

Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

Trustees: Ralf Mesenbrink (Chair), Katherine Hauser (Vice Chair), Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Martha MacNeil, Robin Ross, Lynn Topping, Luke Weiler, Laurie Whyte, Brooke Hartley (Student Trustee), Paige Knight (Student Trustee)

Administration: Director of Education Sovran, Executive Superintendent of School Services McDonald, Executive Superintendent of Business Services Regier, Superintendent of People, Leadership and Culture Pyke, Superintendents of Education Blair, Donaldson, Hamilton, Taha, and Zen, Human Rights and Equity Advisor Ralph, Communications and Public Relations Manager Loney, Manager - Trustee Secretariat Vorkapic

The special meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held virtually and in person on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, in the Board Room at 500 Victoria Road North, Guelph, starting at 9:05 p.m.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Board Chair Mesenbrink presided and called the meeting to order.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Hauser recognized that the Board is meeting on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of two Anishinaabek Ojibwe Nations: the Michi Saagig of the Credit and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation.

Equity and Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Commitment Statement

Vice Chair Hauser highlighted the Board's commitment to equity and anti-racism/anti-oppression.

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #23-263:

Moved by: Trustee Topping
Seconded by: Trustee Edwards

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the agenda of December 5, 2023 meeting, as printed.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-264:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Ross

WHEREAS the time of the special board meeting is past 9:00pm;

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the extension of the meeting for one hour as per By-Law No. 1 Section 4.2.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Committee of The Whole – Closed

Pursuant to Section 207(2) of the *Education Act* a meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves matters set out in 207(2)(a)-(e) of the *Education Act*.

Vice Chair Hauser presented the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) report held on December 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. and was held in closed session as per Section 207 (2) of the Education Act. All board members were present. There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION #23-265:

Moved by: Trustee Whyte
Seconded by: Trustee Ross

THAT the Upper Grand DSB approves the business of the Committee of the Whole - Closed Session of December 5, 2023.

Carried

RESOLUTION #23-266:

Moved by: Trustee Hauser
Seconded by: Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Upper Grand DSB appoints Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson as Trustee representing the Town of Orangeville for the remainder of the term from December 5, 2023 until November 14, 2026.

Carried

6. Adjournment

RESOLUTION #23-267:

Moved by: Trustee MacNeil
Seconded by: Trustee Whyte

THAT the Upper Grand DSB adjourns at 9:10 p.m.

Carried

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