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Ashley St. Pierre, Interim Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The April 22, 2024 **Special 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:**

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

**Trustees Absent:**

Student Trustees

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Craig Myles, Director of Education  
Timothy Graves, Superintendent of Education ®  
Mel Gray, Superintendent ®  
Deb Bartlett, Communications Officer ®  
Glenn Morrison, Manager  
Maureen Egan, Executive Assistant ®

**Regrets:**

Gay Smylie, Superintendent  
Seija Van Haesendonck, SBO

**Other:** nil

® attended remotely via Zoom video or audio conference

**1.0 Call to Order**

Interim Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Director Myles read the Land Acknowledgement.

**2.0 Attendance and Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Attendance indicated that 8 trustees were present for the meeting.  
The floor was opened for trustees to declare conflicts of interest, with none rose.

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: 24-04-10, H. Wesley/J.Fuscaldo

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of April 22, 2024 be approved. –  
CARRIED

**4.0 Trustee Vacancy**

Interim Chair St. Pierre thanked Director Myles for his thorough report that was provided in the agenda and asked him to introduce his report.

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Director Myles thanked everyone for making time for this Special Board meeting. He referred to the agenda package that included the board report outlining the process to fill the vacant trustee position. The *Education Act* clearly outlines the process for school boards to follow.

Director Myles noted that in his report he has respectfully made a recommendation for the Board to consider. This recommendation follows careful thought given the challenges we are currently facing with board financial resources, our deficit budget and staffing.

Interim Chair St. Pierre thanked Director Myles and opened the floor for discussion with trustees. Following discussion the following motions were carried.

**Motion: 24-04-11, H. Wesley/J.Bertram**

That we contact the runner-up candidate from “zone 2” to determine if she would be available and interested in filing the trustee vacancy. – CARRIED

Executive Assistant M. Egan contacted Caren Gagne via phone who confirmed she would accept the trustee position. She will be sworn in at the May 14 board meeting.

**Motion: 24-04-12, J. Bertram/H. Wesley**

That the Board accept the resignation of chair and trustee E. Lougheed effective April 9, 2024. – CARRIED

A recorded vote was conducted.

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bertram, Julie	X			
Fuscaldo, Jeanie	X			
Hall, Shane	X			
Phillips, Chantal	X			
Sargent, Louise	X			
St. Pierre, Ashley	X			
Steer, Bill	X			
Wesley, Howard	X			

**Motion: 24-04-13, L. Sargent/S.Hall**

That the Board appoint to the current trustee vacancy, to the 2022 election runner-up candidate from “zone 2”, Caren Gagne, pending the confirmation of requirements. - CARRIED

A recorded vote was conducted.

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bertram, Julie	X			
Fuscaldo, Jeanie	X			
Hall, Shane	X			
Phillips, Chantal	X			
Sargent, Louise	X			
St. Pierre, Ashley	X			

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Steer, Bill	X			
Wesley, Howard	X			

**5.0 Adjournment**

Motion: 24-04-14, J. Bertram/B. Steer

That on April 22, 2024 we do now adjourn at 3:48 pm. – CARRIED



**Ashley St. Pierre**  
Interim Chair



**Craig Myles**  
Director of Education

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

<b>24-04-10</b> H.Wesley J. Fuscaldo	That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of April 22, 2024 be approved.– CARRIED.
<b>24-04-11</b> H. Wesley J.Bertram	That we contact the runner-up candidate from “zone 2” to determine if she would be available and interested in filing the trustee vacancy. – CARRIED
<b>24-04-12</b> J.Bertram H. Wesley	That we contact the runner-up candidate from “zone 2” to determine if she would be available and interested in filing the trustee vacancy. – CARRIED
<b>24-04-13</b> L.Sargent S.Hall	That the Board appoint to the current trustee vacancy, to the 2022 election runner-up candidate from “zone 2”, Caren Gagne, pending the confirmation of requirements. - CARRIED
<b>24-04-14</b> J.Bertram B. Steer	That on April 22, 2024 we do now adjourn at 3:48 pm. – CARRIED