



# 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 Room, 153 Croatia Avenue on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019.**

## **TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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

## **TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

## **STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Danielle Beaudoin (Kirkland Lake District Composite School) (via t/c)

## **STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

Chloey Frank (Indigenous – Kirkland Lake District Composite School)  
Noble Stow-Gore (Timiskaming District Secondary School)

## **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Lesleigh Dye - Director of Education  
Kristen Niemi - Superintendent of Schools  
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools  
Jim Rowe - Superintendent of Human Resources

## **ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools  
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education – Recording Secretary  
Andreanne Denis – Communications Officer  
Larry Souliere – Coordinator, Information Services

## **GUESTS:**

JP Desilets, District President, OSSTF  
Maureen Rintamaki, OSSTF President, Educational Assistants

## **REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting opened with the land acknowledgement of our being on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 Territory.

**7069-19 STEINBRUNNER/ARCHIBALD: THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

- 7070-19 FULLER/MEUNIER: THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, In-Camera. **CARRIED**
- 7071-19 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY: THAT we now rise and report to the Board. **CARRIED**
- 7072-19 STEINBRUNNER/MEUNIER: THAT this Board reconvene in Regular Session. **CARRIED**

The Regular session commenced at 6:08 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 7073-19 HENDERSON/MEUNIER: THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated February 19, 2019 be approved. **CARRIED**

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

### PRESENTATION: February Strategic Plan Vignette: *Mental Health and Well-Being Practices (A. Denis, Communications Officer)*

- 7074-19 MEUNIER/PEEVER: THAT the Board receive the presentation of the February Strategic Plan Vignette. **CARRIED**

### PRESENTATION: Culture: *Pathways and Graduation Rates (L. Yee, Vice Principal, Student Success)*

Lisa Yee, Vice Principal of Student Success provided a detailed overview of the Graduation Rates (Year 4 and Year 5) for the 2013-2014 cohort. Noting that DSB Ontario North East graduation rate for Year 5 has risen to 70.3%, comparisons were made with previous years' cohorts and the Year 4 rate (53.4%). Details related to the graduation rates were shared and included demographics (movement to another Board, early school leavers, self-identified Indigenous students, students with Special Education needs) as well as the specific data related to graduation requirements being met (literacy component, community involvement hours, compulsory credits). Support for our students is available from our Student Success Teachers and Student Success Teams as well as with our Special Education and Mental Health and Well-Being departments/personnel.

- 7075-19 STEINBRUNNER/PYE-REASBECK: THAT the Board receive the presentation: *Culture: Pathways and Graduation Rates* by Lisa Yee, Vice Principal, Student Success. **CARRIED**

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 7076-19 SHEARER/PEEVER: THAT the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held January 8, 2019. **CARRIED**

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Cash Disbursements

- 7077-19 STEINBRUNNER/ARCHIBALD: THAT the Board accept the Cash Disbursements for the month of December 2018 in the amount of 10,578,018.62 and for the month of January 2019 in the amount of 12,051,208.26. **CARRIED**

#### Administrative Updates

- 7078-19 MEUNIER/PYE-REASBECK: THAT the Board receive the following Administrative Reports:

- WE Miller Public School update
- Cell phone data usage by Trustees (2018)
- Efficacy Assessment report
- Indigenous Grad Coach Pilot Project update
- Ministry of Education funding updates
- School Council – form requesting criteria for Principals
- Common acronyms used by DSB Ontario North East

**CARRIED**

**Policy Review: Hiring Policy 1.2.22**

**7079-19 HENDERSON/FULLER:**

**THAT** the Board receive the revised *Hiring Policy 1.2.22* (to be approved March 5, 2019).

**CARRIED**

**Policy to Revoke: *Handheld Electronic communication and Listening Devices Policy 2.1.28***

**7080-19 STEINBRUNNER/MEUNIER:**

**THAT** the Board revoke the *Handheld Electronic communication and Listening Devices Policy 2.1.28*.

**CARRIED**

**School Celebrating Anniversaries**

**7081-19 MEUNIER/STEINBRUNNER:**

**THAT** the Board receive the update by Superintendent Steve Pladzyk on schools celebrating anniversaries.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Education Advisory Committee**

**7082-19 PYE-REASBECK/PEEVER:**

**THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meetings held October 3, 2018, December 5, 2018 and January 9, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**By-Law #10**

**7083-19 SHEARER/DRAVES:**

**THAT** the Board approve the amendments to *By-Law #10: Student Senate Constitution*.

**CARRIED**

**School Year Calendar 2019-2020**

**7084-19 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY:**

**THAT** the Board approve the DRAFT School Year Calendar for 2019-2020.

**CARRIED**

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

**7085-19 ARCHIBALD/MEUNIER:**

**THAT** the Board receive the reports by Trustees who attended the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Public Education Symposium on January 24-26, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE**

**7086-19 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY:**

**THAT** the Board receive the following Ministry correspondence:

- Memo 2019: B03 *Hiring Practices and Class Size Engagement*

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE****7087-19 HENDERSON/MEUNIER:****THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence:

- Rainy River DSB to Minister Thompson re: delay in funding Ojibwe Language Strategy;
- Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District des Grandes Rivières re: sale of St. Charles Elementary School, Timmins
- Email from Brian Hughes re: DSB Ontario North East website home page

**CARRIED****STUDENT TRUSTEE REFLECTIONS****ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- i. March 5, 2019: *Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update*
- ii. March 19, 2019: Equity: *Special Education Updates*
- iii. April 16, 2019: Innovation: *PACE Reimagined*
- iv. May 21, 2019: Innovation: *iPad Initiative*
- v. June 18, 2018: Culture: *Student Success and Pathways*
- vi. September 3, 2019: *Strategic Plan Year One Implementation*

**ADJOURNMENT****7088-19 MEUNIER/ARCHIBALD:** THAT we do now adjourn.**CARRIED***The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.*

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**SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

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**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**