District School Board
Ontario North East

Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, November 4, 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

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
9321-25 HEWEY / DRAVES

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the November 4, 2025, meeting of the Board:
Student Trustee Cull

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
9322-25 PEEVER / WALSH

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated November 4, 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
9323-25 POCHOPSKY / MEUNIER

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 21, 2025

Consent Agenda Items for receipt:
2.2 Draft DSB1 By-Law
2.3 Transportation
2.4 Policy 3.1.7 – Trustee Expenses

CARRIED

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REPORTS

9324-25 ARCHIBALD / DRAVES **THAT** the Board receive the Chair Report
CARRIED

9325-25 PEEVER / BRUSH **THAT** the Board receive the Director Report
CARRIED

Student Trustee Report

The second Student Senate meeting was held Thursday, October 30, 2025, where three focused projects for the 2025-2026 school year were finalized, leadership and mentorship, career outlook, and integrating special Olympic sports in schools. Breakout groups were held during the meeting to focus on implementation, activities, awareness campaigns, and senators speaking with students within the school.

Student Trustee Cull included an update regarding his project, mentorship and guidance for incoming students in secondary schools, they brainstormed many ideas and challenges. Considering how to assess mentorship and mentees and defined the goal of the program. The project is showing great promise

Student Trustee Alahmed discussed the career outlook project where there will be a focus on additional career fairs involving various sectors, take our kids to work day, and hands on learning opportunities for students.

9326-25 POCHOPSKY / HEWEY **THAT** the Board receive the Student Trustee Report
CARRIED

MONITORING

4.1 Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals
4.2 Math Action Plan
4.3 Strategic Plan Vignette: November 2025

OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Letter dated October 29, 2025: Building Canada Act – 2+1 Roads
5.2 OPSBA Trustee Reports

ADJOURNMENT

9327-25 ARCHIBALD / MEUNIER **THAT** we do now adjourn
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD **CHAIR OF THE BOARD**