



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

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, September 20, 2016.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

- Doug Shearer (Chair)
- Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)
- Howard Archibald
- Heather Bozzer
- Dennis Draves
- Tom Henderson
- Wayne Major
- Peter Osterberg
- Rosemary Pochopsky
- Saunders Porter

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Bruce Cutten

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:

GUESTS:

- Corinna Wrona, DSB Ontario North East Community Outreach Worker
- Lynn McNaughton, VP Curriculum (v/c NLBO – In-Camera)
- Denise Plante-Dupuis, Mental Health and Well-Being Lead
- Frank Giorno, *Timmings Today*

RECORDING SECRETARY

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

6377-16 BOZZER/OSTERBERG:

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

CARRIED

6378-16 DRAVES/HENDERSON:

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

CARRIED

6379-16 MAJOR/ARCHIBALD: THAT this Board reconvene in regular session.

CARRIED

Chair Doug Shearer welcomed our new Student Trustees, Aviana Ruel (ESCHS) and Gillian Gobbo (IFSS) to the meeting and invited them to actively participate in Board meeting discussions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6380-16 HENDERSON/MAJOR: THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated September 20, 2016 be approved, with the following changes:

- **ADD**, Ministry Correspondence:
 - Policy Memo 160: *Protected Time for Daily Mathematics Instruction, Grades 1-8*
- **ADD**, under OPSBA:
 - Code of Conduct
- **ADD**, under Correspondence:
 - Letter from Peel DSB Chair re: EQAO testing on Syrian newcomers.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

PRESENTATION: School Attendance: *Every Day Counts* (D. Plante-Dupuis):

Mental Health and Well-Being Lead Denise Plante-Dupuis gave a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of recognizing the importance of monitoring school absences in order to identify and assist individual students experiencing attendance problems. As regular and consistent attendance has a proven positive overall effect on academic and personal success, the emphasis is on dealing with students experiencing chronic or persistent absenteeism. This is defined as missing "10% or more school days for any reason, including unexcused or excused absences over an academic year". DSB Ontario North East has introduced an **Administrator School Attendance Toolkit** to assist Principals and staff in identifying students with persistent absenteeism, overcoming obstacles (generational, mental health/addiction, family stress/conflict, etc.), increasing awareness of the importance of regular attendance (including social media and school awareness projects), and providing engagement strategies with the aim of promoting and celebrating improved attendance habits.

6381-16 HENDERSON/PORTER: THAT the Board receive the presentation: **School Attendance: *Every Day Counts*** by Denise Plante-Dupuis, Mental Health and Well-Being Lead.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6382-16 DRAVES/MAJOR: THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held September 6, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Hubs

6383-16 MAJOR/DRAVES: THAT the Board receive the update on Community Hubs.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**Cash Disbursements****6384-16 PORTER/ARCHIBALD:**

THAT the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of August 2016 in the amount of \$12,506,381.45.

CARRIED

Scheduled Policy Reviews 2016-2017**6385-16 HENDERSON/DRAVES:**

THAT the Board receive the following list of policies scheduled for review in the 2016-2017 school year:

- 1.2.26 Accessibility Standards for Customer Service
- 1.2.22 Hiring
- 1.2.24 Health & Wellness / Employee Support Program
- 2.1.2 Safe Arrival
- 2.1.13 Drug Education
- 2.1.23 Managing Violent and Aggressive Behaviour
- 2.1.32 Emergency Preparedness
- 3.1.3 Community Use of School Facilities
- 3.1.4 School Funds
- 3.1.5 Purchasing Card Program
- 3.1.6 Purchasing

CARRIED

Staffing**6386-16 BRUSH/OSTERBERG:**

THAT the Board appoint Shawn Donovan as Vice Principal of Timmins High & Vocational School, effective September 1, 2016.

CARRIED

6387-16 BRUSH/OSTERBERG:

THAT the Board appoint Jamie Johnston as Vice Principal (Acting) of R. Ross Beattie Public School, effective September 1, 2016.

CARRIED

6388-16 HENDERSON/DRAVES:

THAT the Board appoint Shane Rentelis as Vice-Principal (Acting) of IFSS elementary for the 2016-17 school year, effective September 1, 2016.

CARRIED

6389-16 BOZZER/BRUSH:

THAT the Board appoint Kelly Pearce as the Principal of JHK Public School, effective September 1, 2016.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Audit Committee****6390-16 MAJOR/ARCHIBALD:**

THAT the Board receive the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held June 21, 2016.

CARRIED

6391-16 HENDERSON/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board receive the Audit Committee *Annual Report to the Trustees* and that this report be forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

6392-16 MAJOR/BRUSH: **THAT** the Board receive the Deloitte Ontario *Association of School Business Officials Open vs. closed sessions of audit committee meetings* (November 2015).

CARRIED

Succession Planning Committee

6393-12 BOZZER/ARCHIBALD: **THAT** the Board receive the report by the Succession Planning Committee.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Meeting Dates

6394-16 DRAVES/OSTERBERG: **THAT** the discussion on Board meeting dates be tabled to the next Regular Board meeting (October 4, 2016).

CARRIED

Bussing in Temiskaming Shores

6395-16 BOZZER/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board receive the report on bussing in Temiskaming Shores.

CARRIED

ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (OPSBA)

6396-16 HENDERSON/BOZZER: **THAT** the Board receive the report on the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, including discussion on the Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE

6397-16 OSTERBERG/HENDERSON: **THAT** the Board receive the following Ministry of Education correspondence:

- Letter to Chair Shearer from Minister Sandals re: *Executive Compensation Framework regulation* (September 6'16)
- Policy Memorandum 160: *Protected Time for Daily Mathematics Instruction, Grades 1-8*

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

6398-16 POCHOPSKY/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence:

- Letter from Chair McDougald of Peel DSB re: impact of EQAO testing on Syrian newcomers in Spring 2016.

CARRIED

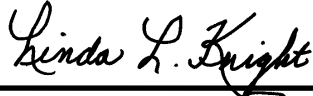
ADJOURNMENT

6399-16 **MAJOR/ARCHIBALD:**

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD