

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular

Meeting

TORONTO JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

THURSDAY, 5:00P.M.

April 18, 2024

## CALL TO ORDER

The Toronto City Schools Board of Education met in Regular session on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Andy Reeves called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL:

Mr. Andy Reeves  
Ms. Julie Ault  
Mr. Jay Foster  
Mr. Randy Henry  
Mr. J.J. Liddick

### PRESENT:

X  
X  
X  
X  
X

### ABSENT:

Present for the Administration was Maureen Taggart and Kayla Whitlatch.

Also present were: Michelle Blazek, Kelli Naylor, Lori Rawson, Shelley Mann, Annie Silverthorn, Harris Ong, Caryn Bodnar, Katie Mitchell, Dave Manning, Ryan Manning, Stanley Zgurski, Audrey Wagstaff, Kristie Wagstaff, Michael Wagstaff and Betsy Jones.

### (24-069) MINUTES/REPORTS:

Resolution to accept the minutes as submitted by the Treasurer or as amended or corrected and the following reports:

- a. Financial Report as of March 30, 2024
- b. Enrollment Report as of April 17, 2024
- c. Request to attend Meeting or Conference Report
- d. Field Trip Request
- e. Building Use Request
- f. Committee Reports:
  1. Toronto Recreation Board
  2. Toronto School Athletic Board
  3. Buildings & Grounds Committee
  4. Personnel Committee
  5. Finance Committee
  6. Curriculum Committee
  7. Transportation Committee
  8. Grievance Committee
  9. Legislative Liaison
  10. Policy/Procedure Committee
  11. Insurance Committee
  12. Negotiations
  13. Records Commission
  14. Student Achievement Liaison

Motion to accept Resolution Minutes/Reports (24-069) made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Ault.

Ayes: Foster, Ault, Henry, Liddick, Reeves

(5)

Noes: None.

(0)

Motion carried.

### (24-070) VLA PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT VIA JCESC 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve the Jefferson County ESC District Participation Agreement for VLA for a period of 24 months beginning July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2026 (\$2,000 fee).

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**(24-071) EASTER SEALS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve an agreement with Easter Seals for occupational therapy services for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of sixty-five (\$65) dollars per hour per child served.

**(24-072) CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve the purchase of 215 Chromebooks from Reach Technologies at a cost of \$67,297.15. The expense will be paid from the ARP ESSER Grant.

**(24-073) GRADUATION LIST – CLASS OF 2024**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to certify the list of students as recommended by the High School Principal for graduation from Toronto High School May 26, 2024 provided the students continue to meet the minimum requirements as established by the Ohio Board of Education and the Toronto City School Board of Education as per ORC 3313.61. See attached.

**(24-074) PUBLIC SUPPORT TO PARTICIPATE IN GOALS TO PROMOTE SERVICES FOR DISTRICT HANDICAPPED STUDENTS**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent and Director of Special Programs to encourage and support public participation in the Board’s goal to promote full and complete service to all handicapped students in the district. Parents and guardians as urged to submit suggestions for reaching this goal and for the expenditures of Part B IDEA monies, to the Superintendent for consideration.

Motion to accept Resolutions (24-070 – 24-074) made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Foster, Liddick, Ault, Henry, Reeves (5)  
Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**(24-075) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – BETSY JONES**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for the Toronto Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Betsy Jones, for a period of three (3) years starting August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2027. Mrs. Jones will be placed on Step 14 of the High School Principal’s salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-075) made by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Henry, Foster, Ault, Liddick, Reeves (5)  
Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**(24-076) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL – ANNIE SILVERTHORN**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for the Toronto Elementary Principal, Annie Silverthorn, for a period of three (3) years starting August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2027. Mrs. Silverthorn will be placed on Step 6 of the Middle School Principal’s salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-076) made by Mr. Liddick, seconded by Mrs. Ault.

Ayes: Liddick, Ault, Henry, Foster, Reeves (5)  
Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

**(24-077) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – ASST. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL – LORI RAWSON**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for the Toronto Elementary Assistant Principal, Lori Rawson, for a period of three (3) years starting August 1, 2024 and ending July 31, 2027. Mrs. Rawson will be placed on Step 5 of the Elementary School Principal’s salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-077) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Ault, Foster, Henry, Liddick, Reeves (5)  
Noes: None (0)

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Motion carried.

## **(24-078) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE – TOM THOMPSON**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for Tom Thompson as Assistant Maintenance, for a period of three (3) years starting July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. Mr. Thompson will be placed on Step 3 of the Assistant Maintenance salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-078) made by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Henry, Liddick, Ault, Foster, Reeves (5)

Noes: None

Motion carried.

## **(24-079) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE – ROD HENRY**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for Rod Henry as Assistant Maintenance, for a period of three (3) years starting July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. Mr. Henry will be placed on Step 12 of the Assistant Maintenance salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-079) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Ault, Foster, Liddick, Reeves (4)

Noes: None (0)

Abstained: Henry (1)

Motion carried.

## **(24-080) THREE YEAR CONTRACT – BUS SUPERVISOR – DENISE KELLY**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve a contract for the Bus Supervisor, Denise Kelly, for a period of three (3) years starting July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027. Mrs. Kelly will be placed on Step 13 of the Assistant Maintenance salary schedule.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-080) made by Mr. Liddick, seconded by Mr. Henry.

Ayes: Liddick, Henry, Ault, Foster, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-081) FIRST GRADE ELEMENTARY TEACHER – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – VICTORIA ROSA**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to hire Victoria Rosa as an elementary teacher (first grade) at Toronto Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Rosa will be placed at BA- Step 3 pending verification of coursework and experience.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-081) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Ault, Liddick, Henry, Foster, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-082) FIRST GRADE ELEMENTARY TEACHER – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – AUDREY WAGSTAFF**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to hire Audrey Wagstaff as an elementary teacher (first grade) at Toronto Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Wagstaff will be placed at BA- Step 0 pending verification of coursework and experience.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-082) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Ault, Foster, Henry, Reeves (4)

Noes: None (0)

Abstained: Liddick (1)

Motion carried.

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## **(24-083) SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER – TJSHS – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR - HARRIS ONG**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to hire Harris Ong as a Social Studies Teacher at Toronto Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Ong will be placed at BA-Step 1 pending verification of coursework and experience.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-083) made by Mr. Henry, seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Henry, Foster, Ault, Liddick, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-084) HEALTH/PHYSICAL ED TEACHER – TJSHS – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – TREVOR HOST**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to hire Trevor Host as a Health/Physical Education Teacher at Toronto Jr.-Sr. High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Host will be placed at BA-Step 2 pending verification of coursework and experience.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-084) made by Mr. Liddick, seconded by Mrs. Ault.

Ayes: Liddick, Ault, Henry, Foster, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-085) TWENTY ADDITIONAL SICK DAYS – TABITHA MERIDETH**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to approve the request from Tabitha Merideth for up to 20 additional sick days at 50% salary. As per the negotiated agreement, this benefit is only available once.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-085) made by Mr. Henry, seconded Mr. Foster.

Ayes: Henry, Foster, Ault, Liddick, Foster

Noes: None

Motion carried.

## **(24-086) SR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH – NON-CERTIFICATED - RUSTY HODGKISS**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent and Athletic Director to renew the non-certified supplemental contract of Rusty Hodgkiss as Sr. High Head Basketball (Girls) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-086) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Ault, Liddick, Henry, Foster, Reeves

Noes: None

Motion carried.

## **(24-087) SUMMER 2024 CUSTODIAL HELP (CLASSIFIED)**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to employ the following as summer custodial help at an hourly rate of \$14.18 per hour.

Jenna Anderson

Jamie Anderson

Emma Henry

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Jocelyn Merideth

Aiden Mick

Madison Sapp

Maegyn Trudics



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Motion to accept Resolution (24-087) made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Ault.

Ayes: Foster, Ault, Liddick, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Abstained: Henry (1)

Motion carried.

## **(24-088) RETROACTIVE RESIGNATION – FIRST GRADE TEACHER – RACHAEL SCOTT**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent to retroactively accept the resignation of Rachael Scott effective May 31, 2024 and to thank her for her many years of service.

## **(24-089) SR HIGH ASST. FOOTBALL COACH – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – TREVOR HOST**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent and Athletic Director to approve the certificated contract of Trevor Host as Sr. High Asst. Football for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **(24-090) SR HIGH VOLUNTEER ASST. FOOTBALL COACH – 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR – HARRIS ONG**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent and Athletic Director to approve Harris Ong as Volunteer Sr. High Asst. Football for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to accept Resolutions (24-089 - 24-090) made by Mrs. Ault, seconded by Mr. Henry.

Ayes: Ault, Henry, Foster, Liddick, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-091) TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent that the following be granted:

Be It Resolved that the Board of Education, Administration, and Community appreciates the work of the Toronto City School District employees.

Be It Resolved that their contribution hereby recognized and that the Toronto City School Board of Education hereby designates May 6-10, 2024 as National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week in Toronto City Schools.

Motion to accept Resolution (24-091) made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Foster, Liddick, Henry, Ault, Reeves (5)

Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

## **(24-092) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution as recommended by the Superintendent as follows:

WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of the quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a Regular or Regular meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check-marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. \_\_\_ Appointment.
2. \_\_\_ Employment.
3. \_\_\_ Dismissal
4. \_\_\_ Discipline.
5. \_\_\_ Promotion.
6. \_\_\_ Demotion.

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- 7. \_\_\_ Compensation of an employee or official
- 8. \_\_\_ Investigation of charges/complaints against an employee, official, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.
- B. To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair advantage to a person whose personal interest is adverse to the general public interest.
- C. Conferences with an attorney concerning disputes which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.
- D. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees.
- E. Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or state statutes.
- F. Regularized details of security arrangements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Toronto City School District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on items.

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:36 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Toronto Board of Education was adjourned at 5:36 PM. The next Regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5:00p.m. This meeting will be held in the Library at Toronto Jr./Sr. High School, 1305 Dennis Way, Toronto, Ohio.

Motion to adjourn the Regular meeting was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Liddick.

Ayes: Foster, Liddick, Ault, Henry, Reeves (5)  
Noes: None (0)

Motion carried.

  
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President, Andy Reeves

  
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Treasurer, Kayla Whitlatch