



Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Howard Archibald
Bob Brush
Jonathan Byer, Chair
Dennis Draves
Crystal Hewey
Steve Meunier
Brian Peever
Rosemary Pochopsky
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Doug Walsh

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sawsan Alahmed
Andrew Cull
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

NIL

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer
Kirsten Elvestad	Superintendent of Education
Al McLean	Superintendent of Education and Human Resources
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

Melanie Demers Executive Assistant to the Director of Education Lesleigh Dye

STAFF PRESENT

Melanie Demers	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education, Lesleigh Dye
Andréanne Denis	Communications Officer
Larry Souliere	Information Services Coordinator



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IN-CAMERA SESSION

NIL

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Byer

9292-25 MEUNIER / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board resolve into a Committee of the whole.

CARRIED

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The meeting opened by respectfully acknowledging being situated on the Traditional Territory of the Cree, Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory, and the Métis who have chosen to settle in this area.

TRUSTEE ABSENCE

9293-25 BRUSH / DRAVES

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the September 23, 2025, meeting of the Board:
Trustee Walsh

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9294-25 HEWEY / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated September 23, 2025, as amended:
5.3 OPSBA UPDATE

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise and must do so in writing in the log kept in the Chair's office.

Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams at the time of the discussion and will receive a text from the Director of Education / Secretary of the Board when they are welcome to join.

CONSENT AGENDA

9295-25 MEUNIER / PEEVER

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda Items for approval:

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held
September 9, 2025

2.2 Additional Staffing Complement

Consent Agenda Items for receipt:

2.3 Trustee Expenses: OPSBA AGM

2.4 Cell Phones in Schools

2.5 Cash Disbursement Report: August 2025

2.6 Personnel report: August 2025

CARRIED



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REPORTS

9296-25 ARCHIBALD / MEUNIER

THAT the Board receive the Calls to Action: 10th Anniversary Report

CARRIED

9297-25 PEEVER / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board receive the Chair report

CARRIED

9298-25 HEWEY / BRUSH

THAT the Chair draft a letter on behalf of the Board to the Minister of Education outlining the importance of the Trustee role.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Report

The first Student Senate meeting will take place Thursday, September 25, 2025. The agenda includes outlining the student senate constitution and the role of a senator as well as meeting dates for the year. Student Senate projects will be proposed as well as introductions for all senators.

9299-25 DRAVES / HEWEY

THAT the Board receive the Student Trustee report

CARRIED

9300-25 PEEVER / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda pilot continue until the updated DSB1 by-laws have been approved

CARRIED

MONITORING

9301-25 DRAVES / BRUSH

THAT the Board approve the 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Monitoring Goals and Actions

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Letter dated September 8, 2025: Timiskaming District Secondary School
- 5.2 Access to Meeting Video/Transcripts
- 5.3 OPSBA Update

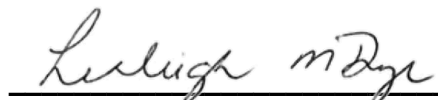
ADJOURNMENT

9302-25 PEEVER / DRAVES

THAT we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD