

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board

Monday, March 5, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held this date in the Board Room, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michael Barrett, Gordon Baxter, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Donna Edwards, Linda Lowery, Carolyn Morton, Linda Stone, Christine Winters-Feret, Kimberly Zeppieri, Student Trustee Meghan Hanna, Samar Jeddi, Sharuka Selliah

Regrets: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Paul Crawford

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Superintendents Mark Fisher, Mohamed Hamid, Richard Kennelly, Anne Marie Laginski, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Silvia Peterson, Martine Robinson, Camille Taylor, Associate Director David Visser, Communications Manager Terry Simzer

Regrets: Superintendent John Legere

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Recommended Actions

(a) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018

Director Lisa Millar provided trustees with an overview of the Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 report. Christine Nancekivell, Senior Manager of Facilities Services provided trustees with an analysis of the MPAC Data and Census Data information to determine the number and distribution of trustees for the October 2018 election. She also answered questions of trustees. A lengthy discussion ensued.

2018:74

Moved by Trustee Chris Braney

Seconded by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE BOARD FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OUTLINING THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE DATA RECEIVED BY MPAC; AND

THAT THE BOARD REQUEST A RESPONSE BY MARCH 15, 2018 IN ORDER FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD TO COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY FOR THE 2018 ELECTION BY MARCH 31, 2018.

CARRIED AS AMENDED LATER
IN THE MEETING (See following
motion)

2018:75

Moved by Trustee Chris Braney

Seconded by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE FOREGOING MOTION (2018:74) OF TRUSTEES CHRIS BRANEY AND CAROLYN MORTON BE AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTING THE RESPONSE DATE OF MARCH 16, 2018 WITH MARCH 15, 2018; AND

THAT THE CORRESPONDENCE BE FORWARDED TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ON MARCH 6, 2018.

CARRIED

(a) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 (Continued)

2018:76

Moved by Trustee Donna Edwards

Seconded by Trustee Christine Winters-Feret

THAT THE TRUSTEE DETERMINATION FOR THE TOWN OF AJAX REMAIN STATUS QUO WITH 1 TRUSTEE ESSENTIALLY SOUTH OF KINGSTON ROAD (NEW WARD 3) AND 1 TRUSTEE ESSENTIALLY NORTH OF KINGSTON ROAD (NEW WARDS 1 AND 2).

CARRIED

2018:77

Moved by Trustee Kimberly Zeppieri

Seconded by Trustee Linda Stone

- (a) THAT THE BOARD PREPARE A MEDIA RELEASE REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TRUSTEE DETERMINATION AND DISTRIBUTION FOR THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION;
- (b) THAT THE BOARD FORWARD A LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OUTLINING THE ISSUES CONCERNING MPAC DATA AND REQUESTING THE ADDITION OF ONE TRUSTEE BY MARCH 15, 2018;
- (c) THAT THE BOARD SEEK PUBLIC CONSULTATION VIA AN ON-LINE VOTER SURVEY REGARDING THE FOLLOWING TRUSTEE DISTRIBUTION:
- OPTION #1 – STATUS QUO FOR A TOTAL OF 11 TRUSTEES
 - OPTION #2 – COMBINE THE THREE TOWNSHIPS (BROCK, UXBRIDGE AND SCUGOG) TO BE REPRESENTED BY 1 TRUSTEE, AND 1 ADDITIONAL TRUSTEE POSITION TO WHITBY, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF WHITBY TRUSTEES TO 3 POSITIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 11 TRUSTEES
 - AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TWO AJAX TRUSTEES AS FOLLOWS:
 - i. WARDS 1 AND 2 = 1 TRUSTEE
 - ii. WARD 3 = 1 TRUSTEE; AND

(a) Trustee Determination and Distribution 2018 (Continued)

- (d) THAT THE PUBLIC WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD ON THIS MATTER ONLY AT THE BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2018.

CARRIED

Trustee Donna Edwards suggested that a letter be forwarded to all English public school boards in Ontario making them aware of the MPAC discrepancy and that the correspondence to the Minister also include a request to change the regulation and the MPAC methodology of information. The Board agreed by consensus.

4. Adjournment

2018:78

MOVED by Trustee Linda Lowery

SECONDED by Trustee Chris Braney

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 p.m.

Chair

Secretary