

## NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held on June 14, 2023 at the Catholic Education Center.

**PRESENT: Trustees:** Paula Del Guidice  
Martin Drainville  
Elizabeth King  
Colleen Landers  
Denis Lincez t/c  
Steve Malciw t/c  
Fred Salvador  
Glenn Sheculski  
Stan Skalecki

**Student Trustee:** Elena Lionello

**Administration:** Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education  
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education  
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education  
Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

**Staff:** Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder

**Regrets:** Nil

**Guests:** Sahayma Omenye (2023-24 Student Trustee)

**A CALL TO ORDER**

**Opening Prayer**

Chair Sheculski acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation located in Treaty 9 and acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis. The opening prayer was recited.

**B ROLL CALL**

**Motion**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declaration of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: All present, no motion required.

**C DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil**

**D APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: C. Landers  
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

**Resolution 23-62**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the Public Board Meeting, as presented.

**Carried**

**E APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki  
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

**Resolution 23-63**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented:

Public Board Meeting – May 24, 2023

**Carried**

**F DELEGATIONS – Nil**

**G POLICY**

**G.1 C-2 Communication with the Public**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: C. Landers  
SECONDED BY: E. King

**Resolution 23-64**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *C-2 Communication with the Public* at second and third reading.

**Carried**

**G.2 C-4 Distribution and Posting of Materials**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: F. Salvador  
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

**Resolution 23-65**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *C-4 Distribution and Posting of Materials* at second and third reading.

**Carried**

**G.3 E-7 Delegation of Authority**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki  
SECONDED BY: E. King

**Resolution 23-66**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-7 Delegation of Authority* at second and third reading.

**Carried**

**G.4 E-19 Educational Excursions**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: C. Landers  
SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

**Resolution 23-67**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-19 Educational Excursions* at second and third reading.

**Carried**

**G.5 T-16 Policy Development and Approval**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

**Resolution 23-68**

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-16 Policy Development and Approval* at second and third reading.

**Carried**

**H PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

**H.1 Presentations**

**H.1.1 Introduction of the New Student Trustee 2023-24 – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education**

Director Weltz introduced incoming student trustee for 2023-24. Sahayma Omenye will join returning student trustee Elena Lionello for the 2023-24 school year. NCDSB is happy to have two student representatives for the next school year.

Director Weltz welcomed Sahayma and introductions and welcome messages were shared around the table.

Chair Sheculski then took the opportunity to thank Elena for her hard work and dedication throughout the year giving praise to her involvement on not only a local level but provincially as well.

**H.1.2 School of the Month: English Catholic Central School, New Liskeard – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education**

Director Weltz shared this month's submission from English Catholic Central School (ECCS) in New Liskeard. A slideshow presentation was shared providing "a small glimpse into the fantastic year at ECCS".

Numerous pictures and details of activities were provided including topics such as, school spirit, Indigenous Council, Catholic Education, learning, extra-curricular activities and much more.

The Chair thanked the school for their submission and initiative to participate in such a program.

**H.1.3 Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (BIPSAW) – Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education**

Superintendent Brumwell began by sharing information contained in the slideshow presentation and thanking teachers, support staff and school administrators for their tireless effort in helping students move closer to their full potential.

The information presented included a review of the five areas of focus, literacy, numeracy, conditions for learning, attendance and pathways. Samples of this year's work, data, achievements, statistics and next steps were outlined in each area by the two presenters.

Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenters. The Chair thanked the presenters for their presentation and determination.

**H.2 Reports**

**H.2.1 Student Trustee – Monthly Student Report, Elena Lionello**

E. Lionello presented her monthly student report which the following:

- School Activities: Co-op Career Fair, Staircase Mural, Academic, Athletic and Club Awards, Photography Field Trip, Exams, Student and Staff Farewells
- Sports: OFSAA Track and Field
- OSO: Looking back on the year and plans for next year

**H.2.2 Audit Committee** – June 5, 2023 Meeting Update and December 5, 2022 Minutes  
Chair Sheculski reported on the recent June 5, 2023 meeting. He shared information on the requirement to appoint auditors for next year, reporting that a recommendation has been forwarded to the Board, by the committee, to appoint KPMG as external auditors for 2023-24. A motion will follow. He also reported the audit committee reviewed upcoming and ongoing plans for next year.

**H.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee** – Nil

**H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee** - June 14, 2023 Meeting Update and May 24, 2023 Minutes  
Trustee Skalecki reported SEAC's Special Education Board Plan containing 11 'action items' was presented by Superintendent Brumwell at the day's meeting. He noted that this was a very large undertaking and thanked the Superintendent and her team for all their hard work.

**H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning** – Nil

**H.2.6 Student Discipline** – May 30, 2023 Expulsion Hearing Update  
Chair Sheculski shared that an expulsion from all schools of the board was issued by the committee during the May 30, 2023 expulsion hearing.

**H.2.7 Transportation Committee** - June 1, 2023 meeting update and April 6, 2023 Minutes  
Trustee King reported on the June 1 committee meeting. Items included were, the advancement of the Wi-Fi on busses pilot project for 2023, the 2022-23 Transportation budget and possible uses of surplus dollars. It was noted that approval of the budget will take place in September 2023.

**H.2.8 Program**

**H.2.8.1 - Special Education Board Plan** - Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

Superintendent Brumwell reminded the Board of the requirement of every school board to maintain a special education plan that is reviewed and amended regularly to meet the current needs of the exceptional pupils of the board. The annual review was facilitated by Superintendent Brumwell in partnership with system and school staff as well as the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). She requested that the Board accept the motion being brought forward to accept the amendments to the Special Education Board Plan 2023-2024 and forward to the Ministry of Education.

**H.2.9 Business** – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

**H.2.9.1 St. Joseph School Child Care Renovations and Addition**

Superintendent Scott referred to item 13 in the *Board Package*. It contains the three tenders received for the *St. Joseph School Child Care Renovations and Addition* project. He reported the tenders were significantly higher than the budgeted and approved amount for the project, therefore, the board is seeking an amendment to the project to cover the shortfall. After discussion with ministry officials, it is the recommendation that the Board approve the tender from R.M. Belanger Inc. 'pending' the receipt of an amended *Approval to Proceed* from the Ministry to cover the shortfall.

Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

**H.2.9.2 Summer 2023 Project Plan**

Superintendent Scott referred to item 14 in the *Board Package* which outlines the *Summer Capital Projects*. Nine projects were outlined by name, location, project start date and projected completion date. The presenter opened the floor to any questions.

Trustees engaged in a question and answer period with the presenter.

**H.2.9.3 Personnel Report**

Superintendent Scott referred to the personnel report included in the *Board Package*. The report included the promotion of VP Rosemary Rosso to Principal, one resignation, four leave of absence requests for 2023-24 and one request for entrance into the Deferred Salary Leave Plan.

**H.2.10 Director of Education – Nil**

**H.2.11 Chair/Trustees – Nil**

**I MOTIONS**

**I.1 Appointment of External Auditor's**

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

**Resolution 23-69**

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board appoint KPMG as the External Auditors effective September 1, 2023 and extending until August 31, 2024, as recommended by the NCDSB Audit Committee.

**Carried**

**I.2 Special Education Board Plan 2023-2024**

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

**Resolution 23-70**

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District Schools Board accept the amendments to the Special Education Board Plan 2023-2024 and forward to the Ministry of Education.

**Carried**

**I.3 St. Joseph School Childcare Renovations and Addition**

MOVED BY: E. King

**Resolution 23-71**

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the contract for R138 St. Joseph School Child Care Renovations & Addition, South Porcupine, Ontario, to R.M Belanger Inc., in the amount of \$4,631,000.00 plus HST, pending the receipt of an amended Approval to Proceed from the Ministry of Education to cover the funding shortfall.

**Carried**

**I.4 CUPE Memorandum of Settlement**

\*Trustee Landers abstained from voting

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

**Resolution 23-72**

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School approve the Memorandum of Settlement as it relates to the Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 4681 for the period beginning September 1, 2022 and extending until August 31, 2026.

Carried

**J COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: M. Drainville  
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

**Resolution 23-73**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

**K UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil**

**L CORRESPONDENCE – Nil**

**M NEW BUSINESS - Nil**

**N INFORMATION – Nil**

**O FUTURE MEETINGS**

Regular Board Meeting – September 20, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

**P ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion**

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

**Resolution 23-74**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Carried

**Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting**

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NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

  
Chair of the Board

  
Secretary-Treasurer