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Jay Aspin, Chair

Geof Botting, Interim Director of Education

The November 26, 2019 **Public Session Board 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:

Jay Aspin, Chairperson
John Cochrane, Vice Chair
Greg Barnes
Donna Breault
Rob Learn
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan
Student Trustee – Brooklyn Beaucage
(via video conference Parry Sound)

Trustee Regrets:

Al Bottomley
Nichole King

Administrative Staff Present:

Geof Botting, Interim Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Education
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent of Education
Mairghread Knought, Information and Communication Officer
Maureen Egan, Recording Secretary

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

T. Graves, Superintendent of Education

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Administrative Regrets:

Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success

1.1 Call to Order

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

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 7 Trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Steer declared a conflict with item 2.4 because his employer is the Canadian Ecology Centre.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion:19-11-01 J. Cochrane/R.Learn

That the Board approve the agenda as presented/amended for the meeting November 26, 2019. - **Carried**

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion:19-11-02 L. Sargent/G. Barnes

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

- October 29, 2019 (public)
- October 29, 2019 (private) - Carried

2.0 Communication to the Board

Ministry Advisors Update

Wayne Joudrie and Wally Easton provided an update on continuing discussions with the community. They provided a summary of the parent survey responses and noted a very high rate of return. Next steps will include examining the concerns raised and engaging with the community for solutions. Once this is completed they will report to the Board. Chair Aspin noted that the Board was looking forward to the results and recommendations.

Celebrating NNDSB Success

This is Me Update

Superintendent Bowness, Karen Waller and Jeff Roynon presented the student identity survey results. This collection of data is mandatory from all public service organizations. Superintendent Bowness explained the value of the data as it leads to better knowledge, understanding and success for students.

Summer Learning Camps

Superintendent Graves introduced Chris Walking and Pam Marshall-Gray who presented the Summer Learning program. They explained how important the camp is to student learning and noted the enthusiasm of students and families. The leaders are made up of certified teachers, educational assistants and early childhood educators. Chair Aspin invited trustees to ask questions. Trustee Cochrane asked how students are selected. It was explained that an invitation goes out to schools, and teachers who then identify students who would benefit from the camp. Trustee Learn asked about

capacity and it was confirmed that it was full. Trustee Sargent asked if any are returning students. Pam responded that parents contact her quite early in the year for attendance. Chair Aspin thanked Chris and Pam for the very informative presentation.

2.4 Information Items

- Monthly Tender Report
- Home Instruction Guideline
- WSS Update Report

2.5 Director's Update

Director Botting provided an update on the following:

- Maureen Egan will be assisting in the Director's office as Executive Assistant
- W.J. Fricker new build RFP submissions
- Parry Sound new build template space must be approved before architect begins
- Director search is underway and a motion will be coming to In-Camera shortly
- 3:2 Consolidation moving ahead under the guidance of Lucio Pavone. We are well intentioned to keep all trustees informed as the process unfolds
- Director Botting is presenting a personnel re-organization to trustees on Dec 3
- Reminder of the upcoming public consolidation meetings

2.6 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer highlighted the recent media release from OPSBA and provided copies to trustees. He also provided a written report which included information items.

2.7 Student Trustee Update

Student trustee Madelyn Meighan provided a verbal report on recent activities including wellness boards, Student Senate grant expenditures, 3:2 meeting with Lucio Pavone, meeting with Wally Easton and Wayne Joudrie. She ended by thanking all NNSB students for fundraising monies used to help others.

Student Trustee Brooklyn Beaucage thanked the board for inviting her to be the FN student trustee and said she hopes to be present in person at the next Board meeting.

3.1 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 19-11-03, J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

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

3.2 By-Law Levying Education Taxes 2020

Motion: 19-11-04, R. Learn/G. Barnes

That the Levying Education taxes for 2020 bylaw as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. - **Carried**

3.3 Approval of Draft Audited Year End Financial Statements

Motion: 19-11-05, J. Cochrane/G. Barnes

That the Draft Audited Year End Financial Statements be approved. - **Carried**

3.4 Audit Year End Report

Motion: 19-11-06 B. Steer/J. Cochrane

That the Board receive the annual report (summary) and forward to the Ministry of Education for the year ended August 31, 2019 from the Audit Committee. - **Carried**

3.5 Approval of Audit Year End Report

Moved to In-Camera

3.6 Approval of Trustee Honorarium

Motion: 19-11-07, 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. - **Deferred**

3.7 Health and Physical Education Exemption

Motion: 19-11-08, L. Sargent/ D. Breault

That the Board adopt the following policy statement:

“It is the policy of the NNDSB that each school with elementary students provide parent(s)/guardian(s) the opportunity to request an exemption for their child(ren) from participating in the Human Development and Sexual Health Expectations of the Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8, in accordance with the exceptions outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 162. – **Carried**”

4.0 Move into Committee of the Whole

Motion: 19-11-09, L. Sargent/J. Cochrane

That the Board move into Committee of the Whole. - **Carried**

All staff except the Director exited the Meeting.

4.1 In Camera

Motion: 19-11-10, J. Cochrane/ L. Sargent

That the Committee of the Whole move into Private Session at 7:20 p.m. in order to discuss a matter pertaining to:

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- 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**

4.2 Arise and Report

Motion:19-11-11, G. Barnes/ L. Sargent

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

4.3 Arise from Committee of the Whole

Motion:19-11-12, D. Breault/ G.Barnes

That the Board arise from Committee of the Whole. - **Carried**

5.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion:19-11-13, B.Steer/J.Cochrane

That the Board meeting of November 26, 2019 adjourn at 8:35 p.m. - **Carried**

Jay Aspin,
Chairperson

Geof Botting,
Interim Director of Education