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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The December 10, 2024 **Public Session Board Meeting** of the Near North District School Board was held via a Zoom video due to inclement weather.

Trustees Present:

Ashley St. Pierre
Bill Steer
Julie Bertram
Caren Gagne
Chantal Phillips
Howard Wesley
Jeanie Fuscaldo
Louise Sargent
Shane Hall
Riley Trudeau, Student Trustee
Nanak Sidhu, Student Trustee

Administrative Staff Present:

Craig Myles, Director of Education
Gay Smylie, Superintendent
Mel Gray, Superintendent
Timothy Graves, Superintendent
Seija Van Haesendonck, Superintendent of Business
Glenn Morrison, Manager
Maureen Egan, Office of the Director
Patricia Lupton, Executive Assistant
Deb Bartlett, Communications
Liana Blaskievich, Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: n/a

Other:

Staff, media, union partners

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1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm. Members of the public were welcomed virtually.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Requests for Leaves of Absence - n/a

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 11 trustees were present for the meeting, including two student trustees.

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3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

4.0 **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: 24-12-01, C. Phillips/J. Bertram

That the agenda for the Board meeting of December 10, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED

5.0 Motion: 24-12-02, S. Hall/C. Phillips

That the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular board meeting be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of the word “municipalities” on page five. – CARRIED.

6.0 **Communication to the Board**

6.1 Information Items

- 6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report (nil report)
- 6.1.2 Monthly Meeting Calendar
- 6.1.3 2025-26 Preliminary Enrolment Projections
- 6.1.4 2023-24 Trustee Expenditures
- 6.1.5 AG Student Conduct Management
- 6.1.6 AG Capital Projects Request
- 6.1.7 AG School Trips

6.2 Director's Update

Director of Education Craig Myles noted his report was included in the agenda package received by trustees the previous week and he briefly highlighted portions.

6.3 Chair's Remarks

Chair St Pierre stated that the new year not only signifies closing the chapter on another year, but also lays the foundation for continued success. The Chair emphasized that the work of the board impacts not only our organization, but also our communities and stakeholders which is something to be proud. The Chair wished everyone a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

6.4 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer referred to his report and highlighted that the mining motion will be brought to the AGM and that these efforts will provide dividends to our students.

6.5 Student Trustees' Updates

Indigenous Student Trustee Riley Trudeau addressed the board noting the many activities the Indigenous Youth Council has undertaken including indigenous learning during Treaty Week, fundraising and work with the Student Senate.

Student Trustee Nanak Sidhu's report to the Board included updates on academic successes, athletics, community-focused initiatives and recent conferences with OSTA-AECO.

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6.6 Community Involvement
Scheduled Delegations – n/a

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session

Motion: 24-12-03 H. Wesley/C. Gagne

That the items from the Committee of the Whole Private Session be deferred to January. - CARRIED That the item re litigation be deferred to January.

7.2 Report from the Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 24-12-04 B. Steer/L. Sargent

That the Board write a letter requesting a meeting with the City of North Bay regarding the low barrier shelter near Chippewa Secondary School. - CARRIED

Motion: 24-12-05 S. Hall/L. Sargent

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees to the Public Education Symposium January 24 and 25, 2025 in Toronto: Howard Wesley, Ashley St. Pierre, Bill Steer, C. Gagne and J. Bertram. - CARRIED

Motion: 24-12-06, S. Hall/L. Sargent

That the motion to extend the meeting until 8:30pm be approved. - CARRIED

8.0 Committee Reports and Minutes

8.1 Audit Committee Reports

8.1.1 Drafted Audited Year-End Financial Statements

Motion: 24-12-07, C. Gagne/C. Phillips

That the draft audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2024, be approved, as recommended by the Audit Committee. - CARRIED

8.1.2 Audited Committee Year-End Reports

Motion: 24-12-08, L. Sargent/S. Hall

That the annual report (summary) be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Education for the year ended August 31, 2024, as recommended by the Audit Committee. – CARRIED

8.1.3 Audit Committee Chair's Reports – included in the agenda.

8.2 DPA Committee Report – included in the agenda.

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- 8.3 Committee Meeting Minutes
 EAC – June 19, 2024 (official)
 SEAC – October 27, 2024 (official)
 DPA – November 25, 2024 (unofficial)
 Audit – December 2, 2024 (unofficial)

9.0 Next meeting Date: January 14, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 24-12-09, C. Phillips/S. Hall

That on December 10, 2024 we do now adjourn at 8:02 pm. – CARRIED



Ashley St. Pierre
 Chair



Craig Myles
 Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

24-12-01 C.Phillips J .Bertram	That the agenda for the Board meeting of December 10, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED
24-12-02 S. Hall C. Phillips	That the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular board meeting be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of the word “municipalities” on page five. – CARRIED.
24-12-03 H. Wesley C. Gagne	That the Report from the Committee of the Whole Private Session be approved. – CARRIED
24-12-04 B .Steer L. Sargent	That trustees agree to send a letter to the City of North Bay asking for a meeting to discuss the effects of the low-barrier shelter on the Chippewa Secondary School community and NNDSB. - CARRIED
24-12-05 S. Hall L. Sargent	That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees to the Public Education Symposium January 24 and 25, 2025 in Toronto: H. Wesley, A. St. Pierre, B.Steer, C. Gagne and J. Bertram. - CARRIED
24-12-06 S.Hall L.Sargent	That the motion to extend the meeting until 8:30 pm be approved. - CARRIED
24-12-07 C.Gagne C.Phillips	That the draft audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2024 be approved, as recommended by the Audit Committee. - CARRIED

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24-12-09 C. Phillips S. Hall	That on December 10, 2024 we do now adjourn at 8:02 pm. – CARRIED