



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams Meeting

AGENDA

Item	Topic	Presenter	Page
1.0	Call to Order		
1.1	Territorial Acknowledgement		
1.2	Attendance		
	Motion: THAT the Finance and Property Committee approve the absence of the following Trustees from the June 2, 2026, Finance and Property Committee meeting.		
1.3	Approval of the Agenda		
	Motion: THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee meeting dated June 2, 2026, be approved.		
1.4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest		
	Trustees Declaring a conflict must do so in writing with a log kept in the Board Chair's office. Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams or leave the Board room 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	Approval of the Minutes		
2.1	Minutes of the Finance and Property Committee Meeting May 5, 2026-revised		3
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3.0	Delegations		
4.0	Staff Reports		
4.1	2026-2027 Budget Presentation Q&A	Superintendent Edwards	10
	Recommendations:		
	THAT the Finance and Property Committee recommend the Board establish the total staff complement for the 2026-2027 year at 1,137.6 FTE.		
	THAT the Finance and Property Committee recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 Operating Budget Estimates in the amount of \$167,786,895.		
	THAT the Finance and Property Committee recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 Capital Budget Estimates in the amount of \$20,501,340.		
4.2	Non-Cash Donations	Superintendent Edwards	26
4.3	Smooth Rock Falls Secondary Students	Superintendent Edwards	28
4.4	Properties Update	Superintendent Edwards	
4.5	By-Laws Section 5.19.1 Backgrounder	Trustee Brush	32
5.0	New Business		
6.0	Trustee Motions for Consideration (Previous Meeting)		

7.0 Trustee Notices of Motion (Discussion for Next Meeting)

8.0 Adjournment

Motion: THAT we do now adjourn



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brush, Chair
Jonathan Byer
Dennis Draves
Larry Wiwchar

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENCES

Doug Walsh

OBSERVERS

Brian Peever	Trustee (arrived 4:48 pm)
Rosemary Pochopsky	Trustee
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	CEO
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance
Kirsten Elvestad	Acting Superintendent of Education
Al McLean	Superintendent of Human Resources
Chad Mowbray	Acting Superintendent of Education

STAFF PRESENT

Andréanne Denis	Communications Manager
Melanie Demers	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jessica Hardy	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business/Finance
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CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bob Brush called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
DRAVES

THAT the Finance and Property Committee approve the absence of Trustee Walsh from the May 5, 2026, Finance and Property Committee meeting.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
DRAVES

THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee Meeting dated May 5, 2026, be approved with the following addition under new business:

5.1) Non-Cash Donations

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees declaring a conflict of interest were asked to do so in writing, with a log kept on file by the Board Chair. 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
BYER

THAT the minutes of the Finance and Property meeting dated April 7, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS
NIL

STAFF REPORTS

SCHUMACHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY-HERITAGE PROPERTY

Superintendent of Business reported that the Schumacher Historical Society has withdrawn their request to designate Schumacher Public School as a heritage property.

WIWCHAR

RECOMMENDATION: That the committee will follow the intent of the letter received by Mr. Solomon on April 24, 2026.

CARRIED



NEW BUSINESS
NON-CASH DONATIONS

Trustee Wiwchar initiated a discussion on the need for improved inventory on non-cash donations to the Board, such as real estate, vehicles, and art and technology.

Superintendent of Business clarified that all donations are recorded in the Board's books and taxable receipts issued but acknowledged that records for items donated over 30 years ago may not be available; recent donations are accounted for and reflected in the financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT background information be prepared for this topic and sent to the Chair of the Finance and Property Committee for the next agenda setting meeting, to be added to the next regular Finance and Property Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

TRUSTEE MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (PREVIOUS MEETING)
SMOOTH ROCK FALLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

MOTION: THAT all DSB1 Students from Smooth Rock Falls have the choice to receive education in Smooth Rock Falls.

Trustee Draves brought forth a motion regarding the option for all DSB1 students from Smooth Rock Falls to receive education locally, reviewing historical context, current enrolment, facility leasing and the feasibility of re-establishing grade 7-12 programming.

Superintendent of Business provided a summary of the 2011 decision to bus secondary students from Smooth Rock Falls to Kapuskasing, the subsequent closure and leasing of the local school facility and current enrolment figures for grades 7-12 students attending school in Kapuskasing.

There was discussion around the current ease to NEOFACS for childcare, the availability for space of educational programming and the process for reclaiming repurposing the facility for secondary education.

The committee also discussed the challenges of providing a full secondary program for a small number of students including the need for qualified teachers, the likelihood of online learning and the associated costs with staff asked to research and report on the aspects.

The Director of Education noted the existence of a moratorium on school closures and new school openings unless there is significant space pressure and committed to confirming with the Ministry Board's ability to reopen or repurpose the facility.

The committee confirmed receipt of correspondence from the Town of Smooth Rock Falls and Trustee Hewey's report after attending the town council meeting on April 20, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: The matter has been referred to staff for further research and the Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee for discussion about programming and pathways to graduation.



TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING)

NIL

ADJOURNMENT

BYER

THAT this Finance and Property Committee now adjourn.

CARRIED

The committee adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brush, Chair
Jonathan Byer, Vice-Chair
Dennis Draves
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENCES

OBSERVERS

Crystal Hewey	Trustee (arrived 3:51 pm)
Brian Peever	Trustee (arrived 4:12 pm)
Rosemary Pochopsky	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	CEO
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance
Kirsten Elvestad	Acting Superintendent of Education
Al McLean	Superintendent of Human Resources
Chad Mowbray	Acting Superintendent of Education

STAFF PRESENT

Andréanne Denis	Communications Manager
Melanie Demers	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jessica Hardy	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business/Finance
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CALL TO ORDER

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bob Brush called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All committee members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BYER

THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee Meeting dated May 26, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

WALSH

THAT the minutes of the Finance and Property meeting dated May 5, 2026, be approved with the following amendments:

2.1) Donated Properties to DSB1 updated to Non-Cash Donations.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

NIL

STAFF REPORTS

2026-2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent of Business presented the 2026-2027 draft balanced budget presentation detailing enrollment projections, funding sources, major expense categories and alignment with the strategic plan. Committee members provided feedback on enrollment trends, support for underperforming schools, Indigenous student data, accumulated surplus usage and classroom support for high support students.

NEW BUSINESS

NIL

TRUSTEE MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (PREVIOUS MEETING)

NIL

TRUSTEE NOTICES OF MOTION (DISCUSSION FOR NEXT MEETING)

NIL



ADJOURNMENT
WALSH

THAT this Finance and Property Committee now adjourn.

CARRIED

The committee adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE



District School Board
Ontario North East

2026-2027 Budget Estimates

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VISION

Preparing our learners for their future success.

Achieve

Uphold high expectations in diverse learning and working environments.

Belong

Build inclusive communities where all feel supported and valued.

Create

Foster collaboration, innovation and skill development in all learners.

MISSION

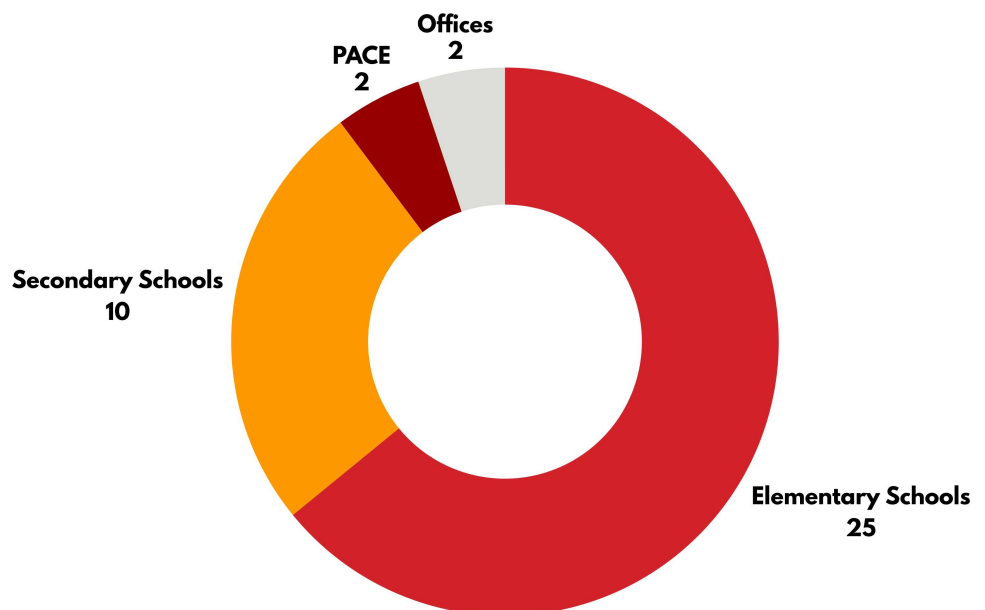
Providing meaningful growth opportunities.

Who We Are

Proudly serving students from Temagami to Hearst and everywhere in between.

6,977
Students

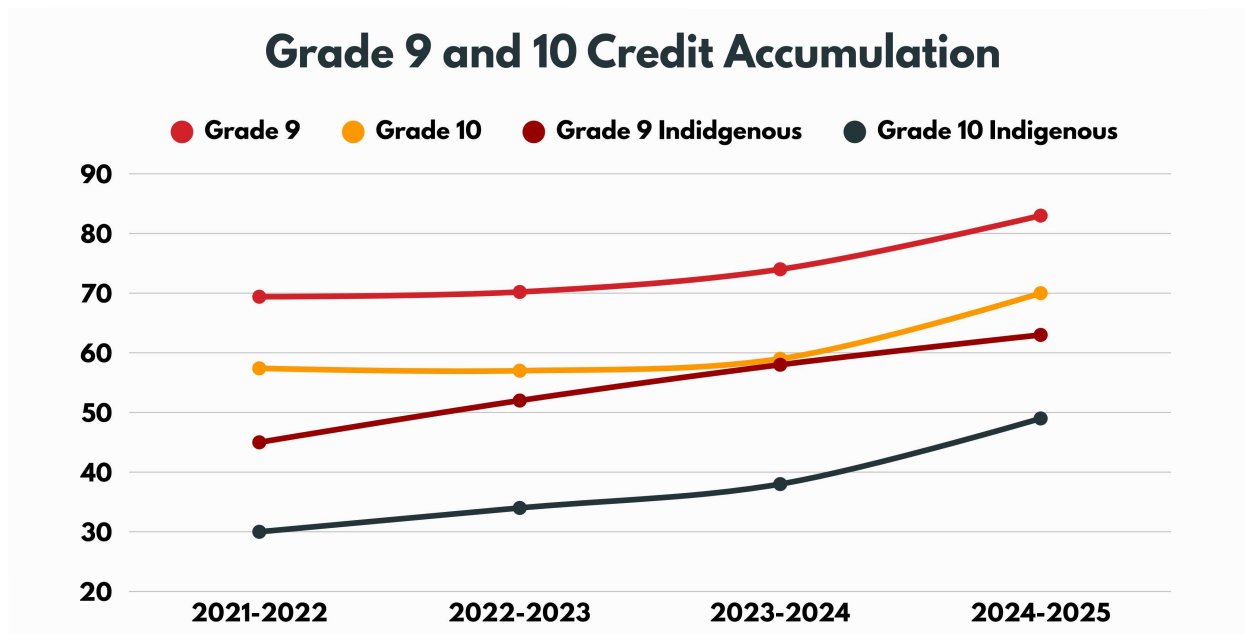
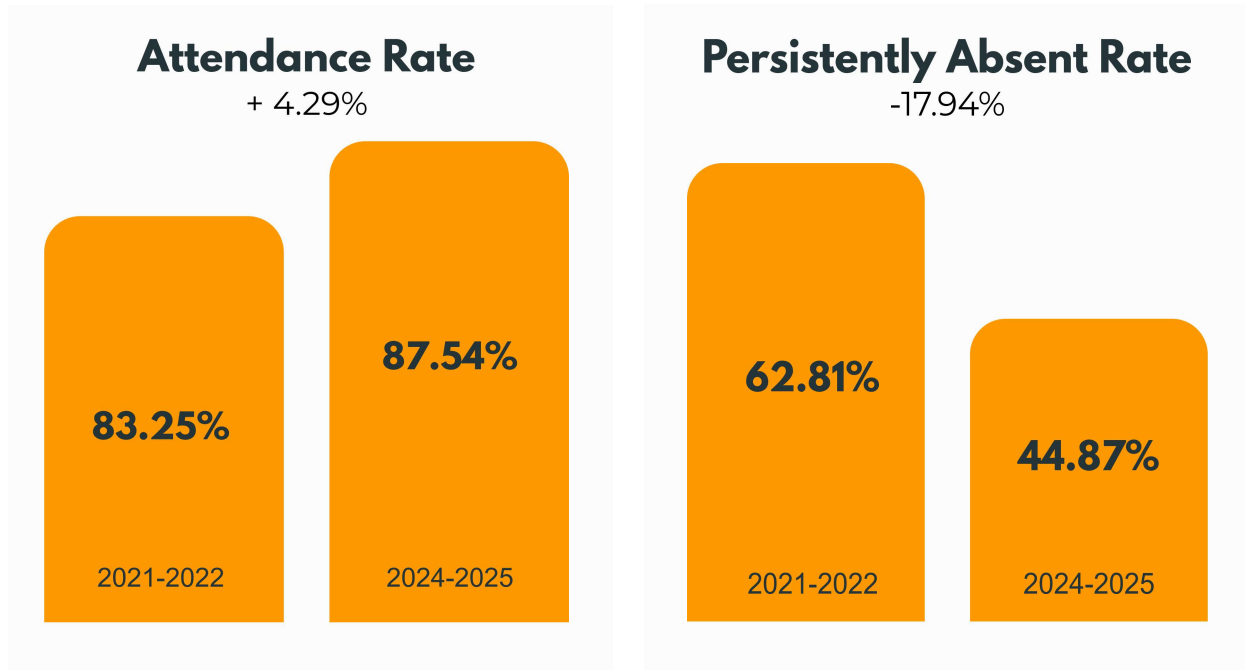
1,200
Approx
Staff



Our Achievement Story

DSB1 is proud to consistently invest into schools and classrooms to prepare our learners for their future success. The data below demonstrates significance growth in key areas related to student achievement and well-being.

We continue to put supports in place to ensure students in the primary division are achieving or exceeding provincial standard on the EQAO assessments.



Executive Summary

DSB1's Administrative Council is proud to present the balanced 2026-2027 budget. This budget has been prepared in alignment with our Strategic Plan.

The budget process begins with the planning stage in January. During this time, Senior Administration schedules dates for various deadlines throughout the process.

In January, a budget engagement survey was posted on our website for a duration of two weeks.

In March, schools collect enrolment data and prepare enrolment projections. Staffing is the next component to be determined, followed by cost reviews and projections for each portfolio.

The following document detail the information that was collected throughout the budget process.

A summary of the Core Educational Funding, an overview of revenues and expenses, a summary of capital allocations, as well as a more detailed list of expenses has been included.

Assumptions and Limitations

The budget has been developed using enrolment projections for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ministry funding is based on the 2026-2027 Code Education Funding (Core Ed.).

Salaries and benefits are based on projected costs, with considerations for collective agreements.

2025-2026 Board of Trustees

Howard Archibald	<i>Indigenous Trustee</i>
Jonathan Byer, Board Chair	<i>Englehart & Kirkland Lake Locality</i>
Bob Brush	<i>Timmins and Area</i>
Dennis Draves	<i>Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls</i>
Crystal Hewey, Board Vice-Chair	<i>Timmins and Area</i>
Steve Meunier	<i>Timmins and Area</i>
Brian Peever	<i>Iroquois Falls, Black River and Matheson</i>
Rosemary Pochopsky	<i>Kirkland Lake</i>
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck	<i>Hearst, Kapuskasing</i>
Douglas Walsh	<i>Temiskaming Shores, Temagami, Elk Lake and Area</i>
Larry Wiwchar	<i>Temiskaming Shores, Temagami, Elk Lake and Area</i>

2025-2026 Student Trustees

Sawsan Alahmed	<i>Student Trustee</i>
Andrew Cull	<i>Student Trustee</i>
Summer Nickoshie	<i>Indigenous Student Trustee</i>

2025-2026 Administrative Council

Lesleigh Dye	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
Lisa Edwards	<i>Superintendent of Business</i>
Kirsten Elvestad	<i>Acting Superintendent of Education</i>
Al McLean	<i>Superintendent of Education</i>
Chad Mowbray	<i>Acting Superintendent of Education</i>

Budget Process

Administrative Council begins the formal budgeting process each year in January. This consists of meetings to discussing funding, challenges and opportunities. Together, the team sets priorities for the coming school year, aligned with our Strategic Plan.

Financial planning is informed by projected student enrolment and staffing as well as community engagement.

Administrative Council brings budgeting reports to the Board of Trustees through the Finance and Property Committee.

The final budget is brought to the Board of Trustees for approval in June.

- January** → Financial Outlook
- February** → Projected Enrollment Data Collection and Community Engagement
- March** → Preliminary staffing projections
- April** → Core Education Funding Update
- May** → Budget Estimates
- June** → Budget presented for approval



Enrolment Projections

	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Revised Estimates	Variance
Elementary	4,163	4,414	(251)
Secondary	2,814	2,537	277
Total	6,977	6,951	26



Staffing

10-Month Non-Union	4
Attendance Councillors	3
Child and Youth Workers	15
Custodial & Maintenance Staff	121.2
Early Childhood Educators	16
Educational Assistants	231
Elementary Secretaries	23.8
Elementary Teachers	321.7
Hall Monitors	16.1
Indigenous Student Advisors	16
Information Services Technicians and Office Clerks	26.5
Non-Union	28
Personal Support Workers	4
Principals and Vice-Principals	46
Secondary Secretaries	19.5
Secondary Teachers	221.83
Senior Administration	5
Social Workers	8
Total	1,137.6



Responsive Education Programs (REP)

Critical Physical Security Infrastructure	
De-Stemming Implementation Supports	
Early Reading Enhancements: Reading Screening Tools	
Education Staff to Support Reading Interventions	
Entrepreneurship Education Pilot Projects	
Experiential Professional Learning for Guidance Teacher-Counsellors	
Health Resources, Training and Supports	
Indigenous Graduation Coach Program	
Learn and Work Bursary	
Licences and Supports for Reading Programs and Interventions	
Math Achievement Action Plan: Board Math Leads	
Math Achievement Action Plan: Digital Math Tools	
Math Achievement Action Plan: School Math Facilitators	
Mental Health Strategy Supports - Emerging Needs	
Skilled Trades Bursary Program	
Special Education Additional Qualifications (AQ) Subsidy for Educators	
Special Education Needs Transition Navigators	
Summer Learning for Students with Special Education Needs	
Summer Mental Health Supports	
Total	

Grant Summary

	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Revised Estimates	Variance
Classroom Staffing Fund	59,572,776	59,569,076	3,700
Learning Resources Fund	26,990,563	25,211,023	1,779,540
Special Education Fund	23,496,572	23,503,540	(6,968)
School Facilities Fund	18,470,927	18,429,465	41,462
Student Transportation Fund	11,452,959	10,060,347	1,392,612
School Board Administration Fund	4,959,125	5,682,084	(722,959)
Capital Allocation	20,501,340	18,877,078	1,624,262
Total Allocation	165,444,262	161,332,613	4,111,649



Budget Overview

	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	Variance
Revenues			
Provincial Legislative Grants	122,054,943	120,261,312	1,793,631
Provincial Grants - Other			
Education Property Tax	17,718,283	18,071,812	(353,529)
School Generated Funds	2,772,673	2,469,877	302,796
Federal Grants and Fees	2,334,553	2,078,096	256,457
Total Other Fees and Revenuts from School Boards	538,300	523,022	15,278
Fees and Revenues from Other Sources	806,587	766,636	39,951
Amortization of DCC related to Provincial Legislative Grants	21,562,400	18,733,671	2,828,729
Total Revenue Category	167,787,739	162,904,426	4,883,313
Expenses			
Total Instruction Expenses	109,839,719	107,137,787	2,701,932
Total Administrative Expenses	5,726,321	5,693,546	32,775
Total Transportation Expenses	12,050,184	11,895,658	154,526
Total Pupil Accomodation Expenses	37,313,708	35,244,917	2,068,791
Total School Generated Funds Expenses	2,551,727	2,270,376	281,351
Other Expenses	305,236	651,786	(346,550)
TOTAL Expense Category	167,786,895	162,894,070	4,892,825
Annual Surplus (Deficit)	844	10,356	(9,512)

Capital Allocation

Capital Allocation	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	Variance
School Operations Allocation	13,619,113	12,213,821	1,405,292
School Renewal Allocation	3,341,278	3,185,045	156,233
Minor Tangible Capital Assets	3,540,949	3,478,212	62,737
School Facilities Fund (SFF)	20,501,340	18,877,078	1,624,262



Expenses

	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	Variance
Instruction			
Classroom Teachers	65,017,729	63,167,695	1,850,034
Supply Staff	3,391,519	3,356,009	35,510
Educational Assistants	9,094,948	9,025,596	69,352
Early Childhood Educators	1,519,587	1,427,808	91,779
Textbooks and Supplies	8,854,616	8,635,947	218,669
Computers	753,145	693,749	59,396
Professionals and Para-professionals	6,136,934	5,994,493	142,441
Library & Guidance	186,110	207,654	(21,544)
Staff Development	697,276	688,989	8,287
Department Heads	345,227	338,458	6,769
Principals & Vice-Principals	5,731,270	5,564,340	166,930
School Office	3,429,042	3,249,875	179,167
Coordinators & Consultants	4,608,563	4,715,569	(107,006)
Continuing Education	73,753	71,605	2,148
Amortization & Write Downs - ARO			
Total Instruction	109,839,719	107,137,787	2,701,932
Administration			
Trustees	229,142	309,856	(80,714)
CEO & Supervisory Officers	1,054,186	1,026,008	28,178
Board Administration	4,442,993	4,357,682	85,311
Total Admin & Governance	5,726,321	5,693,546	32,775
Transportation	12,050,184	11,895,658	154,526
Pupil Accommodation	37,313,708	35,244,917	2,068,791
Other	2,856,963	2,922,162	(65,199)
Total Expenses	167,786,895	162,894,070	4,892,825

Conclusion

The DSB1 budget for 2026-2027 is balanced.

As demonstrated in this document, the budget is aligned with the Board's Vision of preparing our learners for their future success by providing resources to support student achievement and well-being. By focusing on our Strategic Priorities of Achieve, Belong, and Create, this budget translates our strategic goals into tangible classroom supports. We are proud to present a financial plan that fulfills our Mission: preparing our learners for their future success.



Definitions

Assumptions:	Expected revenues and expenses based on current data.
Projected Costs:	Costs estimated, based on current year costs.
Provincial Legislative Grants:	Sources of revenue for boards, based on enrolment and demographic criteria.
Education Property Tax:	The portion of municipal taxes that support education.
School Generated Funds:	Funds raised by schools through fundraising or other initiatives, used to fund school activities, such as field trips.
Other Fees and Revenues from Other Sources:	Includes revenues from Community Use of Schools.
Instructional Expenses:	I Includes staff, staff development, supplies and services and fees and contract services.
Administration Expenses:	Includes Trustees and board office staff.
Transportation Expenses:	Includes bus operator costs, as well as departmental costs.
Pupil Accommodation Expenses:	This includes costs for custodial and maintenance staff, utilities and contractor costs related to our facilities.
Other Expenses:	Includes school generated funds expenses and write downs on capital assets.
Surplus:	Surplus is the total unspent revenue allocation that will go to accumulated surplus if not used during the budget year.
Deficit:	Deficit is the overspend for the year that will have to be covered with funds that were put in accumulated surplus in prior years.
School Condition Improvement (SCI):	Can be used to revitalize and renew aged building components that have exceeded or will exceed their useful life cycle (foundations, roofs, windows, plumbing and heating).
Minor Tangible Capital Assets:	Smaller assets, such as furniture and classroom equipment.
School Renewal Allocation (SRA):	Can be used to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components, can be program and accessibility related (ramps, elevators).



Title	Non-Cash Donations
Date	June 2, 2026
Presenter	Trustee Wiwchar
Strategic Priority	
Background and Information	Received via email on Tuesday May 5th at 4:10 pm to the Finance and Property Committee recording secretary. Whereas: Non-Financial donations have been made over time to a variety of Board building locations. The donations have come from individuals, foundations, and corporations. They have ranged widely, such as Technology, Infrastructure (ex Playgrounds), Vehicles, Art etc. All of which may be referred to as Chattels. While the expense or value may have been known at the time of donation, over time the financial value would likely have changed. Some donations are publicly recognized by various means while others are expected to remain confidential.
Recommendation	I move that we recommend Staff explore such accounting and report back as soon as possible.



Board Report

Title	Donations										
Date	June 2, 2026										
Presenter	Lisa Edwards										
Strategic Priority	Achieve, Belong, Create										
Background and Information	The below explains how donations are recorded in District School Board Ontario North East.										
	In the Audited Financial Statements booklet, which is typically available in December of each year, you will see the assets booked. If they are items, they are booked as non-financial assets.										
	The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is where any asset donations will be recorded in this document. As an example, a school bus donation would be recorded as a non-financial asset, under Tangible capital assets:										
	Non-financial assets										
	<table><tr><td>Prepaid expenses</td><td>40,875</td><td>346,705</td></tr><tr><td>Tangible capital assets (note 14)</td><td>171,050,730</td><td>166,427,840</td></tr><tr><td>Total non-financial assets</td><td>171,091,605</td><td>166,774,545</td></tr></table>			Prepaid expenses	40,875	346,705	Tangible capital assets (note 14)	171,050,730	166,427,840	Total non-financial assets	171,091,605
Prepaid expenses	40,875	346,705									
Tangible capital assets (note 14)	171,050,730	166,427,840									
Total non-financial assets	171,091,605	166,774,545									
Recommendation	That the Finance and Property Committee receive this information.										



Title	Smooth Rock Falls
Date	June 2, 2026
Presenter	Lisa Edwards
Strategic Priority	Belong
Background and Information	On May 11th, 2026, a discussion was had with the Ministry of Education regarding the request to allow students from Smooth Rock Falls to continue their high school education where they choose. The community has concerns about students travelling on Hwy 11. There are currently 36 students who travel from the Smooth Rock Falls area to attend Kapuskasing District High School. As a comparator, there are a total of 586 students from various communities who travel on Hwy 11 throughout our district to attend our schools. The Ministry advised that if the Board of Trustees approves a motion to allow this, they will review the request and advise if it is approved by the Minister of Education. The Ministry staff also advised that the Minister is not in favor of moving students to schools where they will be expected to complete more of their courses online. The facility that previously housed the high school students is currently leased to North Eastern Ontario Family and Children's Services (NEOFACS). The 5-year lease term has passed, and they are renting by the month. They have requested that the lease be renewed for another 5 years. That request is on hold until a decision is made regarding the high school students. An estimated annual staffing cost for this request would be \$471,012. This amount includes teachers, a principal, an educational assistant and a custodian.
Recommendation	That this information be received by the Finance and Property Committee.

Report to Trustees and to members of the Finance Committee

Subject: Consideration of Local Schooling Options for Grades 7–12 in Smooth Rock Falls

Background

At a recent city council meeting I attended in Smooth Rock Falls, municipal representatives formally requested that the school board consider allowing students in Grades 7 through 12 to attend school locally in Smooth Rock Falls, rather than continuing to be transported daily to Kapuskasing.

This request reflects growing concerns within the community regarding student safety, transportation challenges, and the long-term sustainability of the current arrangement.

Key Concerns

1. Student Safety and Highway Conditions

A primary concern raised by both council and parents is the safety of students traveling on Highway 11. The highway is frequently subject to dangerous driving conditions, particularly during winter months. Additionally, closures due to accidents are quite common, leading to delays and increased risk.

The current highway conditions differ significantly from those in 2011, when the decision was made to bus students to Kapuskasing. Since that time, traffic patterns have changed, and conditions are perceived as more hazardous.

Looking ahead, the anticipated expansion of mining operations in the region is expected to significantly increase transport truck traffic along Highway 11. This projected increase further elevates safety concerns for student transportation.

2. Moratorium in place by the government

3. Community and Economic Impact

The absence of local schooling for Grades 7–12 has broader implications for the community. As new businesses emerge in Smooth Rock Falls, attracting and retaining workers has become more challenging.

Families with school-aged children are choosing to relocate to Kapuskasing so their children can attend school locally. As a result, parents are commuting to Smooth Rock Falls for work instead

of students traveling for education. This shift impacts both community growth and local workforce stability.

Facility and Space Considerations

One of the main challenges identified is the current use of space within the Smooth Rock Falls school facility. The daycare program is presently occupying the high school section, making it unavailable for secondary students.

However, there may be opportunities to explore alternative arrangements:

- Historically, Grade 7 and 8 students were accommodated within the elementary school.
 - A review of current enrollment numbers and classroom utilization in the elementary school could determine whether Grades 7 and/or 8 could be reintegrated into that space. I'm not sure if that falls under the moratorium or not as it's not creating a new school.
 - A detailed breakdown of class sizes and available classrooms would be required to assess feasibility.
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Potential Program Options

The Director has proposed a potential hybrid model for senior students:

- **Grade 11 and 12 Co-op Model:**
Students could participate in cooperative education placements within Smooth Rock Falls for half of the school day.
- **Online Learning Component:**
For the remaining half of the day, students would complete two online courses.

This model would reduce the amount of time students need to travel to Kapuskasing and could potentially eliminate one semester of required travel.

Considerations Moving Forward

In evaluating this request, the Committee may wish to consider:

- A comprehensive safety review of current transportation routes and conditions.
- Updated traffic projections related to regional industrial development.
- A facility utilization study of the Smooth Rock Falls school, including daycare space allocation.

- Enrollment data analysis to assess the feasibility of reintroducing intermediate grades locally.
 - Exploration of hybrid or alternative delivery models for secondary education.
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Conclusion

The request from the City of Smooth Rock Falls highlights a combination of safety, community, and operational concerns that warrant careful consideration. While there are logistical challenges, particularly related to space and program delivery, there may also be opportunities to explore flexible and innovative solutions that better align with current conditions and community needs.

Further analysis and consultation will be essential in determining the most appropriate path forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter,

Crystal Hewey



Board Report

Title	By-Laws Section 5.19.1 Backgrounder
Date	June 2, 2026
Presenter	Trustee Brush
Strategic Priority	Achieve, Belong, Create
Background and Information	5.19.1 Agenda Amendments at Board and Committee Meetings Agendas for a Board or Committee Meeting may not be amended at the Meeting, or after the notice of the Meeting and Agenda has been circulated to Members to add an item, unless the item qualifies as time sensitive or Emergency Business (defined in section 1.5) and the amendment to the Agenda is confirmed by a Two-Thirds Vote. This does not preclude a motion to amend the Order of Business on the Agenda or to remove an item from the Agenda. Removal of an item from the Agenda requires a Majority Vote. Received from Sheila McKinnon, Shibley Righton LLP regarding clarification of by-law 5.19.1 on May 11, 2026: The purpose of s.5.19.1 which is a special rule of order made by DSB1 i.e., different from Robert's Rules of Order on this topic, was to make it more difficult than RROO to amend an agenda in order to protect any trustees who may be absent but would not have been absent if they knew this new topic was being added to the agenda and also for transparency to the public who also may have chosen to attend the meeting had they known the new topic was being added. It is correct that RROO does permit an agenda to be amended before it is approved at the meeting by a simple majority vote or amended after the agenda is approved by a two-thirds vote. If the Board would prefer to operate based on RROO, the next time they amend the bylaws they could delete s. 5.19.1. In the meantime, if the Board wishes to amend their agenda at the meeting, they can vote to suspend s.5.19.1 because it is a rule of order (bylaws cannot be suspended unless the bylaw you wish to suspend is in the nature of a rule of order) on a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. If it is clear that a motion to suspend the rule will pass, then they could combine that motion with the motion to amend the agenda. If it is not clear that the motion to suspend the rule will pass then the two motions should be dealt with separately i.e., if the first motion does not pass then the motion to amend the agenda won't make it to the floor.