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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The November 14, 2023 **Annual Organizational Board Meeting** was held at 6:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Near North District School Board Office with the ability to also attend over Zoom videoconference.

Trustees Present:

Erika Lougheed
Howard Wesley
Ashley St. Pierre
Bill Steer
Chantal Phillips
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Julie Bertram
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
Indigenous Student Trustee, A.
Benson
Student Trustee, D. Chen

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Other:

Staff, media, union, and community partners
® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Director Myles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Brief remarks were provided regarding the process and procedures to be used for conducting this evening's meeting.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Director Myles read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

1.2 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees are present for the meeting, including both Student Trustees.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 23-11-01, J. Fuscaldo/ L. Sargent

That the agenda for the annual organizational meeting of the Board for November 14, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.

1.4 Naming of the Scrutineers

Director Myles noted the Board would appoint two scrutineers to ensure due diligence over the organizational meeting.

Motion: 23-11-02, J. Fuscaldo/ A. St. Pierre

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees appoint the following two individuals as scrutineers:

1. Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
2. Krista Messenger, Director's Executive Assistant. – CARRIED.

2.0 Election of Chair

The Board proceeded to the election of Chair of the Board in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101.

2.1 Call For Nominations

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

Trustee Hall nominated Trustee Lougheed

Trustee Fuscaldo nominated Trustee Bertram

Motion: 23-11-03, B. Steer/ L. Sargent

That the nominations for the position of Board Chair be closed. – CARRIED.

Trustee Lougheed advised she would let her name stand.

Trustee Bertram advised she would let her name stand.

Director Myles invited each nominee and their nominator to provide comments. Highlights are noted as:

- Trustee Lougheed noted there is a lot the Board can achieve as a group, and she would be pleased to lead this work moving forward. Her experience as a municipal councilor has served the Board well as it settled in during its first year of the term and will continue to serve the NNDSB well given its vast geography.
- Trustee Hall noted he nominated Trustee Lougheed given the value of consistency and continuity to the Board moving into the second year of its term. While serving in the capacity of Board Chair, Trustee Lougheed has provided supportive and confident guidance in the past year and has established relationships with stakeholders, rightsholders, community groups and NNDSB's school communities that are valuable.
- Trustee Bertram noted she was honoured to be asked to accept a nomination. As an individual who is not neurotypical, Trustee Bertram noted her strengths as a creative thinker and problem solver. She is characterized as sensitive, open, and transparent and eagerly anticipates fostering stronger bonds and team-building initiatives among the trustees.
- Trustee Fuscaldo noted she nominated Trustee Bertram given her passion for education and relationship building. Her commitment to lifelong learning will bring a fresh perspective and opportunities for personal growth.

Director Myles invited the scrutineers to provide instructions regarding the election procedures. Following an election, the scrutineers provided confirmation of the final election result to Director Myles.

2.2 Announcement of the Chair

Motion: 23-11-04, S. Hall/ J. Bertram

That Trustee Lougheed be elected as the Chair of the NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and lasting until the next annual organizational meeting. – CARRIED.

2.3 Incoming Chair's Remarks

Chair Lougheed expressed gratitude to fellow trustees regarding her election to the role of the Chair for the coming year. Chair Lougheed assumed the chairship and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

3.0 Election of Vice-Chair

The Board proceeded to the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board in accordance with NNDSB By-law BL-101.

3.1 Call For Nominations

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

Trustee Fuscaldo nominated Trustee Wesley
Trustee Steer nominated Trustee St. Pierre

Motion: 23-11-05, C. Phillips/ S. Hall

That the nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chair be closed. – CARRIED.

Trustee Wesley advised he would not allow his name to stand.
Trustee St. Pierre advised she would let her name stand.

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

3.2 Announcement of the Vice-Chair

Motion: 23-11-06, B. Steer/ J. Fuscaldo

That Trustee St. Pierre be acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and lasting until the next annual organizational meeting. – **CARRIED**

3.3 Vice-Chair's Remarks

Vice-Chair St. Pierre offered remarks regarding her acclamation to the role of the Vice-Chair for the coming year.

4.0 Destruction of Ballots

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

Motion: 23-11-07, L. Sargent/ C. Phillips

That the ballots/electronic messages used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately. – CARRIED.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Director's Remarks

Chair Lougheed invited Director Myles to speak to this item. Highlights of the Director's remarks to trustees are noted as:

- On behalf of all staff, sincere congratulations were offered to the newly elected Chair and acclaimed Vice-Chair.
- An overview was provided on some noteworthy milestones the Board has achieved over the last year such as the approval of a deficit-compliant budget, advancing the JK-12 capital project in Parry Sound, and the opening of Maple View Public School.
- Looking ahead, the Board's steady commitment to each of the pillars of the MYSP- excellence in teaching and learning, excellence in innovation, excellence in relationships and excellence in communication- will ensure progress continues.
- Gratitude was expressed to the Board as a whole and NNDSB staff and students for their continued work and dedication. Together, we will continue to build on our successes and create a legacy that fosters lasting successes in student achievement and well-being.

Chair Lougheed thanked Director Myles for his remarks.

5.2 Review of Financial By-laws

Introductory comments were offered by Director Myles to note that SBO Van Haesendonck will be reviewing the bylaws of a financial nature for information purposes, in alignment with the board's governance policies. SBO Van Haesendonck drew attention to specific requirements within the governance manual. Highlights noted as:

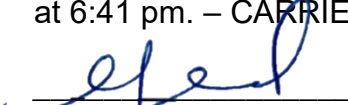
- BL-101 outlines the signing officers of the Board shall be the Chair, the Director, and the Superintendent of Business. It is noted that NNDSB has interpreted this to mean it must always be the Chair, with either the Superintendent of Business or the Director as the second signatory.
- BL-120 outlines the Board's Officers- noting the SBO holds the position of Board Treasurer. It is noted that the specific duties are outlined in The Education Act.
- GP-203 reviews the role of the Board of Trustees. Section nine reviews the fiscal responsibilities specific to the role of trustee, including the requirement to ratify MOUs, approve a balanced budget, establish an Audit Committee, etc.

Trustees received the verbal report with thanks.

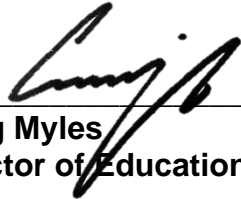
6.0 Adjournment

Motion: 23-11-08, S. Hall/H. Wesley

That the NNDSB Annual Organizational meeting of November 14, 2023 be adjourned at 6:41 pm. – CARRIED.



Erika Lougheed
 Chair



Craig Myles
 Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

<p>23-11-01 J. Fuscaldo L. Sargent</p>	<p>That the agenda for the annual organizational meeting of the Board for November 14, 2023 be approved. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-11-02 J. Fuscaldo A. St. Pierre</p>	<p>Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees appoint the following two individuals as scrutineers: 1. Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business 2. Krista Messenger, Director’s Executive Assistant. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-11-03 B. Steer L. Sargent</p>	<p>That the nominations for the position of Chair be closed. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-11-04 S. Hall J. Bertram</p>	<p>That Trustee Lougheed be elected as Board Chair of NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and lasting until the next annual organizational meeting. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-11-05 C. Phillips S. Hall</p>	<p>That the nominations for the position of Vice-Chair be closed. – CARRIED.</p>
<p>23-11-06 B. Steer J. Fuscaldo</p>	<p>That Trustee St. Pierre be acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the NNDSB Board of Trustees for a one-year term, effective immediately and lasting until the next annual organizational meeting. – CARRIED</p>
<p>23-11-07 L. Sargent C. Phillips</p>	<p>That the ballots/electronic messages used for the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair be destroyed immediately. – Carried</p>
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