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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The June 10, 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
Nanak Sidhu, Student Trustee
Riley Trudeau, 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
Maureen Egan, Office of the Director
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Deb Bartlett, Communications
Liana Blaskievich, Exec. Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: n/a

Other:

Staff, media, community members

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm after consensus was reached to begin 10 minutes early. Members of the public were welcomed virtually.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Request for Leave 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.

- 3.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none declared.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: 25-06-01, C. Gagne/J.Fuscaldo

That the agenda for the Board meeting of June 10, 2025, be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 7.8 resignation of Trustee Fuscaldo. – CARRIED

4.1 Presentation to Student Trustee Nanak Sidhu

Chair St. Pierre invited Student Trustee Sidhu forward to receive a special recognition as his term has ended. Director Myles said it was his pleasure and honour to present Nanak with a certificate commemorating his leadership and work as student trustee.

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: 25-06-02, S. Hall/L.Sargent

That the minutes of the May 13, 2025, regular board meeting be approved. – CARRIED.

6.0 Communication to the Board

- 6.1 Information Items – Chair St. Pierre noted the following information items provided in advance to trustees and requested any questions be emailed to the Director's office.

- 6.1.1 Monthly Tender Report – nil report
- 6.1.2 Monthly Meeting Calendar
- 6.1.3 AG Capital Projects (final)
- 6.1.4 AG Safe Arrivals (consultation)
- 6.1.5 AG Crisis Response (consultation)
- 6.1.6 AG Volunteers (consultation)
- 6.1.7 Math Achievement Action Plan Report
- 6.1.8 Director's Update
- 6.1.9 Graduation Schedule
- 6.1.10 Correspondence

- Correspondence to CSPNE from Chair St. Pierre May 29, 2025
- Correspondence to trustees from Jacob Kennedy June 3, 2025
- Correspondence to trustees from J. Fuscaldo June 5, 2025

Vice Chair Wesley thanked Jacob Kennedy for his letter re inclement weather and acknowledged school councils' concerns.

6.2 Chair's Remarks

"As we gather for our final regular board meeting of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished, express my gratitude and look ahead to the future with hope and intention. First to our students. You continue to be the reason we do this work. Whether you are graduating, moving up to the next grade or celebrating another year of growth, your resilience, creativity and passion inspire us every day.

To our educators, administrators and staff: This year has brought its share of challenges

and triumphs and through it all your dedication never wavered. From classroom instruction to support services, your work makes a profound difference in the lives of students.

To our families and community partners: Thank you for your partnership, your advocacy and your trust. Education is a shared responsibility, and your engagement strengthens our schools and enriches our mission.

To Trustees Fuscaldo and Phillips: thank you for your contributions at the board table and valuable dialogue. I know you both will continue to be strong advocates for public education. I wish everyone a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer.”

6.3 OPSBA Report

Trustee Steer's report was provided in the agenda package and included OPSBA's update on Bill 33 the *Supporting Children and Student's Act*.

6.4 Student Trustees' Updates

Indigenous Student Trustee Riley Trudeau reported that NNDSB students have been hosting their school powwows; the IYC held its retreat at Nipissing University on June 5 where students participated in cultural activities and valuable connections with other students. She said that IYC has been the highlight of many students' secondary school experiences, and expressed how proud she is of these students who continue to inspire. She also thanked NNDSB's Indigenous Education Team for their support of the students and IYC.

Student Trustee Nanak Sidhu thanked the Board for his time as Student Trustee noting how much he learned. He also reported on end of year activities, exams and upcoming graduations.

6.5 Community Involvement

Scheduled Delegations – Chair St. Pierre noted that the Board received interest from Matt Richter to present but he did not follow through at this time.

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from the Closed Committee of the Whole Session

Motion: 25-06-03, S.Hall/L.Sargent

That the Board approve the local Terms and Conditions in effect September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2027 for Near North Principals' Council. – CARRIED

7.2 Report from the Committee of the Whole Public Session – n/a

7.3 Motion: 25-06-04, L.Sargent/S.Hall

That the Board accept the resignation of Trustee Chantal Phillips with regrets effective June 30, 2025. - CARRIED

7.4 Motion: 25-06-05, L.Sargent/J.Bertram

That the Board approve the updated Special Education Plan 2025-26 as presented to the

Special Education Advisory Committee on May 22, 2025. - CARRIED

7.5 Motion: 25-06-06, C.Gagne/C.Phillips

That the 2025-26 budget recommendations be received from SEAC by the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration. - CARRIED

7.6 Motion: 25-06-07, C. Gagne/B.Steer

That the Board approve the addition of the new JK-12 Parry Sound School to the list of Near North District School Board schools eligible for the Rural and Northern Education Allocation. - CARRIED

7.7 Motion: 25-06-08, C.Gagne/L.Sargent

That pursuant to clause 194 (1) of the *Education Act*, the Trustees of the Near North District School Board declare that as of September 1, 2025, the property at 146 Hamel Avenue, Nobel, ON, is not required for the purposes of the board; and that the Trustees of the Near North District School Board approve that, after September 1, 2025, the property be disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 374/23 – *Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property*. - DEFEATED

A recorded vote was requested by Vice-Chair Wesley.

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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		

7.8 Motion: 25-06-09, C.Gagne/C.Phillips

That the Board accept the resignation of Trustee Jeanie Fuscaldo with regrets effective June 11, 2025. - CARRIED

8.0 Committee Minutes

MYSP 25-05-26 (unofficial)

NB Consolidation 25-05-27 (unofficial)

9.0 Next meeting Date: September 9, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 25-06-10, C.Gagne/J.Bertram

That on June 10, 2025 we do now adjourn at 7:01pm.



Ashley St. Pierre
Chair



Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

25-06-01 C. Gagne J.Fuscaldo	That the agenda for the Board meeting of June 10, 2025, be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 7.8 resignation of Trustee Fuscaldo. – CARRIED
25-06-02 S. Hall L.Sargent	That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 13, 2025, be approved. - CARRIED
25-06-03 S.Hall L. Sargent	That the Board approve the local Terms and Conditions in effect September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2027 for Near North Principals' Council. – CARRIED
25-06-04 L.Sargent S.Hall	That the Board accept the resignation of Trustee Chantal Phillips with regrets effective June 30, 2025. – CARRIED
25-06-05 L.Sargent J.Bertram	That the Board approve the updated Special Education Plan 2025-26 as presented to the Special Education Advisory Committee on May 22, 2025. – CARRIED
25-06-06 C.Gagne C.Phillips	That the 2025-26 budget recommendations be received from SEAC by the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration. - CARRIED
25-06-07 C.Gagne B.Steer	That the Board approve the addition of the new JK-12 Parry Sound School to the list of Near North District School Board schools eligible for the Rural and Northern Education Allocation. - CARRIED
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Minutes of the Public Session Board Meeting of the Near North District School Board held June 10, 2025

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