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Jay Aspin, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The December 15, 2020 **Organizational Board Meeting** was held at 6:00 pm. over Zoom videoconference.

Trustees Present:

Jay Aspin, Chair
John Cochrane, Vice-Chair
Donna Breault
Harry Fry
Nichole King
Louise Sargent
Bill Steer
Rob Learn

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Liz Therrien, Superintendent of Business
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant
Melanie Gray, Acting Superintendent

Trustee Regrets:

Al Bottomley
Student Trustee, M. Paradis

Administrative Regrets:

Tim Graves, Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

Director Myles called the meeting to order and read the Land Acknowledgement aloud. Brief remarks were provided regarding the process and procedures to be used for conducting this evening's meeting. Director Myles advised that K. Messenger and M. Egan were named as scrutineers, if required.

K. Messenger invited to review the process for casting ballots electronically, as outlined on the Virtual Organizational Process Guide circulated to trustees in advance of the meeting. Floor opened for questions with none arising.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 20-12-01, J. Cochrane/B. Steer

That the agenda for the annual organizational meeting of the Board for December 15, 2020 be approved. – **Carried**

3.0 Election of Chair

The Board proceeded to the election of Chair of the Board for the period of December 16, 2020 to November 30, 2021, in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101.

3.1 Call For Nominations

Director Myles called for nominations for the position of Chair of NNDSB. The call was repeated aloud three times.

Trustee Learn nominated Trustee Aspin

Motion: 20-12-02 J. Cochrane/ N. King

That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. - **Carried**

Trustee Aspin advised he would let his name stand.

Director Myles invited Trustee Learn to comment on his nomination. Trustee Learn highlighted his reflections on how far this board has moved from putting a director in place, 3:2 school consultation, the board responding to reports from the Ministry of Education and all of this through a pandemic. Trustee Learn noted he felt inspired to nominate Trustee Aspin given how Trustee Aspin has been a key player in making that agenda move forward.

3.2 Declaration of Results

Motion: 20-12-03, R. Learn, B. Steer

That Jay Aspin be acclaimed Chair of Near North District School Board effective December 16, 2020 to November 30, 2021. - **Carried**

3.3 Chair's Remarks

Chair Aspin offered remarks regarding his acclimation to the role of the Chair for the coming year. Highlights of the address are noted to be:

"It's a privilege to lead this board," he said. "We've had a good year. We've hired a new director, set the groundwork toward our multi-year strategic plan, sold two schools, combined two schools, and are in the process of building another school. We've only just begun. Every Board trustee has contributed in a meaningful way to ensure the board succeeds. We wanted to regain the great reputation it once had, and we're solidly on our way."

Chair Aspin assumed the chairship and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

4.0 **Election of Vice-Chair**

The Board proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board for the period of December 16, 2020 to November 30, 2021, in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101.

4.1 Call For Nominations

Chair Aspin called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of NNDSB. The call was repeated aloud three times.

Trustee Steer nominated Trustee Cochrane.

Motion: 20-12-04 R. Learn, N. King

That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. - **Carried**

Trustee Cochrane advised he would let his name stand.

Chair Aspin invited Trustee Steer to comment on his nomination. Trustee Steer spoke to Trustee Cochrane's leadership, community involvement and passion for the school community as inspirations for his nomination.

4.2 Declaration of Results

Motion: 20-12-05, N. King/ L. Sargent

That John Cochrane be acclaimed Vice-Chair of Near North District School Board effective December 16, 2020 to November 30, 2021. – **Carried**

4.3 Vice-Chair's Remarks

Vice-Chair Cochrane offered remarks regarding his acclamation to the role of the Vice-Chair for the coming year. Highlights of the address are noted to be:

- Thanks expressed to all trustees for their confidence and support in continuing in the role of vice-chair.
- Point raised on continuing to work together as a team, given how well this has served the community thus far.
- Acknowledgement given to the senior leadership team for their hard work and dedication. Specific acknowledgement for the work of Superintendent Therrien and the finance team for their work to ensure a smooth audit process.

5.0 **Destruction of Ballots**

Chair Aspin ordered the destruction and deletion of all electronic messages used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion: 20-12-06, L. Sargent, R. Learn

That the ballots used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately. – **Carried**

6.0 **Adjournment**

Motion: 20-12-07, J. Cochrane/B. Steer

That the NNDSB Annual Organizational meeting of December 15, 2020 be adjourned at 6:15 pm. – **Carried**



Jay Aspin
Chair



Craig Myles
Director of Education