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The June 15, 2021 **Public Session of Committee of the Whole** of the Near North District School Board was held via video and/or teleconference.

Trustees Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Deb Bartlett, Information/Communication Officer
Gay Smylie, Acting Superintendent
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Lisa Collins, Interim Executive Officer
Melanie Gray, Acting Superintendent
Tim Graves, Superintendent
Wally Easton, Interim Superintendent of Business

Trustee Regrets:

None noted.

Other:

Staff, media and community partners

1.0 Call to Order

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

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Aspin read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that nine trustees are present for the meeting.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

NIL

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: J. Cochrane/ A. Bottomley

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 15, 2021 be approved as presented. - **Carried.**

3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

3.1 2021 05 18 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes

Chair Aspin referred trustees to the minutes contained in the agenda package.

Motion: H. Fry/ R. Learn

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on May 18, 2021, be approved. - **Carried**

4.0 Bring Forward Business

The Chair confirmed there was no outstanding business contained in the May 18, 2021 meeting minutes to bring forward.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Farewell Remarks to Trustee Fry

It is noted that Trustee Harry Fry has tendered his resignation from the NNDSB Board of Trustees effective June 30, 2021. Trustee Fry is relocating out of the district of Nipissing to be closer to family. Chair Aspin opened the conversation by commending Trustee Fry for his leadership and commitment in service to students. The floor was opened for round table remarks. Trustees recognized Trustee Fry for his committee work, passion for education, and service to constituents. Director Myles and the senior leadership team offered warm regards and accolades on behalf of staff.

Trustee Fry expressed his gratitude to fellow trustees and administration for their well wishes and compliments.

5.2 Trustee Vacancy- Next Steps

Chair Aspin provided an update for trustees to note that the Director's Office will prepare a report to guide the Board's next steps on appointing a successor to represent zone 2 following the departure of Trustee Fry. It is noted that the Education Act requires the Board to fill the vacancy within 90 days, which means that NNDSB has until September 28, 2021.

Comment from Trustee Sargent to note historical practice has been to select the next candidate from the electoral list. Chair Aspin noted the Education Act delineates this option, as well as two others (such as calling a by-election, and appointing a qualified candidate). All three will be explored and form part of the report developed by the Director's Office. No further questions were asked from trustees.

5.3 Summer Committee Work

Item presented for information to note that while traditionally the Board of Trustees recesses for the summer, it may be that trustees will be called upon to convene prior to September to support the Board's major projects remaining on track. Every effort will be made to give ample notice and with respect for scheduling availability.

The Director thanked trustees for their commitment to supporting the work of the NNDSB. The floor was opened for questions, with none rose.

6.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: H. Fry/ L. Sargent

That we do now adjourn at 6:25 PM. – **Carried**