
Trustees: Kathy Archer (Electronically), Becky Buck (Electronically), Sabreina Dahab, Dawn Danko (Electronically), Amanda Fehrman, Maria Felix Miller, Graeme Noble (Electronically), Paul Tut, Todd White, Elizabeth Wong (Electronically). Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang.

Regrets: Trustee Ray Mulholland.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #24-83: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest – None

4. Farewell to Student Trustees Thomas Lin and Harry Wang

The Chair of the Board and Director shared comments on behalf of both the Board of Trustees and staff, thanking Student Trustees Lin and Wang for doing an exceptional job, noting their unwavering commitment to student voice and passion for making a difference was evident and appreciated.

5. Confirmation of the Minutes: May 27, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-84: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that the minutes from May 27, 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

6. Correspondence

RESOLUTION # 24-85: Trustees Fehrman/White moved that the correspondence from E. Biro be received.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division:

In Favour (7): Trustees Buck, Danko, Fehrman, Miller, Tut, White and Wong. Student Trustee Lin.

Opposed (1): Trustee Dahab.

Abstain (1): Trustee Noble. Student Trustee Wang.

Reports from Trustee Special Committees:

7. A. Finance & Facilities – May 21, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-86: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Finance & Facilities report from May 21, 2024 be approved including that:

- the 2024-2025 Accommodation Strategy Schedule
- the Hamilton East/Lower Stoney Creek Boundary Review which includes Collegiate Elementary School, Eastdale Elementary School, Lake Avenue Elementary School, South Meadow Elementary School, and Winona Elementary School be approved to commence in the Fall of 2024
- the existing childcare per square foot license rate of \$7.60 for the 2024-2025 school year.

- that the 2024-2025 Community Use of School Rental Rates be approved and that future rate increases be reviewed at the annual rate of inflation

Hourly Space Rates for 2024-2025				
Space Type	Non-profit with no subsidy	Non-profit adult group with subsidy (50%)	Non-Profit youth group with subsidy (75%)	Business Enterprise/ Commercial (150%)
Gym Premium (7,900 sq ft+)	\$100.19	\$50.10	\$25.05	\$150.29
Gym Class 1 (6,000 to 7,899 sq ft)	\$75.15	\$37.57	\$18.79	\$112.72
Gym Class 2 (4,000 to 5,999 sq ft)	\$57.25	\$28.63	\$14.31	\$85.88
Gym Class 3 (3,000 to 3,999 sq ft)	\$39.87	\$19.93	\$9.97	\$59.80
Gym Class 4 (less than 2800 sq ft)	\$26.85	\$13.43	\$6.71	\$40.28
Classroom	\$9.89	\$4.95	\$2.47	\$14.84
Learning Commons - Elem	\$20.13	\$10.06	\$5.03	\$30.19
Learning Commons - Sec	\$50.40	\$25.20	\$12.60	\$75.60
Auditorium	\$57.08	\$28.54	\$14.27	\$85.61
Cafeteria	\$57.64	\$28.82	\$14.41	\$86.47
Auditorium Class 1	\$113.81	\$56.91	\$85.36	\$170.72
Auditorium Class 2	\$79.65	\$39.83	\$59.74	\$119.48
Auditorium Class 3	\$53.92	\$26.96	\$40.44	\$80.88
Auditorium Class 4	\$35.93	\$17.97	\$26.95	\$53.90

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour

B. Finance & Facilities – May 29, 2024

RESOLUTION#24-87: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Finance & Facilities report from May 28, 2024 be approved including that the Capital Budget Projects in Progress be approved at a total of \$47,900,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang in favour.

C. Finance & Facilities – June 4, 2024

Staff provided a [presentation](#) (the same presentation was presented to the Finance & Facilities Committee on June 4, 2024) on the Budget to Trustees.

RESOLUTION #24-88: Trustees Tut/Fehrman moved that the Finance & Facilities report from June 4, 2024 be approved including that :

- the 2024-2025 Operating Budget expenditures in the amount of \$706,643,797 and that the Associate Director Business Services and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds as outlined in the Summary of Expenditures
- the 2024-2025 Capital Budget expenditures in the amount of \$93,088,162 and that the Associate Director Business Services and Treasurer be authorized to proceed with the expenditure of funds as

outlined in the Summary of Funding Sources and Expenditures. The Associate Director Business Services and Treasurer is further authorized to secure short-term financing for project expenditures until such time as permanent funding is secured, if required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustee Lin and Wang in favour.

8. Program – May 23, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-89: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Program Committee report from May 23, 2024 be approved including that the Elementary Program Strategy, including Elementary French Immersion, and Secondary Program Strategy be reviewed over the next year to ensure alignment with the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP), ensure both strategies meet the needs of HWDSB students and ensure balance, fair and equitable distribution of resources delivered in a fiscally responsible manner be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.
Trustee White was not present during the vote.

Reports from Legislated Committees:

9. Parent Involvement Committee – May 14, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-90: Trustees Fehrman/Tut moved that the Parent Involvement Committee report from May 14, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.
Trustee White was not present during the vote.

Reports from Community Advisory Committees:

10. Human Rights & Equity – May 29, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-91: Trustees Dahab/Tut moved that the Human Rights & Equity Committee report from May 29, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

11. Reports from: Committee of the Whole (private) – June 10, 2024

RESOLUTION #24-92: Trustees Tut/White moved that the Committee of the Whole report from June 10, 2024 be approved including that Finance & Facilities Committee reports from May 21, 28 and June 4, 2024 be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Student Trustees Lin and Wang voted in favour.

Trustee Danko left the meeting.

12. Written Notices of Motion: Report on EQAO Strategy

Submitted by Trustee Paul Tut

Whereas the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is considered to contribute to the quality and accountability of Ontario's publicly funded education system for K-12 students with results of the provincial assessments made available to the public in support of accountability;

Whereas EQAO tests (Grade 3, 6 and 9) and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) collect data with reports being provided to schools and school boards with details about their students' achievements that are intended to be used to improve school programming and classroom instruction;

Whereas HWDSB's Strategic Direction to *Provide Equitable Quality Education* is closely aligned with EQAO's value to provide all students the opportunity to reach their highest possible level of achievement;

Whereas the EQAO tests conducted assess Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Grades 3 and 6 students and Mathematics for Grade 9 students, and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) for Grade 10 students and two of HWDSB Board Improvement Plan Goals are focused specifically on improving literacy achievement and numeracy achievement for every student and;

Whereas HWDSB students have traditionally performed below the provincial standards on the EQAO evaluations conducted annually.

RESOLUTION #24-93: Trustees Tut/Buck moved that staff provide a report in the fall of 2024 related to our school board's strategy to support student achievement on EQAO.

The motion FAILED on the following division:

In Favour (4): Trustees Buck, Fehrman, Miller and Tut

Opposed (4): Trustees Archer, Dahab, Noble and White. Student Trustee Lin.

Abstain: Student Trustee Wang.

The Chair later requested a reconsideration of the vote, following notification from a Trustee who experienced technical difficulties during the vote on this item.

The motion **CARRIED** on the following division:

In Favour (6): Trustees Archer, Buck, Fehrman, Miller, Tut and Wong.

Opposed (3): Trustees Dahab, Noble and White, Student Trustee Lin.

Abstain: Student Trustee Wang.

13. Oral Reports from Liaison Committees:

A. City/School Board Liaison Committee

Chair Miller shared that the committee met on May 27 and held discussions on proposed housing units surrounding the Riverdale Rec. Centre and Community Hub expansion project, Bernie Custis and Tim Horton's Field, and bike lane safety near Orchard Park Secondary.

B. Hamilton-Wentworth Council of Home & School Associations

Chair Miller (on behalf of Trustee Danko) shared that the Council was wrapping up with year-end events and will reconvene in September with committee elections.

C. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

Trustee Buck provided an oral update noting the success of "Take your MPP to School" Week and that the Premier recently had a cabinet shuffle where Todd Smith replaced Stephen Leece as Minister of Education.

14. Oral Reports:

A. Student Trustee's Report – Local Activities & Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) Report

Student Trustees Lin and Wang provided an oral update and noted:

- The student-led motion requesting a comprehensive report on food programs was passed and the report was received last week by the Program Committee.
- Worked with the Equity Team to help translate and respond to the biased, prejudiced and hate student document, making it more user-friendly.

- Attended the HWDSB Oral Communications Festival (participating as a judge) and the international student graduation along with Superintendent Lemaire.

B. Director's Report

Director Shery Robinson Petrazzini, provided a [presentation](#) to the Board highlighting:

- Ancaster Meadow, Adelaide Hoodless, Queensdale Elementary, Central Elementary and Sir Winston Churchill school visits.
- Walking Together event with Trustee Dahab at Liuna Station in celebration of Indigenous Student Achievement.
- Pride Flag raising ceremony alongside Trustees Fehrman and Miller at the Education Centre on May 30, 2024.
- Presentation of the HWDSB Multi Year Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan to the Rotary Club of Hamilton

C. Chair's Report

Chair Miller provided the following update:

- Thanked Trustees for their dedication to their schools and communities, noting the upcoming commencement celebrations at the end of the month
- Expressed appreciation for the passing of the 2024-2025 Budget
- Provided thanks to the Communications department for the Trustee Newsletters that are posted on each school website as a way of sharing information with their communities.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Reference: [Agenda Package](#) and [Recording](#), [Recording2](#)