District School Board
Ontario North East

Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, October 21, 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
Rosemary Pochopsky
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Sawsan Alahmed
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

Andrew Cull

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

9315-25 BRUSH / WALSH

THAT the Board convene 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

9316-25 POCHOPSKY / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the October 21, 2025, meeting of the Board:
Student Trustee Cull

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9317-25 PEEVER / MEUNIER

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated October 21, 2025.

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

9318-25 PEEVER / WIWCHAR

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda Items for approval:
2.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held October 7, 2025
2.4 Policy 2.1.12 – Tragic Events Response
2.5 Policy 2.1.32 – Emergency Preparedness
2.6 Policy 2.1.36 – Concussion Management
2.7 Policy 2.1.46 – Modified Day and Exclusion
2.8 Policy 1.2.24 – Health and Wellness Employee

Consent Agenda Items for receipt:
2.3 Draft DSB1 By-Law
2.3 Cash Disbursement Report: September 2025

CARRIED

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REPORTS

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees completed the student survey with potential projects for the year. Three projects were selected, to be led by each Student Trustee. Projects for the 2025-2026 school year include: working with special Olympics, organizing a peer mentorship program, career awareness and pathways for students as well as a Words Matter campaign with a focus on kind and respectful words in school environments. Students will vote to narrow the focus to three final projects.

Next planned senate meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2025.

9319-25 HEWEY / MEUNIER — **THAT** the Board receive the Student Trustee Report

CARRIED

MONITORING

NIL

OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Building Canada Act: 2+1 Highway

9320-25 WIWCHAR / ARCHIBALD — **THAT** the Board write a letter in the support of the Building Canda Act: 2+1 Highway.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

9320-25 PEEVER — **THAT** we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD