

The Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open meeting held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. in the Large Boardroom.

PRESENT

Trustees: Chair Martin (Committee Chairperson), Trustee MacKenzie (Board Chairperson), Trustee Connolly, Trustee Durst, Trustee Glover, Trustee Tanguay, Trustee Leahy, Trustee Gaskell (Senior Student Trustee)*, Trustee Heitzner (Junior Student Trustee)*.

Absent/Regards:

Administration: Director O’Sullivan, Superintendent Armstrong, Superintendent Di Ianni* , Superintendent Heuchert, Superintendent Kahler, Superintendent Selby, Superintendent Piggott.

Guests: Ms. Hamonic* , Ms. Whitnall*

Recorder: Mrs. McLeod.

1. Call to Order

Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

a. Opening Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the Committee-of-the-Whole in Opening Prayer.

b. Land Acknowledgment

Superintendent Heuchert respectfully acknowledged that the Committee of the Whole meeting was taking place on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg.

c. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustee Glover, seconded by Trustee Tanguay, that the Committee of the Whole Open meeting Agenda be accepted.

Carried.

d. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

e. Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Open session on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Trustee Connolly requested that his name be added to the list of those present as he was in attendance at the October 10, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the In-Camera Minutes from Tuesday, October 10, 2023 be accepted with the minor amendment.

Carried.

f. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

2. Recommended Actions/Presentations:

a) 2022-2023 Financial Variances and Transfers of Accumulated Surplus Superintendent Heuchert

Superintendent Heuchert presented to the committee the 2022-2023 Financial Variance and Transfers of Accumulated Surplus report which included various supporting documents. Superintendent Heuchert reviewed Board financials and explained areas of the budget that contributed to any deficit/revenues in the reports including lack of enrolment, miscellaneous income, GSN adjustments, WSIB savings, supply costs and department savings. There were some clarifying questions from the trustees which Superintendent Heuchert answered.

Superintendent Heuchert informed the committee that although the Board saw a deficit of over one million dollars in the 2022-2023 year, this was a significant improvement from the revised estimates the Board was projecting.

Although this was an adjustment to the Board's reserves, it did not exceed the 1% allowance.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Durst, seconded by Trustee Connolly, that the Board receive the variance report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Carried.

Motion: Moved by Trustee MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee Leahy, that the Board approve the Accumulated Surplus transfers as detailed in the 2022-2023 Details of Accumulated Surplus/Deficit report.

Carried.

3. Information Items:

- a) Clarington New School Update Superintendent Heuchert

Superintendent Heuchert informed the committee that there was no official report to share on the Clarington new school update however he did mention that the Board submitted the Capital Priorities in advance of the Ministry deadline. There were some clarifying questions from the Ministry which indicates they have reviewed the applications. Hopeful for some good news.

- b) Northumberland Capital Priority Plans Superintendent Heuchert

Superintendent Heuchert informed the committee that there was no update.

4. Old Business:

There was no old business.

5. New Business

Trustee MacKenzie asked Superintendent Heuchert if he knew when the Ministry would notify school boards on the capital priority decisions. Superintendent Heuchert informed the committee it would likely be sometime in January.

6. Next Meeting:

- a) December 11, 2023, Large Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Martin acknowledged Mrs. McLeod and Superintendent Heuchert for their hard work and contributions to the committee.

7. Conclusion

- a) Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee MacKenzie, seconded by Trustee Leahy that the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting adjourn at 7:14 pm.

Carried

- b) Closing Prayer

Superintendent Piggott led the committee in closing prayer.