

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

MINUTES of the **Inaugural Meeting** of District School Board Ontario North East held at 6:15 p.m. in the boardroom of the Schumacher Board Office, 153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher, on **December 4, 2018**.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Howard Archibald
Bob Brush
Dennis Draves
Val Fuller
Tom Henderson
Steve Meunier
Brian Peever
Rosemary Pochopsky (via teleconference)
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck (via teleconference)
Doug Shearer
Ken Steinbrunner

TRUSTEES ABSENT

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Danielle Beaudoin (v/c Kirkland Lake District Composite School)
Chloey Frank (v/c Kirkland Lake District Composite School)
Noble Stow-Gore (v/c Timiskaming District Secondary School)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Lesleigh Dye - Director of Education
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance
Steve Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools
Kristen Niemi - Superintendent of Schools
James Rowe - Superintendent of Human Resources

OFFICIANT

The Honourable Justice Ralph Carr

STAFF

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education
Andreanne Denis, Communications Officer
Larry Souliere, IS Coordinator

GUESTS

Del Fuller
JP Desilets, President, OSSTF
Maureen Rintamaki, President, OSSTF Educational Assistants

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

Director of Education and Secretary to the Board, Lesleigh Dye, called the Inaugural meeting of District School Board Ontario North East to order at 6:15 p.m. Secretary Lesleigh Dye proceeded with a land acknowledgement, recognizing that we are in the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory.

Secretary Lesleigh Dye welcomed the returning and newly elected Trustees to the Inaugural meeting and introduced our officiant, The Honourable Justice Ralph Carr. Judge Carr addressed the Board of Trustees, staff and guests, reviewing his association with DSB Ontario North East and the predecessor Timmins Board of Education. Having attended and graduated from Mattagami Public, Central Public and Timmins High and Vocational Schools, he noted his children have - and now grandchildren are - attending schools within our Board.

Each Trustee recited and signed their Declaration and Oath of Allegiance and Judge Carr duly signed each document. Trustees Rosemary Pochopsky and Cindy Pye-Reasbeck, attending via tele-conference, recited their Declarations and Oaths of Allegiance and confirmed they had signed their documents previously.

Once all documents were formally signed, Secretary Lesleigh Dye thanked Judge Carr for officiating at our Inaugural meeting. Director and Secretary to the Board, Lesleigh Dye, then proceeded to Chair the meeting, outlining the procedure for the election of the new Chair of the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

7025-18 STEINBRUNNER/FULLER: **THAT** the Agenda for the Inaugural Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East dated December 4, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

CEREMONIAL SMUDGE (Howard Archibald)

Indigenous Trustee Howard Archibald led the Trustees, Senior Administration, staff and guests in a ceremonial smudge.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

7026-18 SHEARER/BRUSH: **THAT** Superintendents Pearl Fong-West and Jo-Anne Plaunt be appointed as scrutineers.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF CHAIR

7027-18 SHEARER/PEEVER: **THAT** Bob Brush be nominated Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.

CARRIED

7028-18 HENDERSON/SHEARER: **THAT** nominations for Chair be closed.

CARRIED

With no further nominations, Bob Brush accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Bob Brush thanked Trustees Shearer and Peever for their nomination and the Board of Trustees for the vote of confidence in electing him as Chair. He noted the balance of new and returning Trustees and expressed his optimism and faith in the Trustees as we move forward through challenging and rewarding times, while focusing on our mission and vision statements.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Bob Brush formally took over as the Chair of the Board and called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board.

7029-18 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** Dennis Draves be nominated Vice-Chair of District School Board Ontario North East.

CARRIED

7030-18 HENDERSON/ARCHIBALD: **THAT** nominations be closed.

CARRIED

With no further nominations, Dennis Draves accepted and was acclaimed as Vice Chair.

REMARKS FROM VICE-CHAIR

Vice Chair Dennis Draves thanked the Board for their support and encouraged all to contact him or the Chair with any questions or concerns.

Bob then thanked scrutineers for being on "stand-by" in the event of an election.

OTHER BUSINESS:**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

7031-18 **STEINBRUNNER/ARCHIBALD:** THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD