

# Northeastern Catholic District School Board

383 Birch Street North, Timmins, ON, P4N 6E8

# Public Board Meeting meeting held April 19, 2025

#### **MINUTES**

PRESENT:

**Trustees:** 

Glenn Sheculski, Chair of the Board

Colleen Landers, Vice-Chair of the Board

Paula Del Guidice Martin Drainville Elizabeth King t/c Steve Malciw Fred Salvador t/c Stan Skalecki

**Student Trustees:** 

Sahayma Omenye

**Darlene Louttit** 

Administration:

Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and 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

**Guests:** 

Nil

**REGRETS:** 

**Denis Lincez** 

# A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

SECONDED BY:

E. King

Resolution 25-40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declarations of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Denis Lincez

Carried

# C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

P. Colleen

C. Landers

Resolution 25-41

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

Carried

# D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

SECONDED BY:

P. Del Guidice

Resolution 25-42

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board resolve into Committee of the Whole Board and close the meeting to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207(2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

#### Carried

The student trustees left the boardroom and the meeting moved to the in camera session.

# E. CALL TO ORDER

All parties returned to the Board Room. Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order, resuming the Public Meeting of the Board at 5:05 p.m.

# F. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

#### **G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

MOVED BY:

F. Salvador

Resolution 25-43

SECONDED BY:

P. Del Guidice

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

Public Board Meeting, held on March 19, 2025

Carried

# H. **DELEGATIONS** - Nil

#### I. POLICY

# I.1 E-10 Assessment and Evaluation

Motion

MOVED BY:

M. Drainville

Resolution 25-44

SECONDED BY:

E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-10 Assessment and Evaluation* at second and third reading.

Carried

# 1.2 E-11 Selection and Review of Learning Materials

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

**Resolution 25-45** 

SECONDED BY:

S. Malciw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-11 Selection and Review of Learning Materials* at second and third reading.

Carried

# I.3 E-26 Reporting Abuse

Motion

MOVED BY:

C. Landers

**Resolution 25-46** 

SECONDED BY:

F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-26 Reporting Abuse* at second and third reading.

**Carried** 

#### I.4 E-27 Control of Head Lice and Bed Bugs

Motion

MOVED BY:

M. Drainville

Resolution 25-47

SECONDED BY:

E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy E-27 Control of Head Lice and Bed Bugs at second and third reading.

Carried

#### 1.5 T-8 Delegations to Board Meetings

Motion

MOVED BY:

P. Del Guidice

**Resolution 25-48** 

SECONDED BY:

S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy T-8 Delegations to Board Meetings at second and third reading.

Carried

#### J. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

#### J.1 Presentations

J.1.1 Math Achievement Plan - Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education

Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education provided an update on progress being made towards the Math Action Plan. She highlighted the work that continues in classrooms across the NCDSB, building and sustaining a culture of excellence in mathematics while stiving to create mathematical learning spaces that are inclusive.

She shared that the NCDSB continues with determination to achieve the best possible outcomes for all and that this action plan will continue to be updated and then submitted to the Ministry at the end of the school year.

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

#### J.2 Reports

J.2.1 Student Trustees – Monthly Student Report, Sahayma Omenye and Darlene Louttit

The student trustees presented this month's OHS update which included:

- School Activities: Mine Opportunities Challenge, REACH fundraiser, Epilepsy and Huntington's Awareness
- Class Activities: Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre Workshop, Hospitality and Tourism class, Grade 10 Civics/Career partnership
  - Extracurriculars: REACH and soccer reports

# J.2.2 Audit Committee - Nil

# J.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee - Nil

J.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – April 16, 2025 Meeting Update and March 19, 2025 Minutes

Trustees Landers shared the highlights of the day's meeting including the NCDSB Special Education Plan which had been shared with trustees. Discussions around staffing and its effect on achievement was also heard.

- J.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning Nil
- J.2.6 Student Discipline Nil
- J.2.7 Transportation Committee Nil

# J.2.9 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

#### J.2.9.1 Tender: R268 OHS - Partial Roof Replacement - Mezzanine Area

Superintendent Scott shared a recommended OECM purchase for a partial roof replacement at OHS and advised trustees that a motion will follow.

#### J.2.9.2 SBCi & WSIB Annual Reports

Superintendent Scott shared the annual SCBI and WSIB Annual reports contained in the *Board Package*. These reports provide a comprehensive overview of absenteeism, short/long-term sick leave utilization rates, and related costs, as well as, NCDSB WSIB costs and frequency of incidences in relation to peer groups of similar sized boards and to the provincial average.

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

#### J.2.9.3 Personnel Report

Superintendent Scott reported two new hires, one retirement and one change in FTE.

Superintendent Dunkley recognized retiring principal Ted Weltz. She praised Ted's dedication to staff, students and families throughout his NCDSB career as a principal, teacher and coach. She shared that his exceptional leadership qualities will be missed and wished him all the best in his retirement.

#### J.2.10 Director of Education

#### J.2.10.1 MYSP Monitoring 3 – Progress Report

The Director of Education delivered her third accountability update to the Board of Trustees relating to progress being made towards the goals of the multi-year strategic plan. A brief overview of successes by department was shared along with any new emerging priorities to be addressed. The last of the accountability updates will be provided to the Board of Trustees in June.

# J.2.10.2 Budget Priorities – Trustee Survey

Director Weltz shared a detailed culmination of budget priorities received by trustees over the last few weeks through a requested survey. Trustees engaged in discussions around these priorities with each other and the Director of Education.

The Director thanked the trustees for their input and assured them that their priorities will be considered during the budget process.

#### J.2.10.3 Al Network

The Director of Education provided an overview on an exciting opportunity ahead for the NCDSB. A team of school and system leaders will join an Al Network with colleagues from across northeastern Ontario. The initiative aims to build Al literacy, improve decision-making, and foster collaborative learning among Ontario school boards, leveraging insights from successful implementations in North America.

Director Weltz looks forward to sharing more on this topic in future meetings.

# J.2.10.4 OCSTA NE Regional Event Update

The Director of Education shared some finer details of the OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting being hosted by the NCDSB in September 2025 Location and accommodation details will be shared with participating Boards in the coming weeks.

Trustees engaged in discussion and thanked the presenter and staff for their work on this event.

#### J.2.11 Chair/Trustees

# J.2.11.1 Supporting Canadian Goods and Services

Chair Sheculski shared some information received from Sudbury Catholic as well as some direction from the Ministry of Education on the support of Canadian goods and services. The NCDSB endeavors to support this initiative.

#### J.2.11.2 OCSTA AGM Resolutions

G. Sheculski and C. Landers referred to the OCSTA resolutions package and financials and reviewed a few key items. A request was made that trustees review the documents prior to the AGM on May 1-3.

#### J.2.11.3 **OCSTA Region 1 Spring meeting Topics for Discussion**

Trustee Landers shared that she will be leading the Region 1 meeting on May 1 after the Business Session of the OCSTA AGM. She requested feedback on any topics or items that trustees would like to have discussed at the session. She will collate with feedback from other Region 1 Boards.

#### K. MOTIONS

# K.1 R268 OHS – Partial Roof Replacement – Mezzanine Area

Motion

MOVED BY:

C. Landers

Resolution 25-49

SECONDED BY:

P. Del Guidice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for R268 OHS - Partial Roof Replacement - Mezzanine Area, at O'Gorman High School, Timmins, Ontario, to Provost Roofing Limited in the amount of \$104,925.00 plus 10% contingency for a total of \$115,417.50

Carried

# K.2 Social Media Proceedings

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

**Resolution 25-50** 

SECONDED BY:

M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board not join the Social Media Mass Tort Proceedings and advise the appropriate legal counsel.

Carried

# K.3 Student Trustee Request – OSTA/AECO AGM

Motion

MOVED BY:

F. Salvador

Resolution 25-51

SECONDED BY:

E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the request for Student Trustees to attend the 2025 OSTA/AECO AGM in Toronto, ON.

Carried

# L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion MOVED BY:

P. Del Guidice

Resolution 25-52

SECONDED BY:

S. Malciw

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

# M. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> - Nil

- N. CORRESPONDENCE Nil
- O. **NEW BUSINESS** Nil
- P. INFORMATION Nil

# Q. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Meeting - May 14, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

# R. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY:

C. Landers

Resolution 25-53

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Carried

# Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

NOTE: THIS VERSION IS THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Chair of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer