

# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES

### of the Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Members: In Person: F. Alexander, M. Barbieri, C. Cotton, E. Crowe, J. DiMeo, M. Iafrate,  
A. Saggese, J. Wigston  
Virtual: A. Grella, T. McNicol

Administration: In Person: D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, R. Antunes, M. Brosens, D. Candido, J. Chiutsi,  
K. Elgharbawy, M. Gray, T. Laliberte, L. Paonessa, T. Pechkovsky,  
L. Sawicky, S. Wright, K. Scanlon  
Virtual: A. Arcadi

Absent with Notice: All Present

Recording Officer: S. Greco

Presiding: F. Alexander, Chair of the Board

**2023:266 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PRAYER**

Chair of the Board, Frank Alexander welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting and led the opening prayer at 9:45 pm. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

**2023:267 ROLL CALL – All Present**

**2023:268 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: NIL**

**2023:269 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Committee Chair, Jennifer Wigston deferred the Corporate Services Report to Board to the June 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting.*

**MOTION: Cotton/Barbieri**

**THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:270 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING: NIL**

**2023:271 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:272 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S): NIL**

**2023:273 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:274 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES: NIL**

**2023:275 OCSTA / BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: NIL**

**2023:276 DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE: NIL**

**2023:277 STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT: NIL**

**2023:278 RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS: NIL**

**2023:279 DELEGATIONS: NIL**

**2023:280 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION:****a) 2023-2024 Preliminary Financial Position**

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board shared preliminary operation position of the Board. A list of cost savings and investments summaries were shared.

Members of the Senior Team presented their cost savings/investment summary for their Department that included Human Resources, Information Systems and Plant.

Human Resources: Surveillance – Absenteeism**MOTION: Wigston/lafrate**

**THAT** the Board approve \$100K for the implementation of surveillance for culpable absenteeism.

- **MOTION CARRIED –**

Trustee E. Crowe asked that it be noted in the minutes that the “Surveillance – Absenteeism” budget be brought back to the Human Resources Committee in the fall and provide a status update

Information System: Cyber Security**MOTION: lafrate/DiMeo**

**THAT** the Board approve \$130K for the security and technology business continuity specialist position.

**MOTION CARRIED -**

Trustee lafrate suggested that the new Cyber Security hire work with the RIAT team in the fall when a full audit/review of the board's cyber security is scheduled to take place.

Plant: Snow Removal

The Board of Trustees agreed that staff would conduct an investigation to ensure savings and change of service implemented in a way that doesn't adversely affect the safety of our students and the operation of our schools. The Board of Trustees agreed that safety of our students, staff, visitors, volunteers is important.

**MOTION: Cotton/Crowe**

**THAT** the target of \$1M related to a change in the winter maintenance of play areas in schools is targeted in the budget with the understanding of a consultative and analysis is spearheaded by K. Elgharbawy and brought to the Board before the winter season begins and identify how best to achieve the target.

- **MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:281 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports):****a) APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Vice-Chair Maria lafrate, presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:16 of the Special Committee of the Whole private session held on June 7, 2023.

**(i) DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval):****MOTION: lafrate/DiMeo**

**THAT** the Board of Trustees ratify the tentative settlement for renewal of the local collective agreement between the Board and CUPE Local 1571.

- **MOTION CARRIED -**

(ii) **CLASSIFIED:**

**MOTION: lafrate/DiMeo**

**THAT** the confidential action items from the Private Session held June 7, 2023 be approved as presented.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:282**

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

**a) TRUSTEE MOTION: Finding Transportation Efficiencies Thru School Bell Time Review (E. Crowe)**

- Whereas** *in the report to the Joint Board Consortium dated December 2014, staff stated the following: "Savings can result from changing some existing school bell times. Changing bell times would ensure that school bus routes operate as efficiently as possible and would allow for the re-use of existing vehicles";*
- Whereas** *a process for School Bell Time Management was developed and presented to the Joint Board Consortium dated June 2015. It recommended that parents were notified no later than December for changes to be implemented the following September;*
- Whereas** *the implementation of the process was postponed indefinitely, ie never implemented, because Student Transportation Services wanted to implement new routing software which would make modeling easier;*
- Whereas** *the new transportation funding model did not adequately address the YCDSB's transportation funding shortfall.*
- Whereas** *the Board has a deficit and other Boards have found significant savings by undertaking a system wide review. For example, Durham DSB and Durham Catholic DSB saved \$1.9M in 2017 and took 48 buses off the road after implementing a system-wide bell-time review. In 2022-23 they undertook a second study to find further savings since school demographics and riderships had changed.*

**LET IT BE RESOLVED**

**THAT** Student Transportation Services undertake a region wide bell time review to identify transportation efficiencies;

**THAT** a report outlining an implementation strategy comes to the Board in the fall of 2023.

Trustee E. Crowe explained that the intent of her Motion is to do the review and bring the changes to the board so that the Board can approve before December 2023 so that communities can be notified.

**2023:283 INFORMATION ITEM(S): NIL**

**2023:284 NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**2023:285 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**2023:286 ADJOURNMENT: 10:31 PM**  
**ON MOTION: Saggese/Barbieri and CARRIED**

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair of the Board