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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The September 12, 2023 **Committee of the Whole Public Session** of the Near North District School Board was held in person at the Head Office and via a Zoom video and/or teleconference.

Trustees Present:

Erika Lougheed, Chair
Howard Wesley, Vice-Chair ®
Ashley St. Pierre
Bill Steer
Chantal Phillips
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®
Julie Bertram
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
Albany Benson, Student Trustee
Dora Chen, Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education ®
Gay Smylie, Superintendent of Education
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer
Krista Messenger, Executive Assistant
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Education ®
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®

Other:

Staff, media and community partners

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 Land acknowledgement

Chair Lougheed read the declaration aloud.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present, including the two Student Trustees.

1.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

2.0 In-Camera

It is noted there will be no in-camera meeting this evening.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Trustees were referred to the agenda included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or corrections, with none rose.

Motion: H. Wesley/ C. Phillips

That the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 27, 2023, be approved. - **Carried.**

4.0 Review of Previous Minutes

5.1 2023 06 27 Committee of the Whole

Trustees were referred to the minutes included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for comments or corrections, with none rose.

Motion: L. Sargent/ J. Bertram

That the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 9, 2023 be approved. – **Carried.**

5.0 New Business

5.1 OSBIE Director Nomination

Chair Lougheed invited Director Myles to speak to this item. Trustees were referred to the attachments included in the agenda package. Director Myles noted that SBO Van Haesendonck has expressed an interest in being nominated for a seat on the Ontario School Board Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) Northeast Regional Board of Directors. Together with the full executive team, Director Myles expressed his full support for SBO Van Haesendonck's nomination. It is noted that this reflects very positively on the board, under the pursuit of the strategic commitment to Excellence in Relationships. It is noted that NNDSB requires trustees to support the nomination. Chair Lougheed opened for comments, with none rose. It is recognized that consensus has been expressed to support SBO Van Haesendonck's nomination.

It is noted that individual members of OSBIE must appoint a voting delegate to cast a vote regarding the director nominations. Director Myles noted he would be pleased to accept this role in his capacity as the Board's Secretary, should an OSBIE vote be required.

Chair Lougheed opened the floor for comments on this suggestion, with none rose. It is recognized that consensus has been expressed to appoint Director Myles as the OSBIE Voting Delegate on behalf of NNDSB. The Board will pass a resolution in the regular session.

5.2 2023-24 Board Meeting Schedule

Chair Lougheed invited Director Myles to speak to this item. Trustees were referred to the attachments included in the agenda package. Director Myles noted that under The Education Act, trustees must fix the times and places for the meetings of the board and the mode of calling and conducting them and ensure that a full and correct account of the proceedings is kept. Attention was called to the monthly meeting dates, the method of virtual attendance and the location of in-person meetings. Highlights of the discussion are noted as:

- It is recognized that the March meeting overlaps with the March Break. Consensus to move the meeting to occur one week later, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 to ensure fulsome participation.

- It is noted that there is no regular business meeting proposed in November, as this time is used for the organizational meeting. A suggestion was raised to also schedule a regular meeting on this date. Consensus to add November 14, 2023 to the list of regular meeting dates as well.
- Chair Loughheed called for any final comments on the videoconference/ teleconference service or in-person meeting location, with none rose.

It is noted that consensus has been achieved on the 2023-24 Board meeting schedule dates, times, and modes. A resolution will be passed in regular session to confirm the decisions.

6.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: C. Phillips/ B. Steer

That we do now adjourn at 6:11 PM. – **Carried**