District School Board
Ontario North East

Organizational Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:15 pm
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Bob Brush
Jonathan Byer, Chair
Dennis Draves
Crystal Hewey – Vice-Chair
Steve Meunier
Brian Peever
Rosemary Pochopsky
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Howard Archibald

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

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 Organizational Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Director Dye.

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

9328-25 BRUSH / MEUNIER

THAT the Board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the November 18, 2025, meeting of the Board:
Trustee Archibald

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

9329-25 WALSH / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated November 18, 2025, as amended:
Delete: 2.0 Consent Agenda: 2.2 DSB1 By-Law
Add: 5.0 Other Business: 5.1: DSB1 By-Law

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.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

9330-25 PEEVER / WIWCHAR

THAT Superintendent Edwards and Superintendent Mowbray, be appointed as scrutineers.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Trustee Brush nominated Trustee Byer
Trustee Byer accepted the nomination.

9331-25 POCHOPSKY / HEWEY

THAT Nominations for Chair be closed.

CARRIED

9332-25 BRUSH / WALSH

THAT Dr. Jonathan Byer be acclaimed as Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.

CARRIED

Chair Byer thanked the Board of Trustees for their confidence in his role of Chair. He looks forward to serving as Chair and working together to endeavour to serve students with their health and well-being at the forefront of discussions.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR
Trustee Pochopsky nominated Trustee Hewey.
Trustee Hewey accepted the nomination.

9333-25 WALSH / PEEVER **THAT** Nominations for Vice-Chair be closed.
CARRIED

9334-25 PEEVER / WIWCHAR **THAT** Trustee be acclaimed as Vice-Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.
CARRIED

Trustee Hewey thanked the Trustees for the nomination to the role of Vice-Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE CHAIR

9335-25 BRUSH / MEUNIER **THAT** Trustee Hewey be appointed Alternate Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE VICE-CHAIR

9336-25 BRUSH / WALSH **THAT** Trustee Meunier be appointed as Alternate Vice-Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.
CARRIED

CHEQUE SIGNING AUTHORITIES
9337-25 PEEVER / HEWEY **THAT** the Board appoint Dr. Jonathan Byer , Chair of the Board, and Superintendent Lisa Edwards, Treasurer of the Board as cheque signing authorities.
CARRIED

BANKING RESOLUTION
9338-25 HEWEY / MEUNIER **THAT** *we, our and us mean* District School Board Ontario North East, *You and your* mean Scotiabank, The Bank of Nova Scotia.
Resolve THAT:

1. We appoint you as our banker and agree to the terms set out in the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement, or where applicable, the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement section of the Business Banking Services Agreement.
2. Any other of the following persons are authorized to sign and deliver the Scotiabank Financial Services Agreement, any service requests and any other banking agreements with you:

   a. Any One of Chair or Vice-Chair together with Any One of The Director of Education or Superintendent of Business
3. The persons and the required combination of those persons we verify, are the persons authorized, and the combination of those persons required, to give instructions, verifications and approvals on our behalf from time to time. We will provide this verification by a certificate in writing given to you by any other of the officers set out below. The most recent certificate given to you will be the current certificate in effect:
   a. Any One of Chair or Vice-Chair together with Any One of The Director of Education or Superintendent of Business
4. We may exercise every power to borrow money and otherwise obtain services from you and to receive repayment thereof and to secure our obligations to you arising out of our acquisition of services from you which is conferred upon us by our governing legislation. The persons and the required combination of those persons we verify, are the persons authorized, and the combination of those persons required, to borrow money from you on our credit from time to time in the amounts and on the terms that those persons determine, and to grant security to you over any of our property from time to time. We will provide this verification by a certificate in writing given to you by any Other of the Officers set out below. The most recent certificate given to you will be the current certificate in effect:
   a. Any One of Chair or Vice-Chair together with Any One of The Director of Education or Superintendent of Business
5. All instructions, agreements and documents which we sign, make, draw, accept, endorse or complete and which are signed by the persons we have authorized from time to time are valid and are binding on us. Our seal is not required on any written document to make it valid or to show consideration.

6. This Resolution remains in effect until we cancel it by written notice to you and you have acknowledged receiving the notice.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

9339-25 MEUNIER / HEWEY

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda Items for approval:
2.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held November 4, 2025

Consent Agenda Items for receipt:
2.5 Personnel Report
2.6 Enrollment Report
2.7 Correspondence: November 11, 2025: Proposed Expansion of Highways 11 and 17

CARRIED

REPORTS

NIL

MONITORING

NIL

OTHER BUSINESS

9340-25 BRUSH / WALSH

THAT the Board approve the DSB1 By-Law

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9341-25 PEEVER / MEUNIER

THAT the Board approve Policy 3.1.7 – Trustee Expenses

CARRIED

9342-25 WALSH / PEEVER

THAT the Board receive the Trustee Committee Structure.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

9343-25 WIWCHAR / POCHOPSKY

THAT we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD