

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the Public Board Meeting held on September 20, 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
Sahayma Omenye

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: Nil

A CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgment and Opening Prayer

Chair Sheculski recited the land acknowledgment and led the group in opening prayer.

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: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-75

SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

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: E. King

Resolution 23-76

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

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

Public Board Meeting – June 14, 2023

Carried

F DELEGATIONS – Nil

G POLICY

G.1 B-15 Advertising

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 23-77

SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *B-15 Advertising* at first reading.

Carried

G.2 E-18 Community Involvement and Christian Service

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-78

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-18 Community Involvement and Christian Service* at first reading.

Carried

G.3 I-6 Hand Held (Mobile) Wireless Communication Device

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-79

SECONDED BY: P. Del Guidice

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *I-6 Hand Held (Mobile) Wireless Communication Device* at first reading.

Carried

G.4 T-11 Replacement of a Trustee

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 23-80

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-11 Replacement of a Trustee* at first reading.

Carried

H PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 School of the Month: St. Anne Catholic School, Iroquois Falls – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

Director Weltz shared this month's submission from St. Anne Catholic School in Iroquois Falls. A video presentation was shared highlighting the school's "*Speaker's Corner*". The video was comprised of several students sharing their thoughts on what they loved about their school as well as their ideas on how to make their school better. The Chair thanked the school for their submission.

H.1.2 World Youth Day – Pauline Sterling, Teacher, Aileen Wright English Catholic School

Aileen Wright Catholic School teacher Pauline Sterling joined the meeting virtually to share her experience in travelling to Lisbon, Portugal this past summer to celebrate World Youth Day 2023. She shared many photos from different cities, venues, and cultural events, as well as, many wonderful people they met along the way. The highlight was celebrating Mass with the 1.5 million people who joined Pope Francis for Mass on August 6. She thanked the Board for their part in allowing her participation in this amazing experience.

Trustees engaged in conversation with the presenter. The Chair thanked the presenter for sharing this wonderful experience.

H.1.3 Enrolment and Staffing Update – Daphne Brumwell and Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendents of Education

The Superintendents of Education presented enrolment information by school as well as some highlights surrounding programs and opportunities being afforded to students across the district. They were pleased to share that current enrolment numbers which are slightly higher than projected in the Budget Estimates. They shared enrolment information on each school individually including small pieces of substantiating information.

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

H.1.4 Director of Education Annual Growth Goals – Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education

Director Weltz shared her professional growth goals as per Policy T-9 *Director of Education Performance Appraisal*. These goals included enhancing the profile of the NCDSB, improving student achievement, strengthening organizational culture and effectiveness, and refining communication strategies to secure accountability. All as part of the NCDSB commitment to build "a place where we all belong".

Trustees engaged the presenter in a question-and-answer period. The Chair thanked the Director for her commitment to growth within the NCDSB.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Monthly Student Report, Elena Lionello and Sahayma Omenye

The student trustees jointly presented their monthly student report which included the following:

- School Activities: Grade 9 Orientation Day, Welcome Back Assembly, School Mass, Human Handshake and the Terry Fox Walk
- Extracurriculars: Girls' Basketball, Boys' Soccer, Cross-country Running, Drama and Choir
- OSO: This year's President, Vice-President and Representatives

H.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

H.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee – Nil

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – September 20, 2023 Meeting Update and June 14, 2023 Minutes
Trustee Skalecki referred to the June Minutes included in the *Board Package*. He shared low attendance at the September 20, 2023 meeting resulting in quorum not being met.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Student Discipline – Nil

H.2.7 Transportation Committee – September 14, 2023 Meeting

Trustee King reported on the first meeting of the school year. She updated the Board on a number of items including her acclamation as Chair, the start of the Wi-Fi pilot project, issues with recruitment, and the efforts to hire additional bus monitors in the hopes of reducing student incidents. In addition, she referred to the motion being presented later in the Board meeting to approve the Transportation Budget for 2023-2024.

H.2.8 Program - Nil

H.2.9 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

H.2.9.1 SBCI Annual Report

Superintendent Scott referred to items 8 and 9 in the *Board Package* containing the 20-page *NCDSB Attendance Support Program Annual Report 2021-22*. The report provides the board with data annually and includes items such as WSIB costs and frequency of incidents in relation to a peer group of similar sized boards and the provincial average. Superintendent Scott shared highlights of the annual report.

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

H.2.9.2 Accessibility Annual Report 2022-2023

Superintendent Scott referred to items 11 and 12 in the *Board Package*. He informed the Board that the report must be presented annually to the Board of Trustees as required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The NCDSB Accessibility Committee has prepared and provided the detailed report for Board review, discussion, and approval in the motion to follow.

H.2.9.3 Transportation Budget

Superintendent Scott referred to the Transportation Budget report included in the *Board Package*. He reminded the Board of the Transportation Committee meetings held in the prior school year where budget items were incomplete resulting in the final budget and motion being unavailable until now. Additionally, the presenter shared there were changes to the funding formula which have had a positive impact on the proposed budget.

No questions from the Board. The presenter shared the recommendation to approve the motion being presented.

H.2.9.4 Lexia Licenses

Superintendent Scott referred to item 15 in the *Board Package*. *Lexia-Core5 and PowerUP* is a valuable digital reading tool that is designed to give students independent practice in basic reading skills. It has been used to supplement regular classroom instruction in NCDSB schools for the past three years and has proven to be a valuable tool. The board is requesting approval of a three-year renewal of the product. K. Scott shared how the project would be funded and is recommending approval of the motion to renew licensing of the product.

H.2.10 Director of Education – Nil

H.2.11 Chair/Trustees – Board Meeting Dates 2023-2024, Glenn Sheculski, Chair of the Board

The Chair reminded trustees of the already approved Board Meeting dates for 2023 and presented the proposed dates for 2024. He reviewed other commitment dates such as OCSTA seminars and Annual General Meetings. No opposition to the dates as presented. A motion will follow.

I MOTIONS

I.1 Accessibility Annual Report 2022-2023

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-81

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the Accessibility Annual Report 2022-2023, as presented.

Carried

I.2 Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation Budget 2023-2024

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 23-82

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District Schools Board approve the Northeast Tri-Board Student Transportation Consortium Budget 2023-2024, as presented.

Carried

I.3 Lexia Licences

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 23-83

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the procurement of Lexia Licenses in the amount of \$223,521.48 (\$74,507.16 a year) for a three-year period starting September 1, 2023, as presented.

Carried

I.4 Board Meeting Dates 2024

MOVED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 23-84

SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the Board Meeting dates for 2024, as presented.

Carried

J COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

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

Resolution 23-85

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 – November 15, 2023 at 4:45 p.m.

P ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 23-86

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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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer