



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

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

Public Board Meeting
meeting held March 25, 2026

MINUTES

PRESENT: Trustees:	Glenn Sheculski, Chair of the Board Colleen Landers, Vice-Chair of the Board Paula Del Guidice Martin Drainville t/c Elizabeth King Steve Malciw t/c Fred Salvador Stan Skalecki t/c
Student Trustees:	Alex Turcotte Jacob Dunkley
Administration:	Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and Director of Education Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education t/c Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business
Staff:	Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder
Guests:	Olivia Fregonese, Mental Health Worker
REGRETS:	Denis Lincez, Trustee

The session began with a territorial acknowledgement.

The group observed a moment of silence in memory of OHS student Joshua Grondin who has passed away.

Opening prayer was recited.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 26-26

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

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: M. Drainville

Resolution 26-27

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

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: C. Landers

Resolution 26-28

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 and guest speaker Olivia Fregonese left the meeting room and the meeting moved to the in camera session.

E. CALL TO ORDER

The student trustees and guest speaker returned to the Board Room. Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order, resuming the Public Meeting of the Board at 5:30 p.m.

F. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 26-29

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

Public Board Meeting, held on February 18, 2026

Carried

H. DELEGATIONS - Nil

I. POLICY

I.1 B-11 Investment of Board Funds

Motion

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

Resolution 26-30

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *B-11 Investment of Board Funds* at first reading.

Carried

I.2 B-16 School Generated Funds

Motion

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

Resolution 26-31

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *B-16 School Generated Funds* at first reading.

Carried

I.3 E-14 School Grounds: Enhancements and Equipment

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 26-32

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-14 School Grounds: Enhancements and Equipment* at first reading.

Carried

I.4 E-17 Celebrations of Excellence and Graduation Ceremonies

Motion

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

Resolution 26-33

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy E-17 Celebrations of Excellence and Graduation Ceremonies* at first reading.

Carried

I.5 E-25 Exemption from Human Development and Sexual Health Education, Elementary

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Malciw
SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 26-34

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve *policy E-25 Exemption from Human Development and Sexual Health Education, Elementary* at first reading.

Carried

J. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

J.1 Presentations

J.1.1 Virtual Mental Health Services –Olivia Fregonese, Mental Health Worker

Guest Speaker, Olivia Fregonese, NCDSB Mental Health Worker, delivered a presentation on Virtual Mental Health Services at the NCDSB. This program, new in 2024-2025 and aligned with PPM 169, included an overview of the tiered model of support and the range of interventions available. The speaker outlined processes for measuring and monitoring services, including referral data and student progress, and explained how students and staff can access student support. Additional aspects of the role were also shared, including supporting schools, collaborating with the broader service team, and engaging in promotional and awareness activities.

J.2 Reports

J.2.1 Student Trustees – Monthly Student Report, Alex Turcotte and Jacob Dunkley

Alex and Jacob presented this month’s report for O’Gorman High School. The report included highlights of academic and intramural activities that have taken place since the last meeting of the Board.

J.2.2 Audit Committee – February 23, 2026 Meeting Update and December 8, 2025 Minutes

G. Sheculski provided a report on the Audit Committee meeting, noting that the February meeting is typically dedicated to member training. This year’s session focused on the role of internal auditors, including their responsibilities and the timing of audit activities and reporting.

The Committee also reviewed the budget process and examined internal journal entries, including a previously identified risk of single authorization for such entries, and recommended strengthening this practice. It was noted that this change has already been implemented.

In addition, the Committee reviewed the annual process of appointing an internal auditor and recommended the reappointment of KPMG as the Board’s internal auditor for the upcoming year noting a motion will follow.

J.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee – Nil

J.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – March 25, 2026 Meeting Update and February 18, 2026 Minutes

C. Landers provided a brief overview of the March 25, 2026 meeting which was emailed to trustees earlier in the day. It included two presentations, ABS Support Team Update and Speech Pilot Project, as well as a number of agency reports.

She also noted that the approved February minutes were included in the *Board Package*.

J.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

J.2.6 Student Discipline – Nil

J.2.7 Transportation Committee – February 26, 2026 Meeting Update

The committee provided a quick update on the brief February meeting. The budget was reviewed and was reported to be on track. There was some concern over limited review time of financials and a hope that that will change. The final meeting of the year is scheduled for May 21.

An update on the executive director recruitment process was provided, noting interviews have taken place but the process remains incomplete.

Trustees engaged in discussion around the progress of the new consortium.

J.2.8 Program - Nil

J.2.9 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

J.2.9.1 Mid-Year Financials

K. Scott referred to the report contained in the *Board Package* and provided an overview of current revenues and expenditures, highlighting the Board's overall financial position. At the mid-point of the school year, approximately 63% of Ministry funding has been received. Expenditures in areas such as sick leave and snow removal have already exceeded budgeted allocations, with several months remaining in the fiscal year. The Board will continue to monitor and, with adjustments, anticipates the budget will remain balanced.

Trustees engaged in discussion with the presenter.

J.2.9.2 Personnel Report

Superintendent Scott reported four new hires, five upcoming retirements and three resignations. Superintendent Brumwell recognized retiring educational assistant Darlene Smith, Kirkland Lake noting that Darlene's kindness and commitment to students and staff will be missed.

Superintendent Brumwell also recognized retiring teacher Linda Conrad who has been with the NCDSB for almost 30 years, leading by example and sharing her wealth of knowledge. She will be missed.

The third retiree being recognized by Superintendent Brumwell was Special Assignment Teacher Brenda Doyle. For over 30 years Brenda has shared her compassion and knowledge. She connected with students and mentored staff with kindness and compassion and will be missed.

Superintendent Dunkley recognized St. Patrick School teacher Shari Rusnak, taking on many teaching and leadership roles throughout her career, SPKP could depend on Shari to be there and to share her wealth of knowledge in her calm and caring demeanour. She will be missed.

These retirees were wished all the best for a happy, healthy retirement.

J.2.10 Director of Education

J.2.10.1 Kindergarten Registration 2026

Director Weltz presented a report on the 2026-2027 Kindergarten registration. This included a chart listing each school and their current registrations. She was pleased to report that over 100 students have already registered for school in September. She also noted that an upcoming communication campaign will remind families of the importance of registering early to support effective planning for the upcoming school year.

J.2.10.2 Trustee Determination and Distribution

Director Weltz presented information on trustee determination and distribution. Before each municipal election, every board of trustees determines the number of trustee positions on their board and distributes these positions across the board's area of jurisdiction. This process is known as trustee determination and distribution.

After lengthy discussions and consideration of current data and trends, the NCDSB passed a motion to have seven (7) positions across the district. There will be a reduction of one Trustee in the Timmins/Moosonee zone and a reduction of one Trustee in the Kirkland Lake/Englehart zone.

J.2.11 Chair/Trustees

J.2.11.1 The Future of Trustees

Chair Sheculski reviewed information he received at a meeting held earlier in the day regarding trustee challenges, elections, upcoming Ministry announcements and possible changes. He also shared an upcoming meeting with a local MPP.

Chair Sheculski also shared that he will be putting his name forth for a position with CCSTA.

K. MOTIONS

K.1 Appointment of External Auditor

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 26-35

SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board appoint KPMG as external auditors effective September 1, 2026 and extending until August 31, 2027, as recommended by the NCDSB Audit Committee.

Carried

K.2 Trustee Determination and Distribution

K.2.1 Number of Trustees

Motion

MOVED BY: F. Salvador

Resolution 26-36

SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board set the number of trustees to be elected in the 2026 Municipal Election at seven, in accordance with subsection 58.1(10.1) of the Education Act.

Carried

K.2.2 Low Population Municipalities

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 26-37

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board does not designate any municipalities within its jurisdiction as low population municipalities for the purposes of trustee representation.

Carried

K.2.3 Trustee Zones

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 26-38

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the alignment of trustee zones in accordance with "Scenario 7" as outlined in the report *Trustee Determination and Distribution – 2026 Municipal Elections*.

Carried

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 26-39

SECONDED BY: E. King

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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

N. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

O. NEW BUSINESS – Nil

P. INFORMATION – Nil

Q. FUTURE MEETINGS

Public Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 4:45 p.m.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY:

S. Skalecki

Resolution 26-40

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Secretary-Treasurer