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Jay Aspin, Chair

Geof Botting, Interim Director of Education

The September 24, 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
Al Bottomley
Rob Learn
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan

Trustees Present in Parry Sound:

Nichole King

Trustee Regrets:

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

Administrative Staff Present in Parry Sound:

T. Graves, Superintendent of Education

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 9 Trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

19-09-01 Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Board approve the agenda as presented/amended for the meeting of September 24, 2019.

CARRIED

1.5 Approval of Minutes

19-09-02 Moved by Bill Steer, seconded by John Cochrane
That the Board approve the minutes as presented for the meetings held:

- **June 25, 2019 (public)**
- **June 25, 2019 (private)**

CARRIED

2.1 Information Items

- Monthly Tender Report
- Administrative Guideline – Copyright Compliance/Fair Dealings
- Administrative Guideline – Code of Conduct (Updated to incorporate requirements of PPM 128)
- School Energy Coalition Summary Report

2.2 OPSBA Report – Trustee Steer

Trustee Steer advised that with negotiations underway OPSBA is working dillengthly on behalf of school boards and providing regular updates. He will attending the Northern regional meeting in Thunder Bay and will have more updates after that time.

2.3 Student Trustee Update

M. Meighan expressed thanks to her fellow student seators for the opportunity to act as Student Trustee. With the secondondary school consolidation decision on the Agenda students and anxious to learn the decision. Going forward they are hoping that student voice will be considered as the board moves forward with this initiative.

Students are also very happy with the number of upgrades that have occurred to school facilities over the summer. The first student sentate meeting is in October and she is looking forward to providing the Board with future updates.

2.4 Ministry Updates (standing item)

No updates to report.

3.1 Trustee Initiative Fund – Track and Field and Student Senate

Director Botting presented an information report providing a summary and overview of the request for funding.

- 19-09-03 Moved by John Cochrane seconded by Louise Sargent
- A. That the Near North District School Board approve the following 2019/2020 allocations from the Trustee Initiative Fund:**
- i. \$8000 for the Near North District School Board System-Wide Track Meet**
 - ii. \$8000 for the Student Senate; and**
- B. That the Near North District School Board authorize and direct the Superintendent of Business to do all actions necessary, and execute all required documentation, in order to give effect to (A) above.**

CARRIED

3.2 Approval of Borrowing By-laws

Superintendent Terrien provided an overview of the By-laws and purpose.

- 19-09-04 Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by John Cochrane
- A. That the Near North District School Board approve Form 345 Resolution re: Borrowing for Current Expenditures and Debt Charges in the amount of \$20,000,000 at interest rate of Royal Bank Prime less 0.75% of Banker's Acceptance plus 0.80% per annum for the 2019-2020 school year as identified in the attached document Form 345; and**
- B. That the Near North District School Board approve Form 345 Resolution re: Borrowing for Current Expenditures and Debt Charges in the amount of \$20,000,000 at interest rate of Royal Bank Prime less 0.75% of Banker's Acceptance plus 0.75% per annum for the 2019-2020 school year as identified in the attached document Form 345; and**
- C. That the Near North District School Board authorize and direct the Chair of the Board and Superintendent of Business to do all actions necessary, and execute all required documentation, in order to give effect to (A) above.**

CARRIED

3.3 Site Selection for 3:2

- 19-09-05** Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Al Bottomley
- A. That the Near North District School Board affirms the decision of the former Board regarding the North Bay secondary school consolidation that effective September 2020:**
 - a. West Ferris Intermediate and Secondary School and Chippewa Secondary School be designated the two operating North Bay Secondary Schools; and**
 - b. That Widdifield High School be closed; and**
 - B. That the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Director of Education to prepare and bring forward an implementation plan and Business case with respect to A above including projected timelines, costing and transitional plans, as soon as practicable.**

A recorded Vote was requested by Chair Aspin

Jay Aspin	YEA
Greg Barnes	NAY
Alan Bottomley	YEA
Donna Breault	YEA
John Cochrane	YEA
Nichole King	YEA
Rob Learn	YEA
Louise Sargent	YEA
Bill Steer	YEA

CARRIED

3.4 OSBIE Call for Director Nominations for the North East Region

CARRIED

3.5 Funding for Additional Argyle Staff

- 19-09-06** Moved by Rob Learn, Seconded by Al Bottomley
- A. That the Near North District School Board supports the recommendation of the Director of Education to provide one addition FTE Early Childhood Educator at Argyle Public School; and**
 - B. That the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs that the position identified in (A) above be funded through the Rural and Northern Education Fund; and**
 - C. That the Near North District School Board authorize and direct the Superintendent of Business to do all actions necessary, and execute all required documentation, in order to give effect to (A) and (B) above.**
- CARRIED

4.1 Move into Committee of the Whole

- 19-09-07** Moved by Louise Sargent, seconded by Al Bottomley
- That the Board move into Committee of the Whole.**

CARRIED

4.2 In Camera

19-09-08 Moved by Bill Steer, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Committee of the Whole move into Private Session at 6:40 p.m.
CARRIED

4.3 Arise and Report

19-09-09 Moved by Rob Learn, seconded by Bill Steer
That the Committee of the Whole arise and report from Private Session at 7:40 p.m.
CARRIED

4.3 Arise from Committee of the Whole

19-09-10 Moved by John Cochrane, seconded by Louise Sargent
That the Board arise from Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED

5.1 Motion to Adjourn

19-09-11 Moved by Rob Learn, seconded by Al Bottomley
That the Board meeting of June 25, 2019 adjourn at 7:45 p.m.
CARRIED

Jay Aspin,
Chairperson

Geof Botting,
Interim Director of Education