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The January 9, 2024 **Public Session Board Meeting** 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  
Ashley St. Pierre, Vice-Chair ®  
Bill Steer  
Chantal Phillips ®  
Howard Wesley ®  
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 ®  
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Teaching and Learning ®  
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business  
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant ®  
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer ®

**Other:**

Staff, media, union and community partners

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

**Trustees Absent:**

Nil.

**1.0 Call to Order**

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Members of the public were welcomed in person and virtually and directed to the question period submission forms/survey link.

Motion: 24-01-01, L. Sargent/C. Phillips

That the Board approve the extension of the January 9, 2024 Regular Board meeting to 9:15 pm. - CARRIED

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Lougheed read the Land Acknowledgement.

**2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence**

The Director confirmed for the Chair that there were no notices of regret provided by trustees for the meeting this evening.

**3.0 Attendance**

**3.1 Confirmation of Quorum**

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

**3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

The floor was opened for trustees to declare conflicts of interest, with none rose.

**4.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Review of the agenda for the meeting of January 9, 2024. The floor was opened for amendments or additions. Trustee Steer added OSTA Conference under 8.4 Items for Decision.

**Motion: 24-01-02, B. Steer/ L. Sargent**

That the agenda for the Board meeting of January 9, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

**5.0 Presentation: Demographic Data Trends-**

Principals L. Lamoureux, C. Walkling and Data Analyst and System Planner Frank Albeartie presented the results of the *This is Me* survey, conducted in the spring of 2023. The census collects voluntary demographic student data that is used to identify, monitor and address inequities with respect to student outcomes.

The presenters explained that under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, NNDSB collects demographic data to help identify groups of students being underserved to ensure that programs, supports, strategies, policies and teaching practices may be developed and revised. The data is used to honour students' voices and learn more about their school experiences to be responsive to their needs.

Chair Lougheed thanked presenters for such a valuable presentation and asked trustees for comments. Trustees asked questions and echoed the Chair's thanks for such a meaningful presentation.

**6.0 Review of Previous Minutes**

It is noted that the minutes of the regular session held on December 12, 2023 were included in the agenda package. The floor was opened for amendments or additions, with none rose.

**Motion: 24-01-03, L. Sargent/S. Hall**

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 12, 2023, be approved as amended. The amendment being to the approval of the December 12 minutes where Trustee Sargent requested Section 7.2 be amended as follows: After the second sentence and before the motion that the following be added: The Chair asked if there were any changes to the recorded vote taken in the Committee of the Whole and hearing none, the recorded vote will stand. The motion is rescinded with 7 votes in favor

and 2 votes not in favor. – CARRIED.

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## **7.0 Communication to the Board**

### **7.1 Community Involvement**

#### **7.1.1 Scheduled Delegations**

#### **7.1.2 Question Period**

Chair Lougheed noted the community involvement section of the Board's agenda has been advanced on the order of items, following a recommendation stated as an OBSPA Leader's Academy professional development session.

It is noted that there are no scheduled delegations for this evening. Chair Lougheed noted the Board would move to its public question period. Submissions of questions will now be closed to organize the list for review. It is noted that there are no questions submitted in—person or virtually for review by trustees.

Due to time restraints, Chair Lougheed referred trustees to the board reports submitted as part of the agenda package for items 7.2 to 7.6 and moved to agenda item 8.0.

### **7.2 Information Items**

#### **7.2.1 Monthly Tender Report- December 2023**

#### **7.2.2 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar**

#### **7.2.3 Monthly Meeting Calendar**

### **7.3 Director's Update**

### **7.4 Chair's Remarks**

### **7.5 OPSBA Report**

### **7.6 Student Trustees' Update**

#### **7.6.1 Indigenous Youth Circle Update**

#### **7.6.2 Student Trustee Report**

## **8.0 Items for Decision**

### **8.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session**

#### **8.1.1 Motion: 24-01-04 H. Wesley/S. Hall**

That the Board approve SBO Van Haesendonck to proceed with the disposition of property. – CARRIED

#### **8.1.2 Motion: 24-01-05 B. Steer/H. Wesley**

That the Board approve the extension of the Director of Education's contract.  
– CARRIED

### **8.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session**

It was noted that Trustee Bertram's Notice of Motion was deferred to February.

**8.3 2023-24 Capital Projects**

SBO Van Haesendonck reviewed the board report provided in the agenda package. She noted that the list includes estimates as provided by engineers and architects. She also stated that projects may become more complex and there are funding issues to consider. Chair Lougheed opened the floor to trustees for questions. Trustees provided comments and asked questions.

Motion: 24-01-06 S. Hall/H. Wesley

That the Near North District School Board approve proceeding with the 2023-24 Capital Projects as listed, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

– CARRIED

**8.4 Student Trustee Conference**

Motion: 24-01-07 L. Sargent/H. Wesley

That the Board approve the attendance of the Student Trustees Benson and Chen to the OSTA conference in Ottawa February 8 to 11, 2024. – CARRIED

**9.0 Committee Reports**

**9.1 Parry Sound Building Committee Report**

9.1.1. Meeting minutes October 27, 2023 (official)

9.1.2. Terms of Reference for Approval

Motion: 24-01-08 S. Hall/H. Wesley

That the changes to the Parry Sound Building Committee’s Terms of Reference are approved as presented, as recommended by the Parry Sound Building Committee.

– CARRIED

**9.2 Committee Meeting Minutes Presented for Information**

Special Education Advisory Committee- November 16, 2023

**Next Meeting Date**

Chair Lougheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on February 13, 2024.

**10.0 Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: 24-01-09, C. Phillips/J. Bertram

Be it resolved, that on January 9, 2024 we do now adjourn at 8:59 pm. – CARRIED

**Erika Lougheed  
Chair**

**Craig Myles  
Director of Education**

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

<p><b>24-01-01</b> L. Sargent C. Phillips</p>	<p>That the Board approve the extension of the January 9, 2024 Regular Board meeting to 9:15 pm. - CARRIED</p>
<p><b>24-01-02</b> B. Steer L. Sargent</p>	<p>That the agenda for the Board meeting of January 9, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.</p>
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<p><b>24-01-05</b> B. Steer H. Wesley</p>	<p>That the Board approve the extension of the Director’s contract. – CARRIED.</p>
<p><b>24-01-06</b> S. Hall H. Wesley</p>	<p>That the Near North District School Board approve proceeding with the 2023-24 Capital Projects as listed, as recommended by the Finance Committee. – CARRIED</p>
<p><b>24-01-07</b> L. Sargent H. Wesley</p>	<p>That the Board approve the attendance of the Student Trustees Benson and Chen to the OSTA conference in Ottawa February 8 to 11, 2024. – CARRIED</p>
<p><b>24-01-08</b> S. Hall H. Wesley</p>	<p>That the changes to the Parry Sound Building Committee’s Terms of Reference are approved as presented, as recommended by the Parry Sound Building Committee. – CARRIED</p>
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