District School Board
Ontario North East

Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 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
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

EXCUSED TRUSTEE ABSENCES

Howard Archibald

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Andrew Cull
Summer Nickoshie

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT

Sawsan Alahmed

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
The Regular Session was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Byer

1.1 **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.

1.2 **QUORUM**

9367-26 PYE-REASBECK / WALSH

THAT the board approve the absence of the following Trustees from the March 3, 2026, meeting of the Board:
- Trustee Archibald
- Student Trustee Alahmed

CARRIED

1.3 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

9368-26 PEEVER / POCHOPSKY

THAT the Board add, under 11.0 Other Business, 11.4 Borrowing Resolution

CARRIED

9369-26 POCHOPSKY / PEEVER

THAT the Board defer under 11.0 Other Business, 11.3 Numbered Motion 2026-69

CARRIED

9370-26 HEWEY / WALSH

THAT the Board approve the agenda for the Meeting of the Board dated March 3, 2026, as amended.

CARRIED

1.4 **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.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

9371-26 POCHOPSKY / MEUNIER

THAT the Board approve the consent agenda

CARRIED

3.0 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY
3.1 Personnel Report: December 2025 & January 2026
3.2 Budget Process 2026-2027

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NIL

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Byer discussed the implementation of the new by-law and changes to committee schedules and the process for linking standing committees to board meetings.

6.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Governance and Policy Committee Chair's Report

9372-26 WICHAR / HEWEY — **THAT** the Board approve the DSB1 Committee Terms of Reference

CARRIED

6.2 Finance and Property Committee Chair's Report

7.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dye highlighted that DSB1 is continuing its achievement journey by sharing attendance and student achievement data in clear visual formats and celebrating student pathway opportunities through the Timmins High & Vocational School SHSM Expo. Staff connection and well-being were supported through the February staff fun day, alongside community partnership support for student nutrition at Schumacher Public School. Director Dye also introduced the March student art contest which will refresh device backgrounds across DSB1 (deployment expected in April 2026), and Generative AI guidelines for staff and students are in final review with release expected this spring.

8.0 STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Strategic Plan Vignette
8.2 Trustee Distribution and Determination

9373-26 POCHOPSKY / WALSH — **THAT** the Board approve the Trustee Distribution and Determination as presented.

CARRIED

9.0 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Nickoshie and Student Trustee Alahmed attended the OSTA-AECO Student Action Conference in February. The Student Senate projects were highlighted including the inclusivity, career, and mentorship. The inclusivity project focuses on inclusivity and awareness for high support classes to participate in activities and events. The career pathways project is planning to invite a guest speaker via zoom to overcome transportation barriers, with outreach to businesses and professionals to assist. The mentorship and integration project aims to bridge gaps between grade 8 and grade 9 by involving senior students in activities with a system implementation.

10.0 REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

NIL

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Election of Student Discipline Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Byer called for nominations three times for Chair of the Student Discipline Committee

Trustee Peever nominated Trustee Walsh
Trustee Walsh accepted the nomination

9374-26 BRUSH / HEWEY **THAT** nominations for Chair be closed

CARRIED

9375-26 POCHOPSKY / PYE-REASBECK **THAT** Trustee Walsh be appointed Chair of the Student Discipline Committee

CARRIED

Chair Byer called for nominations three times for Vice-Chair of the Student Discipline Committee

Trustee Peever nominated Trustee Pye-Reasbeck
Trustee Pye-Reasbeck accepted the nomination

9376-26 BRUSH / MEUNIER **THAT** nominations for Vice-Chair be closed

CARRIED

9377-26 POCHOPSKY / WALSH **THAT** Trustee be appointed Vice-Chair of the Student Discipline Committee

CARRIED

11.2 OPSBA Public Education Symposium Trustee Report: Trustee Pye-Reasbeck
Trustee Pye-Reasbeck presented a report on the Public Education Symposium, highlighting sessions on student leadership, public policy, and sexual assault and harassment in Ontario schools.

11.3 Borrowing Resolution

9378-26 WIWCHAR / BRUSH **THAT**

1. Any one of, the Chair or Vice-Chair and any one of, the Director of Education or Superintendent of Business is/are hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of District School Board Ontario North East (the "Corporation") from THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA (the "Bank") from time to time by way of promissory note or bankers' acceptance a sum or sums not exceeding at any one time Fifteen Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($15,300,000) to meet, until the current revenue has been received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year ended 2026.
2. Any one of, the Chair or Vice-Chair and any one of, the Director of Education or

Superintendent of Business is/are hereby authorized to sign, make or draw on behalf of the Corporation and to furnish to the Bank form time to time promissory notes or bankers' acceptances sealed with the corporate seal for the sum or sums so borrowed with interest or any other charges at such rate as the Bank may from time to time determine.

3. Any one of, the Chair or Vice-Chair and any one of, the Director of Education or Superintendent of Business is/are hereby authorized and directed to furnish to the Bank at the time of each borrowing and at such other times as the Bank may from time to time request, a statement showing the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the current year not yet collected or where the estimates for the year have not been adopted, a statement showing the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Corporation as set forth in the estimates adopted for the next preceding year that have not been repaid.
4. Any one of, the Chair or Vice-Chair and any one of, the Director of Education or Superintendent of Business is/are hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed from the Bank, and of any interest thereon and any other charges in connection therewith, all of the moneys hereafter collected or received on account or realized in respect of the taxes levied for the current year and for any preceding years and all of the moneys collected or received from any other source.

CARRIED

12.0 TRUSTEE MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Introduced at a Previous Meeting)

NIL

13.0 TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (Discussion for Next Meeting)

NIL

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 Letter dated November 27, 2025: Heritage Property Request for Schumacher Public School

14.2 Letter dated July 11, 2025: Disposition of Property

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15.0 ITEMS FOR FURTURE MEETINGS

15.1 April 2026: Strategic Plan Monitoring of Goals

15.2 September 2026: Strategic Plan Year-End Monitoring of Goals and Actions

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

9379-26 MEUNIER / PEEVER **THAT** we do now adjourn

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD