



MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Conference Call

Trustees:	Sharon Hobin	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Anna da Silva	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Luz del Rosario	Trustee
	Frank Di Cosola	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
Regrets:	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
Non-Voting Attendees:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Margaret Beck	Counsel
	Cindy Child	Recorder

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance
Chair Sharon Hobin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory
Chair Sharon Hobin acknowledged the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. Opening Prayer
Chair Sharon Hobin led the Opening Prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion 179 (20-07-16)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

a. Approval of Calendar Items - Nil

5. Declaration of Interest - Nil

6. Approval of Minutes, Special Board Meeting, July 7, 2020

In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato noted that the Open Minutes and the In Camera Minutes of the Special Board Meeting July 7, 2020 will be approved at the next Regular Board Meeting.

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

B. Pastor's Remarks - Nil

C. Awards and Presentation - Nil

D. Delegations - Nil

E. Updates/Information/Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports - Nil

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Luz del Rosario shared a PowerPoint - OCSTA Update July 16, 2020.

Trustee Luz del Rosario has been assigned to two committees: Budget and Human Resources and Labor Relations.

Chair Sharon Hobin has been assigned to three committees: Catholic Education and Trustee Enrichment, Political Advocacy and the AD HOC Committee.

Motion 180 (20-07-16)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION REPORT, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

2. Good News Items – Nil

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt - Nil

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt - Nil

H. Trustee/Committee/Administration Reports Requiring Action

1. Providing Input to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Regarding Bill 197 - Counsel Beck

Counsel Beck summarized the report. Discussion ensued and questions of clarification were responded to by Counsel Beck and Director Mazzorato. In response to the discussion Counsel Beck will be drafting a letter with the Board of Trustees recommendations.

Trustee Darryl D'Souza joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

1. In response to Trustee Frank Di Cosola's query, Director Mazzorato advised that all boards are affected by the proposed changes. Presently there are approximately 20 boards in the process of recruitment and hiring Directors of Education due to retirements. This broadening of the qualifications is in response to the imminent need across the province. Given the tight timeline the opportunity to raise questions and concerns is now. OCSTA requires input by July 21, 2020.
2. In response to Trustee Brea Corbet's query, Director Mazzorato advised that secondary de-streaming is not part of the proposed changes outlined in Bill 197 and is not scheduled for implementation until September 2021. It is anticipated that consultation will take place prior to implementation.
3. Trustee Anna da Silva remarked that she strongly feels that the Director should be a teacher and supervisory officer and would like that terminology included.
4. In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci's query, Director Mazzorato clarified that currently the wording does not remove the teacher and supervisory officer qualifications. Trustees advised that they suggest a clause that candidates have a background in public education.
5. In response to Trustee Anna da Silva's concern, Counsel Beck advised that wording could be included regarding the authority of the Board of Trustees to select the Director of Education and that this regulation does not diminish, remove or change this responsibility.
6. Trustee Brea Corbet remarked that this change may align school boards better with other broader public sector (BPS) organizations and broaden the scope of qualifications.
7. In response to Trustee Mario Pascucci's concern, Director Mazzorato concurred that it is important and prudent that we identify Catholic board of trustees continue to have the right to hire a Director who is Catholic. It is important that our leaders are supporting Catholic education and recognize our faith. The intent of the change to the regulation is to expand the skill set and does not preclude a board of trustees from requiring potential candidates to be qualified Supervisory Officers and possessing an Ontario College of Teacher's (OCT) teaching certificate. This is a local decision and based on the criteria outlined in qualifications.

8. In response to Trustee Darry D'Souza's query, Counsel Beck advised that the language would have to clearly address that the regulation would not preclude that the director be Catholic, and that Catholic boards are not challenged if non-Catholics are not considered for the position.
9. Trustee Darryl D'Souza remarked that it is reasonable to have an experienced Associate Director be qualified for the roll of Director of Education even though he/she may not have classroom experience or certification, however, a Catholic supporter is essential.
10. Trustee Bruno Iannicca remarked that our submission to OCSTA should make it very clear that as a Catholic board we would like a Catholic leader. He approves of the opportunity to open the qualifications to include a larger number of candidates.

Chair Sharon Hobin passed the Chair to Vice Chair Thomas Thomas

11. In response to Trustee Sharon Hobin's query, Counsel Beck advised that the signatory line of the letter may include all trustees' names.
12. Trustee Sharon Hobin highlighted the need for a Director of Education to understand the pedagogy of education. She commented on the imminent need of 20 boards in our province that require Directors of Education and understands and supports expanding the expectations. On behalf of the Board of Trustees she thanked Counsel Beck for preparing the draft.

Counsel Beck summarized the comments and recommendations made by the trustees and will provide a draft before submitting to OCSTA.

13. Trustee Brea Corbet suggested that the DPCDSB Mission and Vision statement be included in the submission as it aligns well with our hopes.
14. Trustee Sharon Hobin also wished to include wording suggested by Trustee Mario Pascucci: preservation, protection and support of Catholic Education.

Chair Sharon Hobin resumed the Chair.

Motion 181 (20-07-16)

Moved by Frank Di Cosola

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PROVIDING INPUT TO THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) REGARDING BILL 197, BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

Motion 182 (20-07-16)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Anna da Silva

THAT THE DRAFT LETTER ATTACHED TO THE REPORT, PROVIDING INPUT TO THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (OCSTA) REGARDING BILL 197, BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO OCSTA ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

I. Notices of Motion - Nil

J. Additional Business - Nil

K. Questions Asked of, and by, Board Trustees

In response to Trustee Anna da Silva's query, Director Mazzorato will acquire and provide information on the Catholic content of online learning provided through TVO and other learning centres.

L. Declared Interest Items - Nil

M. In Camera Session

N. Rise and Report

O. Future Meetings

P. Adjournment

Motion 183 (20-07-16)

Moved by Anna da Silva

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:08 P.M.

CARRIED