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David Thompson, Chair

Jackie Young, Director of Education

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The June 27, 2017 **Public Session Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Head Office of the Near North District School Board, 963 Airport Road, North Bay, ON P1C 1A5.

**Trustees Present:**

David Thompson, Chair  
Michelina Beam  
Al Bottomley  
Harry Fry  
Paul Moffat  
Louise Sargent  
Ty Meighan – Student Trustee (16-17)  
Marcus Hlady – Student Trustee (17-18)

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Jackie Young, Director of Education  
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business  
Roz Bowness, Superintendent of Schools  
Amanda Meighan, Acting Superintendent of Support Services  
Gay Smylie, Acting Executive Officer  
Carrie Girard, Executive Assistant

**Trustees Present in Parry Sound:**

Jim Beatty – Vice Chair  
Corine Green  
Carol Stevens

**Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:**

Melanie Gray, Acting Executive Officer

**Trustees Present in Almaguin:**

**Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:**

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success

**Trustee Regrets:**

**Administrative Regrets:**

Tim Graves, Superintendent of Schools

**Trustees Absent:**

**Public (North Bay)**

Lyne Kelly  
Parker Robinson  
John Skidmore  
Karen Matthews  
Rebecca Geauvreau  
Janet Hilliard  
Tammy Martel

**Public (Parry Sound)**

Glen Hodgson

**Public (Almaguin)**

Judy Arai

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**Call to Order**

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Attendance**

Attendance indicated that 9 Trustees were present for this meeting.

**Approval of the Agenda**

17-06-08 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam

**That the Board approve the agenda as amended for the Public Session meeting of June 27, 2017.**

CARRIED

*The agenda was amended to include two items for discussion:*

- 1) Appointment of the Student Trustee for 2017-2018*
- 2) Design of the JK-12 build in Parry Sound*

**Conflict of Interest**

Vice Chair Beatty declared a conflict for the agenda item: Parry Sound JK-12 Build.

**Minutes from Previous Meetings of Near North District School Board**

17-06-09 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Al Bottomley

**That the Board approve the minutes as presented for the meetings held:**

- **May 23, 2017**
- **June 12, 2017**

CARRIED

**Celebrating Near North District School Board Success:**

Presentation of OPSBA Award of Merit in Memory of Jack A. MacDonald to Riley Beam, Chippewa Secondary School Student

The Jack A. MacDonald Award of Merit is awarded to an elementary or secondary school student attending an Ontario public school within an OPSBA Member Board for a sound academic record and outstanding community service and leadership. The late Jack A. MacDonald touched the lives of hundreds of trustees and teachers in school boards throughout Ontario during his more than 26 years in the field of education. His care and concern for Ontario education and, specifically, for students prompted his colleagues and friends to institute this award in his memory in 1987.

Riley Beam will graduate this June from Chippewa Secondary School with an academic average of 92%, an Arts certificate, an Extended French certificate, SHSM certificate Red Seal in Business, Level B1 DELF (provincial) certificate and an IB certificate in English.

This past year she served as Chippewa representative on the NNDSB Student Senate Chippewa Student Council. She was also co-captain of the Raider Dance Team.

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During her high school career, Riley has participated in the Chippewa concert band, the Raider Dance team, and the Raider Drama Sears Festival entries. This summer she will enjoy her 5<sup>th</sup> TOROS production.

Her contributions to her community include volunteering for Dreamcoat Fantasy Theatre, a FIRST Lego League Robotics, Trinity Church, and Relay for Life.

### **Student Achievement and Well Being:**

N/A

### **Meeting Dates:**

A calendar for the next school year will be distributed in later August.

### **Information/Discussion Items:**

- Monthly Tender Report - May 12, 2017 to June 12, 2017
- Letter from the Thames Valley District School Board to Education Minister Mitzie Hunter, RE: Request to Realign the Funding Process and Policies for School Consolidation, May 30, 2017
- 2017: SB13 Trade Agreements Information Memo from the Ministry of Education, June 1, 2017
- 2017: B6 Request for Early Years Capital Program (EYCP) Funding Submissions Memo from the Ministry of Education, June 6, 2017
- 2017: B7 Request for Capital Priorities Project Funding Submissions Memo from the Ministry of Education, June 12, 2017
- Administrative Guideline, Safe Schools: Code of Conduct

### **Question Period:**

**The following questions came forward from members of the public and the Chair provided the following responses:**

- 1) **Question:** *Can the Chair please clarify what led to this perception of a vocal minority as noted in the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting and why this statement was included?*  
**Chair's Response:** *Trustees have had many individual conversations with their constituents and have heard support for both a 3:2 option and a 3:1 option.*
- 2) **Question:** *Can the Chair further advise if the suggestion to build a single high school at the Thompson Park site, which incidentally was not offered to the ARC during its mandate, will be considered by the Board given: that the City's Official Plan identifies Thompson Park as a place to Play (Appendix C) and that Thompson Park is identified as a Floodplain Zone 1 area and Development Constraint area (Schedule 3a)?*

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**Chair's Response:** *It will be up to the Board of Trustees if they choose to have this site included in their discussions.*

- 3) **Question:** *Can the Chair provide a list of the information that is outstanding for the Trustees' decision on the fate of the three high schools in the North Bay Planning Area; and, a date when the decision will be made; and, when a decision is made, under which provincial funding initiative the Board will apply for funds?*

**Chair's Response:** *Many questions were raised by Trustees during initial discussions on the secondary accommodation review. Over the summer, Trustees hope to have some of these questions answered and may have more public meetings in September.*

### **Presentations by Public:**

N/A

### **Committee Reports:**

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2017
- First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2017
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, May 29, 2017 (Public and Private)
- Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2017 (Public and Private)

### **OPSBA Reports – Trustee Michelina Beam**

The OPSBA Annual General Meeting took place June 8-11, 2017 in Collingwood. Chair Thompson, Trustees Beam and Fry and Director Young attended.

The recent Board of Directors meeting was followed by professional development sessions and elections. The President and Northern Vice President were acclaimed while all other positions were maintained. Rusty Hicks is the new executive director for OPSBA.

For the Northern elections, Trustee Beam remains Vice Chair. Trustee Fry was elected as the Vice Chair Alternate and to the Policy Development working team.

Although many complaints have been received by the Ontario Ombudsman, only one investigation was launched into a school board.

Trustees provided feedback at the Ministry's recent rural and remote session on the following topics:

- Surplus space, community hubs and the need for funding for coordinator positions.
- Transportation funding needs to change in response to school consolidations.
- Special cases be considered for funding (such as rural and remote funding for northern schools).

With the Ministry's recent announcement of an additional \$22 million dollars in Special Education funding, Chair Thompson noted that our trustees expressed disappointment that the majority of this funding was allocated to French boards. Chair Thompson was in contact with Laurie French and she brought this forward. A teleconference is taking place tomorrow with the Minister of Education.

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**Trustee Comments:**

Student Trustee Ty Meighan:

- The last Student Senate meeting of the year was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Widdifield. Outgoing senators had a chance to meeting with 2017/18 incoming senators.
- Students finished writing their exams on Monday. Graduation ceremonies are being held this week.
- Northern hosted a very successful Pow Wow and F.J. McElligott hosted a Sunfest Carnival which was loved by all.
- A warm welcome to Marcus Hlady as Student Trustee for the upcoming year. Trustee Meighan thanked everyone for making his position so enjoyable and rewarding.

Trustee Sargent:

- Wished all staff and students a safe and healthy summer.
- Congratulated all graduating students.
- Offered special congratulations to all retiring staff.

Trustee Moffat:

- Thanks to parents and students for another great year.
- Believes that the Board has most of the information it needs and feels the Board should be able to make a decision relatively soon on the secondary accommodation review.

Trustee Fry:

- Congratulated administration and Director Young on a great year.
- A special thank you to Student Trustee Meighan who was a leader and an asset to the Board.
- Congratulated Riley Beam, for being a great example of getting involved and giving back to the community.
- Trustee Fry noted that he enjoys being in schools and seeing how proud students are of their accomplishments.
- Noted that attending the OPSBA AGM reaffirmed to him the value of OPSBA to our Board.
- Enjoyed the Chippewa band and celebrating with staff at the 25 Year Inductee/Retirement Dinner.

Trustee Stevens:

- Congratulations to all students for their successes over the year.
- Trustee Stevens was proud of everyone in the Board who honoured Aboriginal Day on June 21.

Trustee Green:

- Thanked members of the North Bay public for reaching out to trustees in Parry Sound during the accommodation review. Trustees are taking their time, considering all of the feedback and want to make the right decision. The Parry Sound ARC decision was rushed, and they don't want to rush this decision.
- Expressed frustration that the JK-12 site selection was announced by the Ministry before Trustees had the opportunity to share with stakeholders.
- Wished Student Trustee Meighan the very best in his future endeavours.

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Trustee Beatty:

- Hopes that trustees and staff will take a moment at the end of the meeting to reflect on success of the past year. The Board has accomplished a lot including DSSAB partnerships, the Capital Plan and the Multi-Year Plan.

Trustee Bottomley:

- Congratulated Student Trustee Meighan on his leadership this year.
- A special thank you to principals and staff at the Almaguin Highlands area schools.
- This year marks the first Grade 8 student cohort graduating from Sundridge Centennial since 1970.
- The FNAC Committee meetings and the SEAC meetings were delightful this year.
- Thanks to Jackie and fellow trustees, as it has been a good year.
- Almaguin Highlands Secondary School students won soccer 3<sup>rd</sup> in all Ontario's for Special Olympics. A special thank you to staff for allowing students to shine.

Trustee Beam:

- Attended the W.J. Fricker, Chippewa and Widdifield graduations.
- A special thank you to all of the staff, students and community partners who made presentations at our Board meetings this year. Trustee Beam hopes this will continue.
- Thanks to Trustee Ty Meighan for all of his hard work this year.
- Wished all students and staff a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chair Thompson:

- Thank you to our federation partners.
- Noted that he is looking forward to next year.
- Wished a safe holiday to staff and students.

**Director's Report: Director Jackie Young**

Director Young spoke about the importance of raising more awareness for National Aboriginal Day in our schools next year.

A very warm welcome to Marcus as our new student Trustee and a huge thank you to Ty Meighan for all of his wonderful work during his term.

**Items for Decision:**

**EL#7 Financial Condition**

17-06-10 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Al Bottomley

**That the Board approve EL#7 Financial Condition as presented on June 27, 2017.**

CARRIED

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**Woodland Public School Child Care Update**

17-06-11 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Louise Sargent

**That the Board proceed to tender to commence Phase 2 of the Woodland Capital Project. Namely, the construction of the Woodland Child Care.**

CARRIED

Gratitude was shared for the Ontario Government's support of \$2.3 million for the project as well as site costs for a total of \$2.7 million dollars. Before and after child care is already offered at Woodland. Four (4) new child care classrooms are scheduled to open in late Spring 2018.

We anticipate moving to tender in next few weeks in hopes that exterior site work will begin this summer and continue into the upcoming school year. The construction area will be completely cordoned off as safety is our top priority. A special thanks to neighbours of the school for their continued patience.

The funding approval came from the Ministry half way through construction, which is why it was not part of the original design of the school build.

The design of the child care facility will minimize the impact to the school's play space.

Governance Manual and Policy Updates

A group of three trustees have met a few times and developed a framework with connections to appendices. Trustees feel it can be produced in a timely fashion. The new format will be clear and user friendly – all relating back to the tenants in the Board's Multi-Year Plan. The detailed work for trustees will be in reviewing existing policies and bylaws. The trustee group will continue to meet over the summer to come back to the Board in September at a Governance workshop.

**Student Trustee 2017-2018**

17-06-12 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Harry Fry

**That the Board appoint Marcus Hlady as the Student Trustee for the 2017-2018 school year.**

CARRIED

**Parry Sound JK-12 Build**

17-06-13 Moved by Paul Moffat, seconded by Michelina Beam

**That the Board approve the design of a new JK-12 build on the Parry Sound High School site at 111 Isabella Street in Parry Sound.**

CARRIED

*OPPOSED: Trustee Corine Green*

The Board will be required to complete a facility space template for Ministry approval, as well as apply to the Ministry for any additional unique site costs.

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**North Bay Planning Area Accommodation Review**

17-06-14 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Paul Moffat

**That the Near North District School Board consolidate the three elementary schools of E.T. Carmichael Public School, E.W. Norman Public School and W.J. Fricker Public School into a new Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 build on the W.J. Fricker Public School site located at 790 Norman Avenue in North Bay.**

CARRIED

17-06-15 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Harry Fry

**That the Near North District School Board defer the secondary accommodation review matter involving Chippewa Secondary School, West Ferris Secondary School and Widdifield Secondary School to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.**

CARRIED

*OPPOSED: Trustee Michelina Beam*

Trustee Beam does not support the motion to delay the decision. She noted that in the past, accommodation decisions may have been made in haste or with limited data. She feels that the Capital Plan presents solid data to support a 3:1 solution for the North Bay secondary schools. She referenced that the perspectives offered by the Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce are not long term solutions, noting that if a 3:2 option is adopted by the Board, another decision will need to take place, again in 6-8 years. Further, she referenced that while she respects the work and decision of the ARC Committee, that a 3:2 decision is shortsighted. In addition to the data in the Capital Plan, she feels that a 3:1 solution is the best solution for programming.

Trustee Moffat took exception to Trustee Beam's comments. He feels that her comments were not relevant to the discussion of delaying the accommodation decision, rather her comments were directly related to the decision itself.

**Modifications to GP # 8 Governance Manual for Updates to Audit Committee and SAL Committee**

17-06-16 Moved by Harry Fry, seconded by Michelina Beam

**That the Near North District School Board adopt changes made to GP # 8 - Board Mandated Committee Structure, as presented on June 27, 2017.**

CARRIED

Public Question Period:

**Ratification of Business Transacted in Private Session**

17-06-17 Moved by Michelina Beam, seconded by Harry Fry

**That the Board ratify the following items from Private Session:**

- **Property**

CARRIED



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**Motion to Adjourn**

17-06-18 Moved by Al Bottomley, seconded by Michelina Beam  
**That the Board meeting of June 27, 2017 adjourn at 7:25 p.m.**

CARRIED

David Thompson  
Chair

Jackie Young  
Director of Education