



P.O. Box 3110, 963 Airport Road
North Bay, ON P1B 8H1
Phone: 705.472.8170, Fax: 705.472.9927
Website: www.nearnorthschools.ca

Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The January 28, 2020 **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
Greg Barnes
Al Bottomley
Donna Breault
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Student Trustee – Madelyn Meighan

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Roslyn Bowness, Superintendent of Education
Gay Smylie, 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:

Rob Learn
Nichole King
Student Trustee – Brooklyn Beaucage

Administrative Staff Present in Almaguin:

Administrative Regrets:

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held January 28 2020

1.1 Call to Order

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

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 7 trustees were present for this meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - NIL

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion: 20-01-01 L. Sargent/J. Cochrane

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 20, 2020 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3.6 Finance Committee Report.

- **Carried**

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Motion: 20-01-02 D. Breault/B. Steer

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on December 17, 2019 be approved. - **Carried**

2.0 Communication to the Board

2.1 Staff Presentations NIL

2.2 3:2 Consolidation Update

Director Myles commended the 3:2 Consolidation Committee who are working diligently under the leadership of Lucio Pavone.

Lucio Pavone congratulated Director Myles on his appointment to Director. He updated trustees on the staffing agreement with OSSTF and the partnership with Canadore College. Chair Aspin invited trustees to ask questions and comment.

2.3 Information Items

Monthly Tender Report: December 2019 to January 2020 – NIL

Trustee Expenditure Report year ended August 31, 2019

School Energy Coalition Summary Status Report September 2019

Pediculosis Management Administrative Guideline

2.4 Director's Update

Director Myles thanked the trustees for appointing him as Director and placing their confidence in him. He has received numerous letters and emails of support and congratulations. He updated the following comments to the Board:

- Labour action with ETFO has increased and we will continue to keep the Board informed.
- Former student Aiden Dundas competed at the World Junior Hockey Championships and his proud mother is one of our educational assistants.

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held January 28 2020

- Principal Todd Gribbon has accepted a two year placement with the Al Bayan International School in Kuwait.
- The Director's Report is being finalized for the February board meeting.
- The most recent CODE meeting was held last week in Toronto along with the Public Education Symposium. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with Directors from across the province and share best practices.
- He, Chair Aspin, and Trustees Steer and King had the opportunity at the PES conference to meet with Executive Director Rusty Hick.
- Wayne Joudrie and Wally Easton continue to work with us as move toward on various governance issues.
- We are restricting our Superintendent's family of schools and portfolios to ensure our system has the appropriate supports in place to focus on student achievement and well-being while at the same time demonstrating fiscal responsibility.
- Thank you to Geof Botting for his valuable work over the last few months.

2.5 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer attended the Public Education Symposium earlier in January. He noted the strong emphasis on governance throughout the symposium. He made trustees aware of a growing indication of school boards without trustees and said we need to continue to mandate for public accountability. Trustee Steer also attended the Northern committee meetings. The AGM is June 4-6 in Ottawa. Chair Aspin thanked Trustee for his leadership and representation at the provincial level.

2.6 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Meighan updated trustees on recent activities including exams, culminating projects, and charitable undertakings. She wished Trustee Barnes well on behalf of the Student Senate.

3.0 Items for Decision

3.1 Trustee Resignation

Motion: 20-01-03 A. Bottomley/D. Breault

That effective January 31, 2020 the Board accept the resignation of Trustee Greg Barnes. - **Carried**

3.2 EL#7 Financial Condition

Motion: 20-01-04 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

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

3.3 OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium 2020

Motion: 20-01-05 L. Sargent/D. Breault

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium in Toronto April 30 to May 1, 2020: Bill Steer, John Cochrane and Jay Aspin. - **Carried**

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

3.4 Concussion Safety Policy

Motion: 20-01-06 G. Barnes/J. Cochrane

That the Board approve the policy statement in accordance with Program/Policy Memorandum 158, Concussion Safety for Students. - **Carried**

3.5 NNDSB Committees

Motion: 20-01-07 G. Barnes/A. Bottomley

That the Board approve the 2019-20 committee membership and that staff draft terms of reference accordingly. - **Carried**

3.6 Finance Committee

Trustee Cochrane advised the Board that the Finance Committee met at 3:00 pm on January 28th and reviewed its terms of reference as well as recommending the following motion to the Board:

Motion: 20-01-08 J. Cochrane/D. Breault

That the Board approve:

- 1) the transfer of funds from the board's deferred revenue for school renewal in the amount of \$400,000 to be used to address the renovation and building upgrade needs of West Ferris and Chippewa Secondary Schools; and
- 2) the re-direction of \$1,019,964 from previously committed 2019/20 school renewal and school condition improvement projects to the 3:2 Consolidation. - **Carried**

3.7 School Trips

Motion: 20-01-09 J. Cochrane/L. Sargent

That the NNDSB ask OPSBA to research and make recommendations to all school boards for consistent administrative guidelines with respect to all school trips both within Canada and internationally and to include suggested modular/online training for teachers, administration, volunteers and third-party service providers to reflect "foundations" training and that OPSBA integrate their recommendations across all Ontario school boards. - **Carried**

Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held January 28 2020

4.0 In-Camera - NIL

5.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 20-01-10 A. Bottomley/G. Barnes

That the Board meeting of January 28, 2020 adjourn at 6:40 pm. – **Carried**