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Jay Aspin, Chair

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The October 29, 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  
Louise Sargent  
Bill Steer  
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Geof Botting, Interim Director of Education  
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business  
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Education  
Craig Myles, Superintendent of Student Success  
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent of Education  
Mairghread Knought, Information and Communication Officer

**Trustees Present in Parry Sound:**

Nichole King

**Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:**

T. Graves, Superintendent of Education

**Trustee Regrets:**

Al Bottomley  
Rob Learn

**Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:**

**Administrative Regrets:**

### **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**

No conflicts were declared.

### **1.4 Approval of Agenda**

19-10-03 Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Louise Sargent  
**That the Board approve the agenda as presented/amended for the meeting  
October 29, 2019.**

CARRIED

### **1.5 Approval of Minutes**

19-10-04 Moved by Greg Barnes, seconded by Donna Breault  
**That the Board approve the minutes as presented for the meetings held:**

- **September 24, 2019 (public)**
- **September 24, 2019 (private)**

CARRIED

## **2.1 Committee Communication**

### **Director Search Committee**

Trustee Breault reported that the job posting and interviews questions for the Director of Education position has been finalized. The posting will be issued later this week and Trustees have been receiving updates on the process via email. The posting will close on November 18, 2019 and the intention is have Trustees conduct interviews on November 25 or 26.

### **Multi-Year Plan Committee**

Trustee Steer reported that the while the Multi-Year Plan Committee has not met, funding has become available from Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to assist board with development of a Multi-Year Plan.

Chair Aspin advised that the Board has retained the services of Curt Hammond who will be hosting educational sessions with the Trustees on November 12 and November 26, 2019. OESC will be funding 50% of the per diem rate and expenses of Mr. Hammond.

### **Secondary School Programming Committee**

Superintendent Myles provided an overview of the Secondary Programming Committee and the role of the coordinator and project lead L. Pavone. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to Executive Council on all matters with respect to the North Bay secondary school consolidation. The priority focus of the committee right now is secondary

programming after the closure of Widdifield. The committee has established a goal of having the programming completed by the end of November 2019 to meet requirements for course selection.

Superintendent Myles advised that the secondary school staff are eager to move ahead and have been working diligently on this matter. One of the biggest considerations is the movement of Nipissing Arts to West Ferris. The intention is to create and maintain an equitable distribution of students at Chippewa and West Ferris.

## 2.2 Information Items

- Monthly Tender Report
- Administrative Guideline –Equity and Inclusive Education. Superintendent Bowness advised that the guideline has been updated to include the requirements identified in Ministry policy statements and Human Rights legislation.

## 2.4 Director's Update

Director Botting provided an update on the following:

- The new build at W.J. Fricker will have portapaks which are different than portables.
- Administrative Guidelines with respect to hiring will need to be updated as they are out of date and many of the previous requirements are no longer applicable.
- The development of a new Multi-Year Plan will help inform future decision making and ensure that the NNDB has a long-term plan in place.
- Director's Bottings last day with the NNDSB will be mid-December 2019 and the intention is to have a new Director of Education named by then.
- Moving forward the NNDSB will need to focus on improving governance and ensuring that the required policies and procedures are established and communicated.

Moved by Donna Breault, seconded by John Cochrane

**That the related Administrative Guideline and Director of Education search process be amended.**

CARRIED.

Chair Aspin advised that the NNDSB is continuing to explore and develop a partnership with the Waterloo Independent Secondary School (WISS). Representatives from WISS attended F.J. McElligott for a visit which was very well received. Trustees requested an update on the partnership and plans going forward.

Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Louise Sargent

**That staff prepare and bring forward a full report on the Waterloo Independent Secondary School partnership at the next Board meeting.**

CARRIED.

## 2.5 OPSBA Report – Trustee Steer

Trustee Steer provided an overview of the negotiation and collective bargaining process, specifically the role and responsibility of OPSBA. Trustees were provided with a handout summarizing this information.

## 2.3 Student Trustee Update

M. Meighan congratulated Brooklyn Beaucage on her appointment as the NNDSB's first Indigenous Student Trustee. The following updates were provided:

- Student Senate Meetings have been scheduled for November 5 and November 25.
- Ms. Meighan attended the OSTA AGM which she found to be very beneficial.
- Student Senate will be meeting with the Ministry Special Advisors and are very excited about the opportunity.

## 3.1 EL#7 Financial Condition

19-10-05 Moved by Louise Sargent seconded by Donna Breault

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

CARRIED

## 3.2 Appointment of Indigenous Student Trustee

19-10-06 Moved by Nichole King, seconded by Louise Sargent

**That Brooklyn Beaucage be appointed as Indigenous Student Trustee for the 2019-2020 school year.**

CARRIED

Trustee King reported that she was very proud to announce the appointment of the First Indigenous Student Trustee. This position is an important part of ensuring that the student Indigenous voice is heard and represented.

## 4.1 Move into Committee of the Whole

19-10-07 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by John Cochrane

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

CARRIED

*L. Therrien, T. Graves, R. Bowness, G. Smylie and C. Myles exited the Meeting.*

## 4.2 In Camera

19-10-08 Moved by John Cochrane seconded by Louise Sargent

**That the Committee of the Whole move into Private Session at 7:10 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

#### 4.3 Arise and Report

19-10-09 Moved by Greg Barnes, seconded by Louise Sargent  
**That the Committee of the Whole arise and report from Private Session at 7:38 p.m.**

CARRIED

#### 4.3 Arise from Committee of the Whole

##### 4.4

19-10-10 Moved by Donna Breault, seconded by Greg Barnes  
**That the Board arise from Committee of the Whole.**

CARRIED

Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Louise Sargent  
**That the NNDSB formally accept the resignation of Jacqueline Young and all matter discussed in camera at the October 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole.**

CARRIED.

#### 5.1 Motion to Adjourn

19-10-11 Moved by Bill Steer, seconded by John Cochrane  
**That the Board meeting of October 29, 2019 adjourn at 7:42 p.m.**

CARRIED

Jay Aspin,  
Chairperson

Geof Botting,  
Interim Director of Education