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## PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held in the Board Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 19:40 hours.

Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Meredith Johnson
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Steve Kavanagh (20:00)
Stan Cameron	Sue Lawton
Beryl Ford	Brad MacDonald
David Green	Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Harinder Malhi  
Jeff White

Student Trustee:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North

Administration:

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services  
Dawn Beckett-Morton, Director, Human Resources Support Services  
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education  
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services  
Ted Byers, Superintendent of Education  
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education  
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education  
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education, Early Years  
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education  
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education  
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services  
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer  
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Moreash, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services  
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services  
Janice Mueller, Executive Assistant  
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services  
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education  
Tony Pontes, Director of Education  
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services  
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs  
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services  
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education

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Administration: (Continued)

Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education  
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services  
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations Support Services  
Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

**1. Open Session**

The Open Session commenced with the singing of O'Canada.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Chair McDougald spoke about the fire on Ardglen Drive in Brampton which claimed the life of a student of Sir Winston Churchill Public School and affected many families in the area. On behalf of the Board, she offered condolences to the family of the student, and thanked all staff involved for the support being provided to the affected families. Chair McDougald commended the students who have rallied together to organize fundraising campaigns in their own schools to support the residents of the community. She thanked the United Way of Peel for their active involvement, and commented on the excellent teamwork and caring that speaks highly of the values and principles of a public education.

The following items were added, and the agenda was slightly re-ordered.

Item 1.2 Special Presentation by Chinguacousy Secondary School's Robotics Team  
Item 6.1 a) Retirements (addendum)

Resolution No. 14-130 moved by Meredith Johnson  
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

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(2/3rds' majority)

**3. Special Presentation by Chinguacousy Secondary School's Robotics Team**

Karen Hobbins, Principal of Chinguacousy Secondary School, thanked the Board for the opportunity to showcase the school's Robotics Team Chingbotics 3560z, one of 430 teams from around the world that qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championships held in April at Anaheim, California. She also acknowledged and thanked the parent mentors in the audience. Karen Hobbins provided a brief history of how the club started and an overview of its activities.

**3. Special Presentation by Chinguacousy Secondary School's Robotics Team**  
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A short video was presented thereafter which focused on the various activities offered in the Robotics Club, including design and building, mentoring young students, and fostering an interest in robotics. The video highlighted the various awards won by the team and their visit to Anaheim to participate in the VEX Robotics World Championships. Team 3560z members then introduced themselves, and described their roles on the team. This was followed by a live demonstration of the robot they had built for the competition.

A trustee expressed appreciation for the hard work and many hours put in by the students. She thanked the teachers, principal and parent mentors of Chinguacousy Secondary School for their encouragement and support. Chair McDougald congratulated Team 3560z, and thanked the staff and parent mentors involved.

**4. Special Presentation regarding the Peel Academy for International Students Program**

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent of Leadership Development and School Support Services, and Cathy Patterson, Coordinating Principal, International Visa, provided details of the Peel Academy for International Students Program that commenced in Peel in September 2013.

Acknowledging the benefits of existing partnerships with University of Toronto (Mississauga), and Sheridan College in marketing the program abroad, Superintendent Powidajko spoke about plans to pursue partnerships with external organizations like Imagine Education in Canada, to convince international students of the quality of education in Canada. He described plans to enlist a dedicated agent for the Board who will provide long term support for attracting international students to Peel. Jerry Powidajko provided information on the program's business plan, that includes a coordinating principal, operating budget, staff ratio of 1:20, and agent commission. He expressed appreciation for the support provided by various departments within the Board that have helped make this program possible, including: Curriculum and Instruction, for developing programs with a focus on English Language Learners; Communications, for designing flyers, templates, website communications; We Welcome the World Centres; Learning Technologies Support Services for help with online registration and integration with School Information Systems; Finance staff who manage the funding; Planning department. Noting the benefits from running this program, Superintendent Powidajko highlighted additional hiring of staff which allows for increased course opportunities; partnerships with University of Toronto (Mississauga) and Sheridan College; enhanced culture awareness; increased awareness of the Peel DSB through interaction with community organizations; an increase in international visitors. Cathy Patterson spoke about plans to commence a short-term program at Plum Tree Park Public School. She noted that a number of schools in China are interested in partnering with schools in Canada, and that a visit to China is planned for later this year to further develop this program and other programs.

A short animated video in Mandarin highlighting the success of the program was shown. It was noted that for September 2014, Peel has a confirmed registration of 170 students, an increase of 107 students since last fall. Superintendent Powidajko reported that 260,000

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international students have been hosted by the government of Canada since 2012, and the intent is to double this number by 2022. He noted plans to increase enrolment in Peel by 200 students each year, hoping to reach the 1500 mark by 2020.



**9. Special Section for Receipt**

Resolution No. 14-132 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Rick Williams

Resolved, that the following items, be received:

1. Retirements

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|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Richard Barnby   | Linda Glover          | Kathy Perry        |
| Diann Bornell    | Arlene Headley-Cooper | Diana Piccolo      |
| Janine Browell   | Beth Kuehn            | Suzanne Primeau    |
| Alan Burnham     | Richard Leib          | Virginia Robinson  |
| Carole Burnham   | Gregory Lempka        | Gursharan Saini    |
| Penny Cirone     | Jane Lindsay          | Barbara Say        |
| Kelly Dever      | Barb MacRae           | Raineri Soini      |
| Claude Dumouchel | Natalie Mathews       | Herbert Strazdins  |
| Amina El Rashidy | Wilda McClure-Abbott  | Anne Szewaga       |
| Susan Foster     | Mary Miller           | Susan Turner       |
| Bruce Fox        | William Mills         | Maria Tuszynska    |
| Donald Gillard   |                       | Chris Willson      |
|                  |                       | Luciana Cardarelli |

2. Good News (Peace Builder of the Year: Japneet Kehal; Mississauga Academy of Medicine (UTM) Excellence Award for Community Agency of the Year; CAA South Central Ontario's School Safety Patroller of the Year Award).
3. Letter from Gabriel Sekaly, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education in response to the Chair's letter to the Honourable Liz Sandals, Minister of Education, regarding the proposed changes to the funding formula for the Board Administration and Governance Grant.

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Referring to Good News Item 9.2, a trustee commended students, Japneet Kehal for winning the Peace Builder of the Year award, and Urmish Shaikh on receiving the CAA South Central Ontario's School Safety Patroller of the Year award. He also congratulated all involved in Peel on being awarded the Excellence Award for Community Agency of the Year by the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (UTM).

Chair McDougald advised that she will attend the award ceremony for School Safety Patroller of the Year on behalf of Trustee White.

Resolution No. 14-132 ..... carried

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**10. Response to Delegation by Adam Martin-Robinns regarding the Cancellation of Transportation to Caledon East Public School**

Chair McDougald reported that a recommendation to provide transportation to Caledon East Public School students residing north of Larry Street was approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board held on May 27, 2014.

Resolution No. 14-133 moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the Response to Delegation by Adam Martin-Robinns regarding the Cancellation of Transportation to Caledon East Public School (Regular Meeting of the Board, May 27, 2014), be received.

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**11. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, May 21, 2014**

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, held May 21, 2014, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 14-134 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the information about the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

**1. Reports / Information Received**

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – May 2014; Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates (2014-2015); Science and Technology Program – Macville Public School; South Peel Elementary School Physical and Health Educators' Association (SPESPHEA); New Program Proposal, John Fraser Secondary School: Advanced Placement (AP) Program; International Baccalaureate (IB) Program: The Middle Years Program at Bristol Road Middle School; Ministry Report: Achieving Excellence – A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario.

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**12. Recommendations of the Supplementary Meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, May 27, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-135 moved by Meredith Johnson  
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved, that the following recommendation arising from the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee meeting, held May 27, 2014 be approved:

**12. Recommendations of the Supplementary Meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, May 27, 2014 (Continued)**

**1. Recommendations of the Regional Learning Choices Programs Steering Committee**

- i) That, the following Regional Learning Choices Programs be approved:
  - (a) Macville Public School will begin to offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, Science and Technology, with the proposed catchment area\*, beginning September 2015.
  - (b) John Fraser Secondary School will begin to offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, Advanced Placement Program, with the proposed catchment area\*, beginning September 2015.
  - (c) Bristol Road Middle School will begin to offer a Regional Learning Choices Program, International Baccalaureate Program: The Middle Years Program, with the proposed catchment area\*, beginning September 2015.  
(Appendix I, as attached to the minutes)
- ii) That, total start-up costs for these programs, in the amount \$134,200, be covered through the Board's uncommitted Working Fund Reserves.

\*Note: The boundary changes for the proposed Regional Learning Choices Programs locations will be presented to the Physical Planning & Building Committee meeting on June 3, 2014.

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**13. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, June 3, 2014**

Resolution No. 14-136 moved by Sue Lawton  
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following recommendations arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held June 3, 2014 be approved:

- 1. **Boundary Changes for Regional Programs at Bristol Road Middle School and W. G. Davis Senior Public School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Macville Public School and Centennial Senior Public School - Science and Technology Program, John Fraser Secondary School and Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program**
  - i) **Bristol Road Middle School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (New)**



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That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at Bristol Road Middle School be as follows:

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**1. Boundary Changes for Regional Programs at Bristol Road Middle School and W. G. Davis Senior Public School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Macville Public School and Centennial Senior Public School - Science and Technology Program, John Fraser Secondary School and Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program (Cont'd)**

**i) Bristol Road Middle School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (New) (Cont'd)**

Commencing at the intersection of Highway 401 and Highway 407  
Then east along Highway 401 to the eastern border of the Region of Peel  
Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Lake Ontario  
Then west along the southern edge of the Region of Peel to the western border of the Region of Peel  
Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of commencement.

**ii) W.G. Davis Senior Public School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program**

That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at W. G. Davis Senior Public School be as follows:

Commencing at the north eastern border of the Region of Peel  
Then east along the northern border of the Region of Peel to the eastern border of the Region of Peel  
Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Highway 401  
Then west along Highway 401 to the western border of the Region of Peel  
Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of commencement.

**iii) Macville Public School - Science and Technology Program (New)**

That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional Science and Technology Program at Macville Public School be as follows:

Commencing at the north eastern border of the Region of Peel  
Then east along the northern border of the Region of Peel to the eastern border of the Region of Peel  
Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Highway 407  
Then west along Highway 407 to Goreway Drive  
Then north along Goreway Drive to Bovaird Drive East  
Then west along Bovaird Drive East/Castlemore Road to Highway 410  
Then north along Highway 410 to Mayfield Road

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Then West along Mayfield Road to the western border of the Region of Peel  
Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of  
commencement.

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**1. Boundary Changes for Regional Programs at Bristol Road Middle School and W. G. Davis Senior Public School - International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program, Macville Public School and Centennial Senior Public School - Science and Technology Program, John Fraser Secondary School and Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program (Cont'd)**

**iv) Centennial Senior Public School - Science and Technology Program**

That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional Science and Technology Program at Centennial Senior Public School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the western border of the Region of Peel and Mayfield Road

Then east along Mayfield Road to Highway 410

Then south along Highway 410 to Bovaird Drive East

Then east along Bovaird Drive East/Castlemore Road to Goreway Drive

Then south along Goreway Drive to Highway 407

Then east along Highway 407 to the eastern border of the Region of Peel

Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Highway 401

Then west along Highway 401 to the western border of the Region of Peel

Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of commencement.

**v) John Fraser Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program (New)**

That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional Advanced Placement Program at John Fraser Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Highway 401 and Highway 407

Then east along Highway 401 to the eastern border of the Region of Peel

Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Lake Ontario

Then west along the southern edge of the Region of Peel to the western border of the Region of Peel

Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of commencement.

**vi) Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program**

That, effective September 2015, the boundary for the Regional Advanced Placement Program at Central Peel Secondary School be as follows:

Commencing at the north eastern border of the Region of Peel

Then east along the northern border of the Region of Peel to the eastern border of the Region of Peel

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**1. Boundary Changes for Regional Programs at Bristol Road Middle School and W. G. Davis Senior Public School - International Bacculaureate Middle Years Program, Macville Public School and Centennial Senior Public School - Science and Technology Program, John Fraser Secondary School and Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program (Cont'd)**

**vi) Central Peel Secondary School - Advanced Placement Program(Cont'd)**

Then south along the eastern border of the Region of Peel to Highway 401  
Then west along Highway 401 to the western border of the Region of Peel  
Then north along the western border of the Region of Peel to the point of commencement.

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carried

**2. Report on Tenders and Borrowing By-Law: Alloa Replacement School**

Resolution No. 14-137

moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Suzanne Nurse

Resolved, that the following recommendations arising from the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held June 3, 2014 be approved:

- i) That, the tender in the amount of \$14,886,620 including HST (\$13,174,000 plus \$1,712,620 HST) for the construction of Alloa Replacement school, be awarded to Remo General Contracting Limited;
- ii) That, a resolution enacting the Borrowing By-Law, as follows, be approved:

Whereas, the Peel District School Board (hereinafter called the Board) deems it necessary to undertake the following project, namely the construction of the Alloa Replacement School at a cost of \$ 13,579,884

Therefore, be it resolved and be enacted as a by-law of the Board that the foregoing project be authorized and approved and be financed through the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) unless the Board can demonstrate it can obtain a loan with a better interest rate from another regulated financial institution or a municipality.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

Janet McDougald  
Chair

Tony Pontes  
Secretary

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- iii) That, the unexpended capital from other block funded projects be approved for the balance required to complete the Alloa Replacement School Project.  
(Appendix II, as attached to the minutes)

**13. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, June 3, 2014**  
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**3. Reports / Information Received**

The Committee received the following reports / information: STOPR – Student Transportation of Peel Region Minutes, January 17, 2014; Quarterly Status Report – Combined Projects; Tender Activity Report for April 28, 2014 to May 23, 2014; Vandalism Report - March 2014.

carried .....

**14. Status Report of the StAR Committee (Student Attract and Retain)**

Director of Communications and Community Relations Support Services, and Co-Chair of the StAR Committee, Brian Woodland, reported that the work of the Committee is connected with the Board's goals as identified in the Report Card for Student Success. He highlighted some of the substantial work done at the school and Board level as a result of research conducted a couple of years ago on declining enrolment, which called for strategies to attract students to Peel, and retain transitioning students in the system. This included development of a new Peel DSB website, templates for school websites, increased presence on FaceBook and Twitter, Kindergarten Live, Peel Board Advantage Fair in the north, and the launch of Peel Take 3 to encourage staff to share positive facts about Peel schools. Commenting that Peel schools have excellent programs that need to be highlighted, Brian Woodland stated that sub committees were set up to develop future strategy in the areas of: showcasing programs being offered in Peel, extracurricular activities in secondary schools, improving curb appeal, transitions, and transportation. He noted that, based on the work of these sub committees, the status report contains recommendations intended to provide equity in the above areas to attract and retain students. Brian Woodland reported that some of the recommendations were presented as business cases during the budget process, and he expressed appreciation for the alignment of busing distances by trustees approving two recommendations at the last Board meeting to reduce the walking distances for Grade 1, and Grades 9 to 12 students.

Trustees speaking expressed appreciation for the significant work and progress in this regard.

Resolution No. 14-138 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the Status Report of the StAR Committee, be received.

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## 15. French Immersion Review - Secondary

Superintendents of Education, Jan Courtin and Pertia Bent, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the report on the French Immersion Review for Secondary Schools. They acknowledged the contributions made by Canadian Parents for French representatives Daniela Schulze, Rima Koleilat, Tanzila Mian and Marina Pedrosa Hrenar, and thanked them for their involvement and commitment.

As part of the 2011-2012 Elementary French Immersion/Extended French Review, the Board approved a recommendation to conduct a further review of the French Immersion (FI) program for secondary schools. It was noted that, in January 2014, the Secondary FI Review Committee worked with Peel stakeholders to focus on key aspects that included: curriculum, staffing and timetabling, location and access to programs, sustainability, equity of access, cost effectiveness and enhancement of the FI program, which has grown significantly over the past five years and projected to grow further. The membership of this Committee included trustees, principals, Planning and Transportation staff, Curriculum and Instruction support staff, Human Resources Support Services, staff from Communications and Community Relations Support Services, senior administrative staff, and parent representatives from Canadian Parents for French. Jan Courtin and Pertia Bent provided a detailed review of the report, including: meeting structure, methodology, student enrolment and cohort analysis; student and parent survey results, and suggestions for retaining students; resources provided by Curriculum; Instruction and Special Education Support Services; staffing requirements at the school level; planning and transportation.

Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the input and collaboration that went into developing the report and recommendations, and she thanked all involved in this review. A trustee commented positively on his experience as a member of the Committee, and he highlighted the importance of parent and community involvement. Responding to a trustee's comment that 50% of the students surveyed reported that they did not use French in their daily activities, Superintendent Bent indicated that one of the recommendations speaks to this issue. Stating that no additional costs are anticipated, Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, Shawn Moynihan, provided clarifying information regarding opportunities for E-Learning, credit support and additional professional development supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning for teachers of French.

Resolution No. 14-139

moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following recommendations of the French Immersion Review Committee, Secondary, be approved.

1. That, a French Second Language Advisory Committee for implementation no later than September 2015, be established.
2. That, municipalities be encouraged to review their public transportation models with a view to expanding school day specific run services in order to facilitate student access.



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3. That, staff be directed to study the issue of equity of access to programs for students living in the west side of Caledon and report back to the Board by January 2015.

**15. French Immersion Review – Secondary (Continued)**

4. That, students be provided with opportunities for E-learning, credit support, credit recovery, night school, co-op education, dual credit, summer school, exchange programs, and encourage travel and credit for travel, and volunteer hours in French.
5. That, a survey be developed and administered through the Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Support Services, for parents/students completing Grade 8 French Immersion for Grade 9, to determine their intentions.
6. That, a communication plan be developed to increase awareness of existing programs in order to raise the profile of French Immersion to be more competitive with Regional Programs.
7. That, additional professional development supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning be provided for teachers of French.
8. That, staff be directed to review the available resources that support students learning for the French Immersion program.
9. That, greater opportunities be promoted to attract presentations and guest speakers to present in French.
10. That, guiding principles be formalized prior to the selection of new locations for secondary French Immersion programs.

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**16. 2014 – 2015 Budget: Chair’s Remarks**

Chair McDougald reported that the 2014-2015 budget presents significant enhancements for Peel’s schools and students. Reflecting on the upcoming elections, she commented, however, on the uncertain political and financial future of public education. On a positive note, Janet McDougald expressed appreciation for the smooth and collaborative budget process, despite changes in the financial team. She thanked Director of Education, Tony Pontes, Associate Directors Jaspal Gill and Scott Moreash, and staff of the Finance Department, for their work in putting together a budget that reflects the values of teamwork and responsibility, guided by the Board’s mission statement, to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student.

Recalling comments expressed last year about the need for fair funding for Peel’s High Needs students, and using current census data to solve the funding gap, Janet McDougald reported that, after a persistent Fix the Formula campaign, the Ministry has approved implementation of a new funding formula for the High Needs amount that will bring in additional funds for Peel’s students. Chair McDougald thanked all involved in the funding campaign, especially the Communications department, school councils and parents,

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community partners and friends in the municipality. She also extended thanks to the MPPs of the three major parties who brought Peel's message of underfunding to the government.

**16. 2014 – 2015 Budget: Chair’s Remarks (Continued)**

With the new funds expected for special education, Chair McDougald reported that the Board can now reallocate money to longstanding items, such as, additional money to schools, busing and research-based special education supports. She noted that \$850,000 has been allocated under the StAR (Student Attract and Retain) project to support schools and extracurricular activities. Also, based on identified need, the number of teaching assistants has been increased in schools. More regional programs are being added and supported and the Board is allocating \$1.3 million to improve curb-appeal and add a central coordinator to boost high school sports. Chair McDougald highlighted the Board’s commitment to Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) for all children in Peel, and applauded staff in the Facilities department for their diligence in getting the renovations and construction done for this purpose.

Chair McDougald stated that a “good news” budget is being presented tonight, and she noted that the Board will continue to be committed to putting students first, while always maintaining its values and belief in the power of public education.

(A copy of the Chair's remarks is attached as APPENDIX II.)

**17. 2014 – 2015 Budget: Director’s Report**

Director of Education, Tony Pontes, reported that the proposed budget totaling approximately \$1.7 billion aligns with, and supports, the projects and programs that drive the Board’s goals which are identified in its strategic plan, the Report Card for Student Success. He stated that the process this year involved extensive consultation with employee group representatives, principals and vice-principals, the senior leadership team and trustees. Director Pontes highlighted significant changes in the budget, including an increase in grants resulting from a net increase in enrolment due to FDK students, who are counted as 1.0 Full Time Equivalent students, and special education grants increasing by approximately \$3.9 million for each of the next four years. He noted, however, a decrease in the Board Administration and Governance grants of \$700,000 for each of the next four years, which, he advised, the government is being asked to review. Director Pontes spoke about the need to advocate for improved funding in the English as a Second Language (ESL) grants. He stated that approximately 70% of English Language Learners (ELL) are Canadian-born students requiring ESL support. As per government research, these students need even more support to gain language fluency, but remain unfunded. This is a concern with all the GTA school boards, and has been raised with the Deputy Minister. Director Pontes indicated that, through the consultation process, the 2014 -2015 budget will be able to support the following projects: additional supports for students with special needs and mental health difficulties; Peel Advantage strategies; additional funds to schools to support extracurricular activities; reduce walking distances for Grade 1 students to 1.0 km and for Grades 9-12 to 3.8 kms.

**17. 2014 – 2015 Budget: Director’s Report (Continued)**

Director Pontes acknowledged the commitment and leadership of everyone involved in the development of the proposed budget. In particular, he thanked the trustees and members of the senior team, and staff from the Finance department, particularly Shirley Chan-Ng, Lisa Hutchison and Warren Beacham. He also commended Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, for his leadership during the budget development process.

(A copy of the Director of Education’s remarks is attached as APPENDIX III.)

**18. 2014 – 2015 Budget Overview**

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, thanked Finance staff for their work on the development of the Budget document. With a slide presentation, he provided an overview of: enrolment trends over the past twelve years, noting a projected enrolment of approximately 2,682 students at the elementary level and a decline of approximately 739 students in the secondary stream; provincial funding changes for the 2014 – 2015 school year; budget development approach by the Board, based on the funding changes implemented by the Ministry. He provided details about implementation of the new funding model for the high needs amount, as a result of which, Peel will receive an additional \$3.9 million for next year, bringing down the special education funding shortfall to \$10.5 million next year. Reviewing staffing trends for the last five years for English as a Special Language/English Literacy Development staff, and Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP), Associate Director Gill noted the slight increase in staffing ratios. These ratios will be reviewed as part of the budget development process for next year. He outlined operating expenditures, staffing and non-staffing costs, and comparative data showing percentage of net operating grants and per pupil funding for large urban boards, highlighting the significant funding gap for Peel.

Chair McDougald thanked Associate Director Gill for his presentation of the 2014 – 2015 Budget. She stated that there has been much more input and discussion into the budget this year, with trustees advocating on behalf of their schools and communities to support and improve student success. Chair McDougald drew attention to the significantly higher funding received by the Toronto DSB, which is approximately \$150 million more than Peel.

Trustees speaking thanked Associate Director Gill and staff of the Finance department for the work that went into developing the 2014 - 2015 budget. They expressed appreciation for their inclusion in the budget development process, and the reflection of their input in the budget. A trustee commented positively about the increase in funding for special education, noting that, with this increase, the Board has been able to put back \$4 million into program supports for children in Peel. Another trustee spoke about PSSP staffing ratios, and highlighted the need for additional staff to support mental health and poverty initiatives in Peel. While acknowledging the good news in the budget, another trustee opined that there is a need for additional teaching assistants, psychologists, and supports for high needs students. He also drew attention to the freeze on trustee salaries for the past six years, even while enrolment in Peel has increased. Expressing disappointment at how the government has managed its funding, he expressed the hope that there will be an increase

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within the next four years to provide opportunities for some new initiatives in Peel. A trustee suggested that the Board invite public feedback on issues of priority for the community, during discussions on Budget.

**18. 2014 – 2015 Budget Overview (Continued)**

Chair McDougald stated that the senior leadership team has been a significant player in this budget, and she thanked them for their time and effort in ensuring that the needs of schools and departments are supported and reflected in the budget. She noted that, with the challenges of restricted funding, staff have judiciously allocated money to identified priorities. This has allowed the Board flexibility to support some local needs.

**19. Budget Motions**

Chair McDougald invited Budget motions. By Board resolution, all Budget motions are recorded.

Resolution No. 14-140 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Stan Cameron

Resolved:

1. That, the total consolidated Operating Expenditure Budget for 2014-2015 of \$1,699,020,559 be approved.
2. That, the total Capital Budget for 2014-2015 of \$113,965,349, be approved.
3. That, in order to balance the 2014-2015 Operating Budget, the transfer of \$1,517,000 from the uncommitted Working Fund Reserves and a transfer of \$1,779,777 from the Retirement Gratuity, be approved.

The result of the vote was as follows:

<b>Yeas</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
Trustees Lawton, Green, Cameron, MacDonald, Ford, McDougald, Nurse, Williams, Kavanagh, Johnson		..... carried (10-0-0)

**20. Deferral of Agenda Item**

Chair McDougald stated that, due to lack of time, Item 11.1, The Journey Ahead Action Plan – Update on Progress, is deferred to a future agenda.

**21. Question Period**

Trustee Kavanagh asked about approval from the Ministry regarding spending for renovations at The Woodlands and Huttonville Public Schools, and Streetsville Secondary School. Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright,

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responded that approval has not yet been received, and that a meeting is scheduled with Ministry staff on June 13, 2014 to discuss this matter.



**22. Public Question Period**

Catherine Sople referred to the concerns expressed by Director Pontes in his budget presentation (Item 17 of these Minutes) regarding insufficient funding to meet the needs of English Language Learners in Peel. In this regard she recalled her question at the Board meeting on May 27, 2014 regarding discontinuation of federal funding for adult literacy and essential skills program and its impact on public education and students. She asked that the Peel DSB consider a response regarding the detrimental effect of the collapse of this program, and to convey its view and concerns to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the Ministry of Education.

Daljit Gill congratulated trustees and staff for the balanced budget. He also expressed appreciation, on behalf of parents in his community, for the reduction of walking distances, and the school uniform pilot project at Central Peel Secondary School.

**23. Adoption of the In Committee Report**

Resolution No. 14-141 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Sue Lawton

Resolved, that the Report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, (In Committee), May 6, 2014; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), May 27, 2014; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, June 3, 2014; Director's Report re Fire in Brampton (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), May 27, 2014; Resignations; Retirements; Elementary Vice-Principal Appointments and Assignments; Elementary Principal Appointment and Assignment; Secondary Principal Assignment and Appointments; Special Education Student Matter, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

..... carried

**24. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 14-142 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (22:15 hours).

..... carried

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Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair  
Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair  
Stan Cameron  
Beryl Ford  
David Green

Meredith Johnson  
Sue Lawton  
Brad MacDonald  
Rick Williams

Members absent: (apologies received)

Steve Kavanagh  
Harinder Malhi  
Jeff White

Student Trustee:

Sahil Sharma, Student Trustee North

### **Part A**

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

#### **2. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, (In Committee), May 6, 2014 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), May 27, 2014**

1. That, the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, (In Committee), held May 6, 2014, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held May 27, 2014, be approved.

#### **3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), June 3, 2014**

That, the information about the Physical Planning and Building Committee's receipt of the following items, be received:

##### **1. Reports / Information Received**

Report on Tenders: Alloa Replacement School; Tender Activity Report, April 28, 2014 – May 23, 2014.

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**4. Director's Report**

That, the Director's Report re Fire in Brampton, be received.

**PART B** (Not Including Student Trustees)

**1. Approval of Agenda**

That the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), May 27, 2014**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), held May 27, 2014, be approved.

**3. Resignations**

That, the report of resignations of staff, be received.

**4. Retirements**

That, the report of retirements of staff, be received.

**5. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointments and Assignments**

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignment be received, effective August 25, 2014:

Sue Stanford from Vice-Principal at Worthington Public School to Leader – Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services

That, the following elementary vice-principal appointment be received, effective September 1, 2014:

Sarah Robertson from Bloordale Middle School, Toronto District School Board to .5 Vice-Principal at Edenrose Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Garthwood Park Public School

That, the following elementary vice-principal assignments be received, effective September 1, 2014:

Jennifer Glass from Vice-Principal at Edenwood Middle School to .5 Vice-Principal at Brisdale Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Worthington Public School

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**5. Elementary Vice-Principal Appointments and Assignments (Continued)**

James Neeley from .5 Vice-Principal at Brisdale Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Worthington Public School to Vice-Principal at Worthington Public School

**6. Elementary Principal Appointment and Assignment**

That, the following elementary principal appointment be received, effective September 1, 2014:

Clelia Trinca from .5 Vice-Principal at Edenrose Public School and .5 Vice-Principal at Garthwood Park Public School to Principal at Osprey Woods Public School

That, the following elementary principal assignment be received, effective September 1, 2014:

Monika Hurford from Principal at Osprey Woods Public School to Principal at Erin Mills Middle School

**7. Secondary Principal Assignment and Appointments**

That, the following secondary principal assignment be received, effective July 1, 2014:

Stacy Wilson from Principal at Streetsville Secondary School to Principal at Continuing and Adult Education

That, the following secondary principal appointments be received, effective September 1, 2014:

Tamer Kamel from Vice-Principal at Lincoln M. Alexander Secondary School to Principal at Streetsville Secondary School

Sandra Trupp from Vice-Principal at Glenforest Secondary School to Principal at Erindale Secondary School

**8. Special Education Student Matter**

1. That, the Special Education Appeal Board Report, be received.
2. That, The Peel District School Board uphold the decision of the Special Education Appeal Board.  
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