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Ashley St. Pierre, Chair

Craig Myles, Director of Education

The October 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, Chair
Howard Wesley, Vice Chair®
Jay Aspin
John Arkwright
Bill Steer
Caren Gagne
Krista Messenger
Louise Sargent
Dev Bassi, 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
Gerri-Lyn Cicciarelli, Exec. Assistant to the Director
Maureen Egan, Office of the Director
Glenn Morrison, Manager of IT
Deb Bartlett, Communications
Liana Blaskievich, Officer Corporate Affairs

Regrets: S. Hall

Other:

Staff, media, community members

1.0 Call to Order

Chair St. Pierre called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Vice-Chair Wesley read the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Request for Leave of Absence

Motion: 25-10-01, L. Sargent/J.Aspin

In accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Trustee Shane Hall be granted a leave of absence from the October 14, 2025 Board meeting, as confirmation of regrets was provided in advance of the meeting. - CARRIED

3.0 Attendance

3.1 Confirmation of Quorum

Attendance indicated that 10 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: 25-10-02 C.Gagne/J.Aspin

That the agenda for the Board meeting of October 14, 2025, be approved as presented.

– CARRIED

5.0 Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: 25-10-03, H.Wesley/K.Messenger

That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 9, 2025 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 Life Promotion, Suicide Prevention, Intervention AG

6.1.4 Elementary Class Size Compliant Report

6.1.5 Enrolment Report

6.1.6 Director's Update

6.2 Chair's Remarks

"Good evening and welcome. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. As we meet this afternoon, I want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment each of you brings to our Board and to the students, families and communities we serve. Thank you for your continued leadership and service."

6.3 OPSBA Report – Trustee Steer

The Chair called upon Trustee Steer to inform the Board about information being presented at the OPSBA Northern Region Meeting on October 17-18, 2025. Some items include insufficient funding and proposed changes to governance structure.

6.4 Student Trustees' Update

Student Trustee Bassi and Indigenous Trustee Trudeau read their reports noting school activities and other events occurring in Near North schools. Events centered around the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation were also mentioned.

6.5 Community Involvement

Scheduled delegations – none to report

7.0 Items for Decision

7.1 Report from the Committee of the Whole Session – n/a

7.2 Motion: 2025-10-04- C.Gagne/J.Aspin

Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the Education Act requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 357.12 of the Act;

And whereas Ontario Regulation 400/98 prescribes the tax rates under subsection 357.12 of the Act;

Be it resolved that the NNDSB Board of Trustees enacts that the rates set out in Ontario Regulation 400/98 for 2026 are levied in localities within the area of jurisdiction of the Board on the property indicated in section 3.7.7 of the Act - CARRIED

7.3 Motion: 25-10-05- J.Aspin/J.Arkwright

That the Near North District School Board approves the trustee honoraria for 2025-2026 as presented, effective November 15, 2025

8.0 Committee Reports Minutes

8.1 Finance Committee 2025-06-17 (official)✓

8.2 Finance Committee Quarterly Report

8.3 SEAC 25-06-19 (official) ✓

8.4 Governance Update

9.0 Next meeting Date: November 11, 2025

10.0 Adjournment

Motion: 25-10-06, B.Steer/K.Messenger

That on October 14, 2025, we do now adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Ashley St. Pierre
Chair

Craig Myles
Director

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

25-10-01 J.Aspin S.Hall	In accordance with BL-102, be it resolved that Trustee Shane Hall be granted a leave of absence from the October 14, 2025 Board meeting, as confirmation of regrets was provided in advance of the meeting. - CARRIED
25-10-02 C.Gagne J.Aspin	That the agenda for the Board meeting of October 14, 2025, be approved as presented. – CARRIED
25-10-03 H.Wesley K.Messenger	That the minutes of the regular Board meeting of September 9, 2025 be approved. – CARRIED
25-10-04 C.Gagne J.Aspin	Whereas subsection 257.7(1) of the Education Act requires the Board to levy the tax rates prescribed under section 357.12 of the Act - CARRIED
2025-10-05 J.Aspin J.Arkwright	That the Near North District School Board approves the trustee honoraria for 2025-2026 as presented, effective November 15, 2025
2025-10-06 B.Steer K.Messenger	That on October 14, 2025, we do now adjourn at 7:12 p.m