

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

**REGULAR Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 @ 6:15 p.m.

Location:  
Schumacher Board Office, Board Room  
153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher

**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*Together, we inspire innovation and a passion for learning in every student.*

**AGENDA**

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2. **REGULAR SESSION**
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
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5. **PRESENTATION: Special Education Update (S. Pladzyk, Superintendent of Schools, and Joanne Marsh-Peters, Administrator & Acting VP of Special Education)**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Board Meeting, November 1, 2016 ..... 3-5
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- ii) *Building the Workforce of Tomorrow: A Shared Responsibility .....* attached
- iii) *School Funding*

12. ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Doug Shearer (Chair)  
Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)  
Heather Bozzer  
Bruce Cutten  
Dennis Draves

Tom Henderson  
Wayne Major  
Peter Osterberg

Rosemary Pochopsky  
Saunders Porter

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Howard Archibald

**STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Aviana Ruel (ESCHS)  
Gillian Gobbo (IFSS)

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Linda Knight - Director of Education  
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer  
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools  
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools  
Jim Rowe - Senior Manager of Human Resources

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

**6433-16 DRAVES/HENDERSON:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

**6434-16 POCHOPSKY/CUTTEN:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, (In-Camera).

**CARRIED**



6435-16 DRAVES/MAJOR:

THAT this Board reconvene in regular session.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

6436-16 BOZZER/POCHOPSKY:

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated November 1, 2016 be approved, with the following changes:

- **ADD**, under Administrative Reports:
  - Property sale;
- **ADD**, under Correspondence:
  - Letter from Bluewater DSB Chair R. Motz

**CARRIED**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6437-16 BOZZER/DRAVES:

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held October 18, 2016 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Property Sale**

6438-16 MAJOR/OSTERBERG:

THAT the Board approve the sale of FPK Whitney Public School to Rubino Real Estate Holdings Inc.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Capital Planning**

6439-16 DRAVES/OSTERBERG:

THAT the Board write the Ministry of Education regarding the refusal of funding for our Capital Plan submission.

**CARRIED**

6440-16 BRUSH/OSTERBERG:

THAT the Board suspend further discussion on the Capital Plan, pending a meeting to be scheduled with the Ministry.

**CARRIED**



**ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (OPSBA)**

6441-16 CUTTEN/PORTER:

THAT the Board receive the OPSBA report by Trustee Tom Henderson.

**CARRIED**

**MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE**

6442-16 ARCHIBALD/DRAVES:

THAT the Board receive the following Ministry correspondence:

- 2017-2018 Education Funding Engagement Guide;
- Memo: Release of Updated Version of Ontario Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12: Policy and Program Requirements (2011);
- Bill 37 – Protecting Students Act, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

6443-16 PORTER/DRAVES:

THAT the Board receive the following correspondence:

- Bluewater DSB letter from Chair R. Motz

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

6444-16 POCHOPSKY/OSTERBERG:

THAT we do now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.*

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD



TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

Agenda Ref. No. 2016 11 15

**RE: OCTOBER, 2016 CASH DISBURSEMENTS**

Details of the cash disbursements for the month of October, 2016 in the amount of \$9,660,051.67 are enclosed.

Should Trustees have any questions regarding these disbursements, please contact the Superintendent of Business and Finance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE REPORT ON CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,660,051.67.**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Knight  
Director of Education

Pearl Fong-West  
Superintendent of Business/Finance

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS SUMMARY**

**For OCTOBER, 2016**

District School Board O.N.E.	Bank Transfers	TOTAL
\$ 5,225,783.85	\$ 4,434,267.82	\$9,660,051.67



**MINUTES of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) held Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:00 noon** at the Schumacher Board Office and video conferencing sites, with the following in attendance:

**Committee Members:**

Kathy Farrell	Vice Chairperson, Community Living Timmins	
Bruce Cutten	Trustee	
Bob Brush	Trustee (alternate)	
Saunders Porter	Trustee (alternate)	
Gary Dowe	Cochrane Timiskaming Resource Centre	
Arline Chasle	Timiskaming First Nation	(v/c NLBO)
Alice Hearn-Flannigan	VOICE	(v/c NLBO)

**Staff Present:**

Steve Pladzyk	Superintendent of Schools responsible for Special Education	
Denise Plante-Dupuis	Manager of Mental Health & Addictions	
Patricia Chertow	Principal	
Alison Fantin	Principal	(v/c KLDCS)

**Guest:**

Gale Wiseman	Resource Facilitator Learning Disabilities Association (LDAO) - Timmins
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**Committee Members Absent:**

Dennis Draves	Trustee
Peter Osterberg	Trustee
Christine Heavens	parent representative
Bruce Hayter	parent representative
Melanie Hebert	parent representative

**Staff Regrets:**

Joanne Marsh-Peters	Acting District Special Education Administrator
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**Recording Secretary:**

Dianne Gaudreau	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Kathy Farrell, Vice Chairperson, and round table introductions and video conferencing sites were made.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

**MOVED** by Saunders Porter **SECONDED** by Gary Dowe **THAT** the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Election of SEAC Chair:**

**Kathy Farrell** assumed the Chair roll to oversee the election of the Chair position. As there was no express of interest for the position it will be tabled to the November meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOVED** by Gary Dowe, **SECONDED** by Bruce Cutten **THAT** the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting be approved with the following change:

- Under Chair's resignation letter, correction to the spelling of bask to be back.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of Minutes:**

As we did **not have quorum** for the **September 7, 2016** meeting, it was **MOVED** by Bruce Cutten, **SECONDED** by Gary Dowe **THAT** the meeting notes be approved as written.

**CARRIED****Business Arising:**

1. The Board meeting dates have been set, confirming the 2016-17 SEAC dates as:

November 2	December 7	January 11
February 15	March 8	April 5
May 3	June 7	

**Correspondence:**

1. Renfrew County Catholic DSB – transition out of secondary school and employment prospects for students with disabilities.  
**Superintendent Pladzyk** stated that the Board's Transition Guide was being introduced at a SERTS workshop. The two SERT workshops scheduled for October 5 and October 7.
2. PAaC  
**Superintendent Pladzyk** stated that PAaC have posted a revised PAaC handbook for SEAC Members which includes training video modules website [www.paac-seac.ca](http://www.paac-seac.ca). The modules will be reviewed and brought back at the November meeting.

Correspondence duly noted as received and filed.

**Presentation – Learning Disabilities Awareness of Ontario – Timmins Branch**

**Superintendent Pladzyk** welcomed Gale Wiseman, Resource Facilitator with the LDAO - Timmins Branch. Gale sits as our guest presenter today, however the LDAO will be submitting an application for Gale to be part of SEAC as a local association representative.

Gale shared a brief outline of her role as Resource Facilitator with the Learning Disabilities Association which their Mission Statement is: *"To support all individuals with learning disabilities in reaching their full potential in a community that values their unique abilities and contributions."*

The LDAO - Timmins branch will equip youth and parents with the tools needed to gain critical emotional and social skills they need to be successful.

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness month. To bring attention and awareness to this cause, District School Board Ontario North East and LDAO are partnering to co-host a free Community Workshop led by Angie Demarco on October 17 at RMSS and via videoconferencing in Kapuskasing, Cochrane, New Liskeard and Kirkland Lake. The goal of the workshop is to understand what a learning disability is, what it is not, what it feels like and why students learn differently.

On October 18 the LDAO Timmins branch will be gathering in front of City Hall to plant 800 flags to represent all Timmins students who have a Learning Disability.

**Superintendent Pladzyk** stated that the LD handouts shared at today's meeting would be going out to all schools with the goal is to build capacity of teachers in their classrooms.

A brief discussion followed the presentation.

**Kathy Farrell**, Acting Chairperson thanked Gale for her time and presentation.



**New Business:****1. Trustee Report:**

**Trustee Bruce Cutten** reported that Superintendent Pladzyk made a presentation at the Board meeting regarding October being Learning Disabilities Awareness Month.

**2. Agency Report:**

Kathy Farrell, Community Living Timmins reported they are opening a Sensory Room in the Vic Mahoney day program. All the equipment and matting was donated from CTRC. The room will be available for people supported in Community Living and for Children's Services children in the near future.

**3. New SEAC member:**

**Superintendent Steve Pladzyk** stated that Gale Wiseman from LDA and Cynthia Barty with CNIB will be submitting applications to be part of SEAC.

**4. Draft letters:**

**Superintendent Pladzyk** shared two drafts letters on behalf of SEAC, one to the Minister of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Education regarding the implementation of the Ontario Autism Program, and a letter of welcome to School Councils to encourage greater communication between school councils and the Special Education Advisory Committee.

**Trustee Bob Brush** suggested that the School Council letter should also be sent to (PIC) Parent Involvement Committee.

**Special Education Team Updates:**

**Superintendent Steve Pladzyk** reported on the iPad rollouts stating any Special Education student who prefers keeping their laptops rather than receiving a new iPad will be allowed to and any surplus laptops will be re-distributed to help support other programs.

**Superintendent Pladzyk** reported that the Board averages about 70 psychological assessments per year with an unusual long waiting list. The Special Education team is developing a business plan which will be presented to the Director to try and reduce the wait time.

**Superintendent Pladzyk** reported that Venessa Harmanmaa has been hired to replace Anne Price, our Autism Support Officer, while on leave.

**Superintendent Pladzyk** reported on the Ministry's memorandum to support the transition to the new Ontario Autism Program.

The purpose of the memorandum is to invite school boards to submit applications for new funding to support new and/or existing after school programs that build and enhance skills for students affected by changes to autism services and for students with high-needs autism spectrum disorder.

**Adjournment:**

**MOVED** by Gary Dowe

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 1:10pm

**NEXT MEETING: November 2, 2016 – 12:00 noon, Schumacher Board Office.**

(v/c sites: NLBO, Hearst, Kapuskasing & Kirkland Lake)

Respectfully submitted on behalf of  
Kathy Farrell, **Vice Chairperson**  
Special Education Advisory Committee



TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

RE: New SEAC member

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**Backgrounder:**

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario have established a satellite office in Timmins, Ontario. In discussions with the regional Director, Mary-Liz Warwick, the invitation was extended for the Timmins Resource Facilitator to join SEAC should there be an interest. Mary-Liz accepted the offer to have LDAO representation on SEAC.

With an increased focus on students with Learning Disabilities by the Ministry in the Renewed Math Strategy, and DSB Ontario North East, working towards increasing the knowledge of their staff around learning disabilities, this addition to SEAC is beneficial to ensure a consistent voice for those with a learning disability remains in our discussions and decision-making processes.

At SEAC meeting on November 2, 2016, the following motion was passed:

**MOVED** by Dennis Draves, **SECONDED** by Bruce Cutten **THAT** the following motion is presented to the Board at the next Board meeting of November 15, 2016.

**“SEAC recommends to the Board of Trustees that they accept Gale Wiseman, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario – Timmins, association representative and full members of SEAC for a term commencing December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2019.”**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Gale Wiseman be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) as representative of the association *Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO)*, effective December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Steven Pladzyk  
Superintendent of Schools

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Linda L. Knight  
Director of Education

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Ontario

November 3, 2016

Dear colleagues,

As you know, promoting and supporting well-being is one of the four interconnected goals of Achieving Excellence, Ontario's renewed vision for education: achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being and enhancing public confidence. We are proud of this vision for education and its specific focus on well-being. As part of this shared vision, we want all students in Ontario to succeed and achieve their full potential.

Over the coming months, the ministry will be engaging with its partners online and by visiting communities all across the province to discuss well-being in our schools.

I am writing today to ask for your participation in this important and exciting work, and I am pleased to share with you a copy of our Engagement Paper, [Well-Being in Our Schools, Strength in our Society](#). I encourage you to share your thoughts by visiting our well-being webpage, at [www.ontario.ca/studentwellbeing](http://www.ontario.ca/studentwellbeing).

To ensure we are reaching as many people as possible, please share this broadly with your colleagues and partners. We are looking for insights on three themes: understanding well-being, promoting and supporting student well-being, and knowing our impact.

The evidence has shown that children and students who have strong relationships and a positive sense of self are in a better position to reach their full potential.

This engagement paper is intended to further our progress on the goal of promoting well-being and better understand the challenges and opportunities in ensuring students' cognitive, emotional, social and physical needs are being met. We will continue to build on the discussions and work already happening to promote well-being in our schools, use this input to help move to the next level, and improve our publicly funded education system.

To support this work, the ministry is hosting regional engagements across Ontario. In addition, we are encouraging community members to organize their own discussions on well-being and submit their feedback to the ministry. The ministry has also created an Engagement Kit to help communities host their own discussions with local parents, students, community groups and partners.

The province is consulting with a diverse range of partners in education, health care, youth justice, social services, business, arts and culture and the non-profit sector, as well as francophone partners and communities to incorporate their unique identities, cultural backgrounds and perspectives. The ministry is also working with Indigenous partners to co-develop supports and indicators of well-being for Indigenous students that can help inform the larger well-being strategy for all students.



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This engagement is critically important to ensuring that our work to promote well-being in schools is meaningful and effective. So once again, I encourage you and your partners to share your ideas and provide feedback by January 15, 2017, at:

[www.ontario.ca/studentwellbeing](http://www.ontario.ca/studentwellbeing).

Thank you for your leadership and ongoing commitment to support Ontario's children and students to reach their full potential in school and beyond.

Sincerely,

Mitzie Hunter, MBA

Minister

Enclosure



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Le 21 octobre 2016

Linda Knight  
Director of Education  
District School Board Ontario North East  
P.O. Box 1020  
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Madame,

Le Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières a identifié « l'École élémentaire catholique Ste-Rita » de Val Rita comme n'étant plus nécessaire aux fins du Conseil. Selon le « Règlement de l'Ontario 444/98 de la Loi sur l'éducation », nous engageons le processus de disposition en vous offrant la propriété suivante :

Nom :	École élémentaire catholique Ste-Rita (SIIS 3576)
Adresse :	106, chemin du gouvernement, Val Rita, Ontario
Années de construction :	1950
Superficie du bâtiment :	20 925 pieds carrés
Superficie du terrain :	4,544 acres

Veuillez me confirmer par écrit, votre intérêt ou non, au plus tard le 30 janvier 2017 à 14 h. Selon la loi, la vente de l'école doit se faire à la « juste valeur marchande ».

Veuillez noter que le Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières tire conclusion que votre organisme n'est pas intéressé à faire l'acquisition dudit édifice, si nous n'avons pas reçu vos intentions par écrit, au plus tard le 30 janvier 2017 à 14 h.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Bien à vous,

Mario Filion, CPA, CMA  
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