



Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, October 7, 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 – Vice-Chair
Steve Meunier
Brian Peever
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Rosemary Pochopsky

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sawsan Alahmed
Andrew Cull
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

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
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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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SPECIAL IN-CAMERA SESSION

The In-Camera session meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by Vice-Chair Hewey.

9303-25 PEEVER / BRUSH

THAT the Board resolve into a Committee of the whole.

CARRIED

9304-25 WALSH / WIWCHAR

THAT the Board resolve into a committee of the whole, in-camera

CARRIED

9305-25 DRAVES

THAT we now rise and report to the Board.

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

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

9306-25 HEWEY / MEUNIER

THAT the Board reconvene in regular session

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

9307-25 BRUSH / DRAVES

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the October 7, 2025, meeting of the Board:
Trustee Pochopsky

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9308-25 PEEVER / WALSH

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated October 7, 2025, as amended:

2.0 Consent Agenda:

Delete:

2.5 Capital Priorities

2.7 Draft DSB1 By-Law

5.0 Other Business

Add:

5.4 Capital Priorities

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

9309-25 HEWEY / ARCHIBALD

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 23, 2025

2.6 Taxation By-Law No. 41

Consent Agenda Items for receipt:

2.2 Minutes of the Joint Transportation and
Governance Committee Meeting held
September 22, 2025

2.3 Minutes of the By-Law Review Committee
meeting held September 23, 2025

2.4 Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held
May 12, 2025

2.8 Policy 2.1.12 – Tragic Events Response

2.9 Policy 2.1.32 – Emergency Preparedness

2.10 Policy 2.1.36 – Concussion Management

2.11 Policy 2.1.46 – Modified Day and Exclusion

2.12 Policy 1.2.24 – Health and Wellness Employee
Support

CARRIED

REPORTS

9310-25 PEEVER / ARCHIBALD

THAT the Board receive the Chair Report

CARRIED

9311-25 HEWEY / WALSH

THAT the Board receive the Director Report

CARRIED

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees held the first Student Senate meeting, where a long list of ideas flourished. A form was created to gather feedback including improved ways to survey and gather information from students, as well as career outlook information and the integration of special Olympics sports into other athletics in schools.

Senators shared insights on school communities within school facilities, and work on projects that will better the communities. Students also discussed the Senate Constitution, outlining their role and expectations. Student Trustees emphasized the importance of attendance and participation at the Student Senate meetings.

9312-25 DRAVES / ARCHIBALD

THAT the Board receive the Student Trustee Report

CARRIED



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MONITORING

- 4.1 Pathways Presentation
- 4.2 Strategic Plan Vignette: October 2025

OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 Letter to Minister Calandra dated October 1, 2025: Role of the Trustee
- 5.2 Letter to MPP George Pirie dated October 1, 2025: Role of the Trustee
- 5.3 Letter from CSPNE dated September 29, 2025: Shared Capital Priorities

- 5.4 Capital Priorities

9313-25 DRAVES / BRUSH

THAT the Board approve the Capital Priorities submission update.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

9314-25 WALSH / MEUNIER

THAT we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD