*Wendy Ashby, Linda Cuff, Kathy Doherty-Masters (Vice-chair), Sally Fuentes, David Guerin, Renee Kraft, Marisa Phillips, Robert Sikora, Tracey Weiler (Chair)

*Via Teams

Student Trustees Present:

Chloe Armstrong, Anika Fejerpataky

Administrative Officials Present:

Tyrone Dowling, Gerald Foran, Shesh Maharaj, Paul Mendonca, Judy Merkel, Kerry Pomfret, Jennifer Ritsma, Annalisa Varano

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Recorder:

Alice Figueiredo, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The meeting opened with prayer by Trustee Guerin.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgment

Territorial Acknowledgement declared by Chair Weiler.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Chair Weiler noted the following amendments to the agenda, in the Territorial Acknowledgment, "used by" was updated to "cared for"; 5.1 will be spoken to before 4.1 to accommodate the guest and 4.1 Delegation was added as presenter notified the Board on time.

2023-36-- It was moved by Trustee Kraft and seconded by Trustee Doherty-Masters:

THAT the agenda for Monday, April 24, 2023, be now approved, as amended.

--- Carried by *consensus*.

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.4.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.4.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

1.5 Items for Action

Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder with respect to the In-camera Meeting Items of April 24, 2023, regarding Board Awards.

**2023-37-- It was moved by Trustee Sikora and seconded by Trustee Guerin:
THAT the Items of Action of the In-Camera Meeting of April 24, 2023, regarding Board Awards be now approved.
--- Carried by consensus.**

Trustee Sikora brought up a Point of Order, noting that Trustee Ashley was attending virtually as per Board By-law.

Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)

2 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Board of Trustees' Board Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2023

3.2 Chair's Report

3.3 Director's Report

3.4 2021-22 EQAO Achievement Report

3.5 Extended Day Update

Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder for approval of the consent agenda.

**2023-38- It was moved by Trustee Doherty-Masters and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:
THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved.
--- Carried by consensus.**

3 Delegations

4.1 Board Concern

Mr. Ahmed Kassad presented to the Board of Trustees his concerns with the comments made by a Trustee of our Board on social media. He noted the comments were offensive and no place in Catholic board.

4 Advice from the CEO

(Note: 5.1 was spoken to before 4.1 to accommodate guest speaker)

5.1 2023 Education Development Charges – Annual Update

Superintendent Maharaj introduced guest speak Jack Ammendolia of Watson & Associates. Mr. Ammendolia presented the annual Education Development Charges update. Chair Weiler asked Trustee if they had any clarifying questions. Board meeting was interrupted by a member of the public asking questions. Chair Weiler requested a motion to recess the board meeting.

**2023-39- It was moved by Trustee Doherty-Masters and seconded by Trustee Cuff:
That the Board of Trustees Recess at 6:20 pm.
--- Carried by consensus.**

Chair Weiler requested a motion to resume the meeting.

**2023-40- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:
That the Board of Trustees move back into Public Meeting at 7:08 p.m.
--- Carried by consensus.**

Chair Weiler once again asked Trustee if there were any clarifying questions for Mr. Ammendolia and there was not.

Meeting was moved to 4.1 for the delegation to present.

5.2 Boundary Review Process Administrative Procedure

Superintendent Maharaj introduced the Boundary Review Process Administrative Procedure presentation and presenters Virina Elgawly, Planning Officer, and Jennifer Passy, Manager of Planning. The presentation discussed the process of the current Boundary's Reviews along with the new proposed process. Also discussed were challenges of current process, opportunities and the recommendations to the Board.

Chair Weiler open the floor to clarifying questions to Trustees. Trustees discussed optics of virtual meetings, ministry requirements and operational process. Chair Weiler noted that more conversation would be required to fully understand the scope of the changes being sought. The motion was brought forth for consideration, however, Trustees requested it be taken away and come back later with more information.

5.3 2023-2024 Estimates Budget Update #4

Superintendent Maharaj presented the 2023-24 Estimate Budget Update. Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

6. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

7.1 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustees provided an update on events in the school community along with Student Trustee Role update for the month of April.

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8.1 OCSTA/CCSTA Communications

Chair Weiler discussed OCSTA Communications.

9 Policy Discussion

10 Assurance of Successful Board Performance

10.1.1 Board Policy II 015 Ownership Linkage (Is there a need to review the Policy?)

Chair Weiler confirmed review of Board Policy II 015 Ownership, moved that the Board was in compliance and requested a seconder.

2023-41 -- It was moved by Trustee Weiler and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:

THAT the Board of Trustees reviewed Board Policy II 015 Ownership and find that the Board is in compliance.

--- Carried by consensus

Chair Weiler noted that the policy should be reviewed in Governance as it had not been reviewed in the last five years.

11 Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

11.1.1 IV 006 "Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities"

Superintendent Maharaj brought forth a report demonstrating compliance with IV 006 Legal Responsibilities and Liabilities and requested approval from Trustees.

Chair Weiler opened the floor to clarifying questions. Trustees asked clarifying questions and Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder.

2023-42 -- It was moved by Trustee Cuff and seconded by Trustee Phillips:

That the Board of Trustees approves this report as demonstrating compliance with Board Policy IV 006 for the 2022-23 school year.

--- Carried by consensus

11.1.2 IV 008 "Financial Conditions and Activities"

Superintendent Maharaj brought forth a report demonstrating compliance with IV 008 "Financial Conditions and Activities" and requested approval from Trustees. Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder.

2023-43 -- It was moved by Trustee Sikora and seconded by Trustee Guerin:

That the Board of Trustees approves this report as demonstrating compliance with Board Policy IV 008 for the 2022-23 school year.

--- Carried by consensus

11.1.3 IV-012 “Communication & Support to Board”

Director Dowling brought forth a report demonstrating compliance with IV-012 “Communication & Support to Board and requested approval from Trustees.

Chair Weiler opened the floor to clarifying questions and requested a mover and seconder. Trustees sought clarification on Trustee concerns and questions and process on getting back to Trustees. Director Dowling noted that concerns are typically ongoing issues. Trustee recommended a protocol for next school year to monitor.

**2023-44 -- It was moved by Trustee Sikora and seconded by Trustee Cuff:
That the Board accept this report indicating compliance with Policy IV 012 Communication and Support to Board for the 2022-2023 school year.
--- Carried by consensus**

12 Potential Agenda Items

12.1 Notice of Motion

Chair Weiler noted that the Notice of Motion will come up for decision on May 29, 2023, Board meeting and marked as read today. Trustee Cuff requested that the motion be read. Trustee Phillips read her motion being sought.

13 Announcements

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

Trustees discussed upcoming events.

13.2 Pending Items: N/A

13.3 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration: N/A

14 Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

Trustees discussed upcoming agenda items.

15 Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight.

15.1 Confirm Decisions made tonight

15.2 Move into Private, Private

Chair Weiler requested a mover and seconder to move into Private, Private.

**2023-45 -- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Guerin:
That the meeting move into Private, Private at 8:39 pm
--- Carried by consensus**

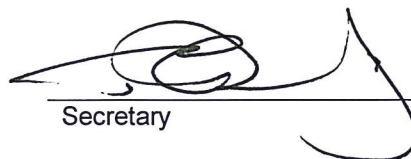
16 Closing Prayer

17 Motion to Adjourn

**2023-46-- It was moved by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Fuentes:
THAT the meeting be returned to public and be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:53 p.m.**



Chair of the Board



Secretary