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Jay Aspin, Chair

Gay Smylie, Interim Director of Education

The December 17, 2019 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held at 6:00 pm at the Head Office of the Near North District School Board.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chairperson
John Cochrane, Vice Chair
Donna Breault
Rob Learn
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan

Administrative Staff Present:

Gay Smylie, Acting Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Education
Craig Myles, Superintendent of Education
Mairghread Knought, Information and Communication Officer
Lucio Pavone, Executive Officer
Maureen Egan, Recording Secretary

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

T. Graves, Superintendent of Education

Trustee Regrets:

Greg Barnes
Al Bottomley
Nichole King
Student Trustee – Brooklyn Beaucage

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Administrative Regrets:

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1.1 Call to Order

Chair Aspin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 6 Trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - NIL

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion:19-12-01 J. Cochrane/L.Sargent

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 17, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3.6 Trustee Honorarium.

- **Carried**

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion:19-12-02 L. Sargent/B. Steer

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on November 26, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being to item 3.6 Trustee Honorarium is deferred. - **Carried**

Motion: 19-12-03 J. Cochrane/L.Sargent

That the minutes of the Organizational Board meeting held on December 3, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 3:2 Consolidation Update

The Chair reminded trustees that this will be a standing item until completed. He asked Superintendent Myles to address trustees. Superintendent Myles noted that the process is continuing well and is very challenging. He acknowledged the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of Lucio Pavone.

Lucio Pavone updated trustees on the latest progress and activities including: programing, timetabling, course selection, open houses, assemblies and joint meetings with student and parent councils. He noted the very positive and high energy atmosphere at open houses. SBO Therrien advised that the enrolment projection process will begin once course selection is completed. Chair Aspin invited trustees to ask questions or comment.

2.2 Staff Presentations NIL

2.3 Committee Communication NIL

2.4 Information Items

Monthly Tender Report: November to December 2019

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2.5 Director's Update NIL

2.6 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer reminded everyone of the upcoming Public Education Symposium in January.

2.7 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Meighan updated trustees on recent activities and wished everyone a wonderful Christmas. She also briefed trustees on the upcoming OSTA-AECO conference in February.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 19-12-04 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the Board approve EL#7 – Month End Finance Report for the month of November 2019. - **Carried**

3.2 RFP 2020-01 Architectural Services

Motion: 19-12-05 B. Steer/J.Cochrane

That the Board award RFP 2020-01 Architectural Services for a new elementary school to Mitchell Jensen subject to successful contract negotiations. - **Carried**

3.3 OPSBA Public Education Symposium 2020

Motion: 19-12-06 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium in Toronto January 23 to 25, 2020: Bill Steer and Jay Aspin. - **Carried**

The Director's office will contact the absent trustees re attendance at the symposium.

3.4 OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference 2020

Motion: 19-12-07 R. Learn/B. Steer

That the Board approve the attendance of the following student trustees at the OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 20-23, 2020: Madelyne Meighan and Brooklyn Beaucage. - **Carried**

3.5 Student Use of Service Animals in Schools

Motion: 19-12-08 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the Board adopt a policy statement in accordance with Program/Policy Memorandum 163, School Board Policies on Service Animals. - **Carried**

3.6 Trustee Honorarium

Motion: 19-12-09 J. Cochrane/R. Learn

That the Board approve the Trustee Honoraria policy for December 2018 and beyond as follows:

- a) Annual honorarium for trustee (excluding Chair and Vice-Chair) for December 1, 2019 onwards \$7,772.21;
- b) Chair \$13,272.21 and Vice-Chair \$10,522.21;
- c) \$50 distance allowance per board meeting for each member eligible. - **Carried**

4.0 **In-Camera**

Motion: 19-12-10, L. Sargent/J. Cochrane

That the Board move into in-camera at 7:05 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

- the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
- litigation affecting the board. R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, s. 207 (2). - **Carried**

4.5 Arise and Report

Motion: 19-12-13 J. Cochrane/ L. Sargent

That the Committee of the Whole arise and report from Private Session at 8:30 pm. - **Carried**

Motion: 19-12-14 J. Cochrane/B. Steer

That Superintendent Craig Myles be appointed Director of Education effective January 6, 2020. - **Carried**

Trustee Steer requested a recorded vote.

Jay Aspin – In favour; Greg Barnes – absent; Donna Breault – against; Alan Bottomley – absent; John Cochrane – in favour; Nichole King – in favour; Rob Learn – in favour; Louise Sargent – in favour; Bill Steer – in favour.

5.0 **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: 19-12-15 B. Steer/J. Cochrane

That the Board meeting of November 26, 2019 adjourn at 8:10 p.m. – **Carried**

Chair Aspin wished everyone a Merry Christmas