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The December 22, 2022 **Public Session Special Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held via Zoom teleconference and videoconference.

Trustees Present:

Erika Lougheed, Chair
Howard Wesley, Vice-Chair
Ashley St. Pierre
Bill Steer
Chantal Phillips
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Julie Bertram
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall

Administrative Staff Present:

Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant

Trustee Regrets:

Allen Lewis Trodd, Student Trustee
Cecilia Darling, Student Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Chair Lougheed read the land acknowledgement 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

Chair Lougheed offered introductory remarks to note this meeting has been called as a Special Meeting of the Board, convened at the call of the Chair.

It is noted that Special Meetings are convened for a specific need, therefore only time-sensitive items have been included for discussion.

Motion: 22-12-16, J. Fuscaldo/ L. Sargent

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of December 22, 2022, be approved as presented. - **Carried.**

3.0 New Business

3.1 Inclement weather update

Chair Lougheed provided introductory remarks to note trustees are assembled to discuss providing authority to the Director regarding school closures. Note that at the previous meeting on December 13, 2022, there was discussion regarding the trustees retaining the ability and authority on proactive closures. It is noted that there is significant inclement weather expected across the region for tomorrow.

The floor was opened for questions, with the following rose:

- Comment from Trustee Sargent to thank the Chair for the efforts beyond email to ensure trustees received notice of the Special Meeting. Support expressed for providing this authority to the Director based on experience in education and with regard to student safety. It is noted that when schools remain open during inclement weather, it can increase the burden on staff to travel during poor weather conditions. This often means having parents transport children to and from school, or having children walk to school which increases vehicle and pedestrian traffic in deteriorating conditions.
- Comment from Trustee Bertram to note her support based on safety concerns and the prudence of communicating the decision in advance so families have time to make alternative arrangements if needed.
 - Clarification to note trustees would be providing the ability to close schools to Director Myles, not deciding to close schools directly.

Chair Lougheed thanked trustees for the comments offered. It is noted that consensus has been achieved regarding this item, and so a motion was tabled for approval.

Motion: 22-12-16, B. Steer/ J. Bertram

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Near North District School Board approves permitting the Director of Education to make the decision to close schools pending inclement weather on Friday, December 23, 2022. – **Carried.**

Inquiry raised regarding the likelihood of schools being closed. Chair Lougheed noted this would be the purview of the Director to determine, based on the information being reviewed and as conversations continue with regional school board partners. Final comment to note a request for encouragement to be provided to the Director to close schools, in the interest of staff and student safety.

Closing comments from Chair Lougheed to note this represents clear evidence of how seriously the Board and senior administration takes the health and safety of staff and students. Trustees were thanked for their time to participate in the special meeting.


4.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 22-12-18, S. Hall/ H. Wesley

That we do now adjourn at 1:11 pm. – **Carried.**



Erika Lougheed
Chair



Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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