

October 9, 2012  
Regular Meeting of the Board:ma

## 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, October 9, 2012, at 19:30 hours.

### Members present:

Janet McDougald, Chair	Steve Kavanagh
Suzanne Nurse, Vice Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
Beryl Ford	Harinder Malhi
David Green	Jeff White
Meredith Johnson	Rick Williams

### Student Trustees:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North

### Administration:

Christine Beal, Controller, Finance Support Services  
Pertia Bent, Superintendent of Education  
Shelley Bortolotto, Assistant Director, Human Resources Support Services  
Jan Courtin, Superintendent of Education  
Patrika Daws, Superintendent of Education  
Jeff deFreitas, Superintendent of Education  
Wendy Dowling, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Edwards, Superintendent of Education  
Ina Fournier, Superintendent of Education  
Jaspal Gill, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services  
Poleen Grewal, Acting Superintendent of Education  
Mark Haarmann, Superintendent of Education  
Mark Keating, Chief Information Officer  
Carla Kisko, Associate Director, Operational Support Services  
Hazel Mason, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Moreash, Coordinating Superintendent  
Shawn Moynihan, Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction Support Services  
David Neale, Controller, Transportation and Corporate Support Services  
Patricia Noble, Superintendent of Education  
Jerry Powidajko, Superintendent, Leadership Development and School Support Services  
Patricia Rossall, Superintendent of Education, Alternative Programs  
Elizabeth Sinclair-Artwell, Superintendent of Education, Continuing and Adult Education  
Louise Sirisko, Superintendent, Special Education Support Services  
Marion Smith, Executive Assistant  
Carol Speers, Superintendent of Education  
Shirley-Ann Teal, Superintendent of Education, Early Learning Program  
Pam Tomasevic, Associate Director, Instructional Support Services  
Joy Uniac, Superintendent of Education  
Brian Woodland, Director, Communications and Community Relations 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 announced regrets from the Director of Education, Tony Pontes, and that Associate Director of Instructional Support Services, Pam Tomasevic, will stand in for the Director of Education at the meeting.

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Item 9.5 Notice of Appointment of Trustees to the Budget Development Committee
- Item 11.2 OPSBA Fast Report: Volume 24, No. 31
- Item 12.1 Copy of a letter to the Minister of Education from the Grand Erie District School Board requesting rescission of Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices

Resolution No. 12-230 moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

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(2/3rds' majority)

**3. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee , September 18, 2012  
Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee, September 19, 2012  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, September 25, 2012**

Resolution No. 12-231 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved:

1. That, the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, held September 18, 2012, be received;
2. That, the Minutes of the Instructional Programs/Curriculum Committee Meeting, held September 19, 2012, be received;
3. That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board, held September 25, 2012, be approved.

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**5. Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

**6. Notices of Motion / Petitions**

There were no notices of motion or petitions.

**7. Special Section for Receipt**

Resolution No. 12-232 moved by Beryl Ford  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the following items be received:

1. Retirements
2. Bus Driver Appreciation Day: October 17, 2012
3. Letter from the Minister of Education in response to the Chair's letter regarding capital funding for the implementation of Year 5 Full-Day Kindergarten

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Referring to Item 7.2, Bus Driver Appreciation Day, Chair McDougald expressed appreciation for the important contribution of school bus drivers, and encouraged trustees to greet and thank school bus drivers for their work.

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Resolution No. 12-232 ..... carried

**8. Response to the Delegation of Rima Koleilat, on Behalf of Canadian Parents for French, Mississauga West, re Changes to the French Immersion Program**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on September 25, 2012, Rima Koleilat and French Immersion student, Justina Marianayagam, delegated the Board regarding the proposed changes to the French Immersion program.

Resolution No. 12-233 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Jeff White

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation of Rima Koleilat, on Behalf of Canadian Parents for French, Mississauga West, re Changes to the French Immersion Program, be received.

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**9. Response to the Delegation of Imran Husan, re Flexible School Boundaries for French Immersion**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on September 25, 2012, Imran Husan delegated the Board requesting an exemption to the flexible school boundary policy for the French Immersion program at Britannia Public School.

Resolution No. 12-234 moved by Suzanne Nurse  
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation of Imran Husan, re Flexible School Boundaries for French Immersion, be received.

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**10. Response to the Delegation of Kathy Parris-McDonald, on Behalf of the School Councils for Agnes Taylor Public School and William Gage Middle School, re Changes to the French Immersion Program**

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on September 25, 2012, Kathy Parris-McDonald delegated the Board regarding the proposed changes to the French Immersion program.

Resolution No. 12-235 moved by Jeff White  
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Response to the Delegation of Kathy Parris-McDonald, on Behalf of the School Councils for Agnes Taylor Public School and William Gage Middle School, re Changes to the French Immersion Program, be received.

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**11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, September 18, 2012**

At a meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee, held September 18, 2012, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 12-236 moved by Brad MacDonald  
seconded by Stan Cameron

(continued overleaf)

**11. Recommendations of the Special Education Advisory Committee, September 18, 2012**  
(Continued)

Resolved, that information regarding the Special Education Advisory Committee's receipt of the following reports / information, be received:

**1. Reports / Information Received**

Special Presentation re Starting Point 2012; Policy Review: PPM149 and Operating Procedure SESS18; Individual Education Plan Review; Elementary Gifted Identification and Placement (oral report); Open Minds, Healthy Minds (oral report); Draft Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Calendar 2012 – 2013; Updated Special Education Advisory Committee Member List; Memorandum to Community Partners from Kerry's Place Autism Services re: Kerry's Place Autism Services Children's Respite Homes – Admission Processes; Letter to Minister Laurel Broten from SEAC Chair, Bluewater District School Board re: Electronic Portal Proposal; Letter to Minister Laurel Broten from SEAC Chair, Near North District School Board re: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder; Letter to Minister Laurel Broten from SEAC Chair, Wellington Catholic District School Board re: Importance of Professional Development in the area of Special Education for all teachers; Minutes for the Meeting of the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) – June 6 and 7, 2012.

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**12. Recommendations of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, September 19, 2012**

At a meeting of the Instructional Programs / Curriculum Committee, held September 19, 2012, there were no recommendations to the Board.

Resolution No. 12-237 moved by Rick Williams  
seconded by Sue Lawton

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

**1. Reports / Information Received**

Celebrating Faith and Culture Backgrounder – September 2012; Supporting Student Achievement and Success; Community Outreach Workers; Reports on Student Achievement on Provincial Assessments.

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**13. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee, October 2, 2012**

Resolution No. 12-238 moved by David Green  
seconded by Steve Kavanagh

Resolved, that the following recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee meeting, held October 2, 2012, be approved:

**1. Enrolment Cap at Beryl Ford Public School (K-Grade 8) and Re-direction to Fairlawn Public School (James Grieve Holding School)**

That, a cap of 45 classes (or the approximate equivalent enrolment of 1,004 students) at Beryl Ford Public School for the 2012-2013 school year, be approved (Appendix I, as attached to the minutes).

**2. Report on Tender and Borrowing By-law – Brameast #4 Public School**

- a) That, the tender, in the amount of \$11,886,470 including HST, for the construction of Brameast #4 Public School, be awarded to Remo General Contracting Limited (Appendix II, as attached to the minutes).
- b) 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 Brameast #4 Public School, at an estimated cost of \$12,758,762,

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 9th day of October, 2012.

Janet McDougald  
Chair

Tony Pontes  
Secretary

**3. Reports / Information Received**

Student Transportation of Peel Region Minutes (STOPR), June 15, 2012; Capital Project Delays; Tender Activity Report, August 22, 2012 to September 21, 2012; Vandalism Reports, June – August 2012, and Summary Report, September 2011 – August 2012; Storm Water Charges – Update from Council of Senior Business Officials.

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**16. Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act: Cost Implications for Peel District School Board**

Chair McDougald referred to the estimated costs that the Board will incur as a result of Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act, highlighted in the table included in the above-noted report. Noting that some of the expenses will be ongoing, she indicated that there will be a review of spending to address some of the costs.

A trustee asked about the Ministry's requirement for a Board motion to approve revised estimates for the current year before submission to the Ministry. Associate Director Kisko advised that revised estimates were always submitted to the Ministry, but were not approved by school boards. She noted that the revised estimates reflected actual enrolment, and other potential expenses that the board would incur. However, approval by school boards is a new requirement, and for Peel involves a deficit of \$7 million. Associate Director Kisko indicated that a report on action proposed to address the \$7 million in cost reduction will be brought back to the Board in early December. She noted that staff have begun work on the process and are reviewing department budgets, and further cuts, to potentially offset the deficit and balance the budget. Associate Director Kisko explained that the reason for this situation is because the budget was developed around rules provided earlier by the Ministry. However, the rules changed when the provincial budget was tabled in March, which set parameters for school board budgeting including a freeze in increments, and other compensation, and a claw back of \$3.5 million in grants. She noted that some restructuring will be necessary as the Board plans for future years.

In response to a trustee's query, Chair McDougald advised that the additional expense to boards as a result of Bill 115 has not been acknowledged by the Ministry, and added that the information was shared with MPP Bob Delaney during her meeting with him last week.

Resolution No. 12-240 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by Beryl Ford

Resolved, that the report re Bill 115 – Putting Students First Act: Cost Implications for Peel District School Board, be received.

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**17. Reports from Ontario Public School Boards' Association**

Resolution No. 12-241 moved by Sue Lawton  
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the following reports, be received:

- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 24, No. 30
- OPSBA Fast Report, Volume 24, No. 31

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**18. Copy of Letter to the Minister of Education from the Grand Erie District School Board Requesting Rescission of Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices**

Chair McDougald spoke about trustees receiving communications from other school boards about Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices, and the intention to ask for a rescission, because the belief is that the regulation undermines student achievement and success, and the management rights of the Board. The Chair asked trustees for a consensus to join the other school boards in their appeal for a rescission of Ontario Regulation 274/12. Trustees indicated their support. Chair McDougald advised that a letter on behalf of Peel will be sent to the Minister of Education.

Resolution No. 12-242 moved by Steve Kavanagh  
seconded by David Green

Resolved, that the copy of letter to the Minister of Education from the Grand Erie District School Board requesting rescission of Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices, be received.

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**19. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**20. Public Question Period**

Desiree Francis, District 19 Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation President, asked whether there will be opportunity to look at the revised estimates before they are submitted to the Ministry by December 14, 2012. With the permission of the Chair, Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Carla Kisko, responded.

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

Resolution No. 12-243 moved by Stan Cameron  
seconded by Meredith Johnson

Resolved, that the report of the In Committee Session regarding: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), September 25, 2012; Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 2, 2012; Negotiations Update (oral); Regional Learning Choices Committee – Update (oral); Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B), September 25, 2012, and Retirements, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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**22. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 12-244 moved by Beryl Ford  
seconded by Harinder Malhi

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (19:50 hours).

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..... Chair ..... Secretary

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## **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED IN IN COMMITTEE SESSION – October 9, 2012**

Members present:

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Suzanne Nurse, Vice-Chair	Sue Lawton
Stan Cameron	Brad MacDonald
Beryl Ford	Harinder Malhi
David Green	Jeff White
Meredith Johnson	Rick Williams

Student Trustees:

Linda Bui, Student Trustee North

### **Part A**

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

That, the agenda, as amended, be approved.

#### **2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), September 25, 2012**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part A), held September 25, 2012, be approved.

#### **3. Recommendations of the Physical Planning and Building Committee (In Committee), October 2, 2012**

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

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

Tender Activity Report, August 22, 2012 to September 21, 2012; Report on Tender and Borrowing By-law – Brameast #4 Public School.

#### **4. Negotiations Update**

That, the oral update report re Negotiations, be received.

#### **5. Regional Learning Choices Committee – Update**

That, the oral update report on the Regional Learning Choices Committee, be received.

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

**1. Approval of Agenda**

That, the agenda be approved.

**2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee – Part B),  
September 25, 2012**

That, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board (In Committee - Part B), held September 25, 2012, be approved.

**3. Retirements**

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