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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

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The January 14, 2025 **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:**

Ashley St. Pierre ®  
Bill Steer  
Julie Bertram  
Caren Gagne  
Chantal Phillips  
Howard Wesley  
Jeanie Fuscaldo ®  
Louise Sargent  
Shane Hall ® (regrets at 6:45 pm)  
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

**1.0 Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Wesley called the meeting to order at 6:30 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: 25-01-01, J. Bertram/C. Gagne

That the agenda for the Board meeting of January 14, 2025 be approved. – CARRIED

**5.0 Motion: 25-01-02, C. Phillips/J. Bertram**

That the minutes of the December 10, 2024 regular board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

Motion: 25-01-03, L. Sargent/S. Hall

That the minutes of the organizational Board meeting of November 12, 2024 be approved. – 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 AG School Generated Funds

**6.2 Director's Update**

Director Myles welcomed everyone back from the holiday. He highlighted various aspects of his report and thanked all staff for their hard work as we continue to face staffing challenges.

**6.3 Chair's Remarks**

Vice-Chair Wesley welcomed trustees and staff to the new year as we continue our work on behalf of NNDSB families and communities.

**6.4 OPSBA Report**

Trustee Steer advised noted his report was included in the agenda and that the next meeting is January 23 after which he will report.

**6.5 Student Trustees' Updates**

Student Trustees Trudeau and Sidhu read their monthly reports to the Board highlighting various activities and student success happenings.

**6.6 Community Involvement**

Scheduled Delegations – n/a

**7.0 Items for Decision**

7.1 Report from Committee of the Whole Private Session  
Trustee Bertram requested a poll vote.

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

Motion: 25-01-04, C.Gagne/J.Bertram  
That the item regarding litigation be approved. - CARRIED

7.2 Report from the Committee of the Whole Public Session

Motion: 25-01-05, Gagne/J.Bertram  
That in the interests of applying more resources to student success and well-being, the NNDSB Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister of Education asking the Ministry to initiate, study and begin consultations regarding efficiencies within the four-school board system model. And that the NNDSB also sends a letter to OPSBA asking it to advocate the same with the Ministry of Education on its' member boards' behalf, and that the letters be shared with all OPSBA member boards. - CARRIED

7.3 OSTA-AECO Conference

Motion: 25-01-06, C.Phillips/J.Bertram  
That Student Trustee Nanak Sidhu be approved to attend the Education Action conference in Ottawa February 13-16, 2025. (*Student Trustee Trudeau provided regrets*) - CARRIED

7.4 Capital Projects

Motion: 25-01-07, J.Bertram/C.Gagne  
That the Board approve proceeding with the 2024-25 Capital Projects as listed and as recommended by the Finance Committee. - CARRIED

7.5 Revised Estimates

Motion: 25-01-08, L.Sargent/J.Bertram  
That the Board approves the 2024-2025 Revised Estimates as presented, and as recommended by the Finance Committee. - CARRIED

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Motion: 25-01-09, J.Bertram/C.Phillips

That the Board approves the 2024-2025 Revised Estimates In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan as presented, and as recommended by the Finance Committee. - CARRIED

**8.0 Committee Reports and Minutes**

8.1 Finance Committee Quarterly Report

8.2 Committee Meeting Minutes

Environment Committee – December 12, 2024 (unofficial)

Finance Committee – January 6 (unofficial)


**9.0 Next meeting Date:** February 11, 2025

**10.0 Adjournment**

Motion: 25-01-10, C. Phillips/S. Hall

That on January 14, 2025 we do now adjourn at 7:13 pm. – CARRIED

  
Howard Wesley  
Vice-Chair

  
Craig Myles  
Director

**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

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| <b>25-01-02</b><br>C. Phillips<br>J.Bertram | That the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 10, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.                                                                                                  |
| <b>25-01-03</b><br>L.Sargent<br>S.Hall      | That the minutes of organizational Board meeting of November 12, 2024 be approved. – CARRIED.                                                                                               |
| <b>25-01-04</b><br>C.Gagne<br>J.Bertram     | That the item regarding litigation be approved. - CARRIED                                                                                                                                   |
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