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Erika Lougheed, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The February 13, 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
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®
Melanie Gray, Superintendent of Teaching and Learning ®
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer ®
Glenn Morrison, Manager
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant

Other:

Staff, media, union and community partners

Trustees Absent:

Nil.

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Lougheed called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Members of the public were welcomed in person and virtually and directed to the question period submission forms/survey link.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Chair Lougheed read the Land Acknowledgement aloud.

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

Motion: 24-02-01, J. Bertram/H. Wesley

That the agenda for the Board meeting of February 13, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.

5.0 Review of Previous Minutes

5.1 Regular meeting minutes

Motion: 24-02-02, S. Hall/ C. Phillips

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 9, 2024, 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 The motion is rescinded with 7 votes in favor and 2 votes not in favor.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.

6.0 Communication to the Board

6.1 Community Involvement

6.1.1 Scheduled Delegations

6.1.2 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.

6.2 Information Items

6.2.1 Monthly Tender Report- December 2023

6.2.2 Administrative Guidelines Report

School Opening Closures and Consolidations Administrative Guideline

Trustee Sargent asked that this item be moved from an information item and referred to the March Committee of the Whole for discussion. Trustees provided comments and discussed the process of administrative guidelines being approved following public consultation. Chair Lougheed reminded trustees that they did approve this process in June 2023. Trustees agreed with moving the item to the March Committee of the Whole and suggested Wayne Joudrie can review the process at the February 28 workshop. The Director noted the timelines involved and reminders to review. He suggested securing a legal opinion on the process which was declined by trustees.

Superintendent Smylie provided a brief history of the updates and revisions to the Administrative Guideline and noted that an incorrect version was on the website. She suggested that a motion can have staff review the guideline again. Chair Lougheed agreed to this approach and would liaison with staff. Trustee Wesley asked that the vote be called following the discussion.

Chair Lougheed cautioned on inappropriate reactions from trustees and directed a trustee to cease laughing. Trustee Sargent advised that she disagrees with the process on this administrative guideline and does not approve it moving forward this evening.

Motion: 24-02-03, L.Sargent/J. Fuscaldo

That the updates to administrative guideline School Openings, Closures and Consolidations be referred to the March Committee of the Whole meeting and that the current version of this guideline stay in effect until discussions at Committee of the Whole occur and clarity on the process is received from special advisor Wayne Joudrie. – CARRIED

6.2.3 Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

Trustees were encouraged to review current offerings.

6.2.4 Monthly Meeting Calendar

It was noted that the Charity Works AGM is on February 22, 2024. Trustees are invited to contact the Director's office if attending.

6.3.1 Director's Update

Director Myles spoke to a few highlights from the monthly board report that was included in the Board agenda package. He reminded trustees to review the public website for administrative guidelines consultation.

6.4 Chair's Remarks

The Chair thanked the senior team and our union partners for their work with ongoing negotiations. She advised that to continue building positive relationships she and the Director will be visiting schools with federation presidents. Chair Lougheed noted on Trustee's Hall behalf, the unique partnership in South River at Amalguin with a local dog sledding team and the wonderful experience it is for our students. Chair Lougheed encouraged everyone to contribute to the collection drive being organized by West Ferris for the Attawapiskat community.

Vice-Chair St. Pierre noted how quickly the school year is going. She recently attended OPSBA's Public Education Symposium specifically a workshop for chairs and vice chairs that she found very helpful for her work on our board. She is confident that as a board trustees will work together, trust each other and do good things for our school community moving forward.

6.5 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer advised that the next scheduled meeting is March 1 and 2. He attended the PES conference in January and particularly enjoyed the workshops including

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emotional intelligence. He invited trustees to share their PES experience. Trustee Wesley thanked the Board for approving his attendance at the conference; he enjoyed engaging with other trustees with valuable conversation. Trustee Phillips attended two workshops on food security which she recently shared with Director Myles. Chair Lougheed invited trustees to share their learning materials and noted the excellent resources on the OPSBA site.

6.6.1 Indigenous Youth Circle (IYC) Update

Indigenous Student Trustee Benson reported on the numerous activities taking place at each of the secondary schools. She was very pleased to represent our community at the OSTA conference in Ottawa this past weekend.

6.6.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Chen provided an overview of the report included in the agenda package. She and Student Trustee Albany had a very successful and engaging conference in Ottawa with the Ontario Students Trustee Association.

It was noted that the meeting would be proceeding past 8:00 pm and the following motion was tabled:

Motion: 24-02-04 L. Sargent/B.Steer

That the board approve extending the February 13, 2024 regular meeting to 8:15 pm. - CARRIED

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session

Motion: 24-02-05, L. Sargent/H.Wesley

That the Board approve SBO Van Haesendonck to proceed with the disposition of properties. - CARRIED

7.2 Report from Committee of the Whole Public Session

The Chair recognized that the following motion was discussed in the Committee of the Whole meeting immediately prior.

Motion: 24-02-06, B. Steer/L.Sargent

Whereas (2017-09-12 motion) acknowledges rebranding. And therefore, it is then possible: to immediately create a committee called the “Chippewa Secondary School committee” to initiate the process for the new mascot naming – rebranding process of Chippewa Secondary School. The mandate is to select the mascot-branding name and bring this mascot-branding name forward to the NNDSB Board of Trustees. The name will then be the Chippewa ____ going forward. – CARRIED

A recorded vote was requested.

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bertram, Julie	x			
Fuscaldo, Jeanie			x	

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Hall, Shane				X
Phillips, Chantal	x			
Sargent, Louise	x			
St. Pierre, Ashley	x			
Steer, Bill	x			
Wesley, Howard		x		
Lougheed, Erica	x			

7.3 2024-25 School Year Calendar

Motion: 24-02-07 C.Phillips/J.Bertram

That the Board approve the 2024-25 School Year Calendar for submission to the Ministry of Education. - CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports and Minutes

8.1 Audit Committee

Motion: 24-02-08 J. Fuscaldo/C.Phillips

That the Board of Trustees appoint Theresa Graham to the Audit Committee as an external member to fill a three-year term effective immediately and ending on February 12, 2027 as recommended by the Audit Selection Committee. – CARRIED

9.0 Next Meeting Date

Chair Lougheed confirmed the Board of Trustees will meet next on March 19, 2024.

10.0 Motion to Adjourn

Motion: 24-02-09, C.Phillips/H.Wesley

That on February 13, 2024 we do now adjourn at 8:02 pm. – CARRIED

Erika Lougheed
Chair

Craig Myles
Director of Education

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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24-02-04 L. Sargent B.Steer	That the board approve extending the February 13, 2024 regular meeting to 8:15 pm. - CARRIED
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24-02-07 C.Phillips J.Bertram	That the Board approve the 2024-25 School Year Calendar for submission to the Ministry of Education. - CARRIED
24-02-08 J.Fuscaldo C.Phillips	That the Board of Trustees appoint Theresa Graham to the Audit Committee as an external member to fill a three-year term effective immediately and ending on February 12, 2027 as recommended by the Audit Selection Committee. – CARRIED
24-02-09 C.Phillips H.Wesley	Be it resolved, that on February 13 we do now adjourn at 8:02 pm. – CARRIED