



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

TRUSTEES PRESENT::

Doug Shearer (Chair)
Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)
Howard Archibald
Heather Bozzer
Bruce Cutten
Dennis Draves
Tom Henderson
Wayne Major
Peter Osterberg
Rosemary Pochopsky

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Saunders Porter

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Jaykob Walton (THVS)

STUDENT TRUSTEES ABSENT:

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ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Lesleigh Dye - Director of Education
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools
Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools
Jim Rowe - Senior Manager of Human Resources

RECORDING SECRETARY

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

GUESTS

Corinna Wrona, Community Outreach
JP Desilets, OSSTF President

REGULAR SESSION

The regular session meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

6689-17 HENDERSON/CUTTEN:

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

6690-17 CUTTEN/DRAVES:

THAT this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole,
(In-Camera).

CARRIED

6691-17 BOZZER/DRAVES: THAT this Board reconvene in regular session. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6692-17 HENDERSON/CUTTEN: THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated September 5, 2017 be approved. **CARRIED**

PRESENTATION: Attendance Toolkit Successes (D. Plante-Dupuis)

Denise Plante-Dupuis, the DSB Ontario North East Mental Health and Well-being Lead, presented *Every Day Counts!*, a summary of the successes experienced in the 2016-17 school year as a direct result of the implementation of the Attendance Toolkit. Recognizing that too many absences by students affect achievement and disrupt learning, school administrators reviewed data of students with chronic absence in previous year(s), then personally reached out and engaged and strategized with families and students to improve attendance. Celebrating the successes realized (a full 6% decline in absenteeism from 2015-16!) next steps include continued use of the revised Toolkit, focused engagement of families at parent-teacher and student-led conferences, promoting positive school atmospheres, and continued targeted interventions for students with persistent absenteeism.

6693-17 CUTTEN/BOZZER: THAT the Board receive the Attendance Toolkit Successes presentation by Denise Plante-Dupuis, Mental Health and Well-being Lead. **CARRIED**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6694-17 MAJOR/HENDERSON: THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held September 5, 2017 be approved. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Cash Disbursements

6695-17 DRAVES/MAJOR: THAT the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of June, 2017 in the amount of \$11,265,117.32. **CARRIED**

6696-17 CUTTEN/HENDERSON: THAT the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of July, 2017 in the amount of \$10,536,807.65. **CARRIED**

Field Trips/Outdoor Education

6697-17 OSTERBERG/ARCHIBALD: THAT the Board receive the update on Field Trips / Outdoor Education. **CARRIED**

Transportation

6698-17 HENDERSON/DRAVES: THAT the Board receive the update on Transportation, further to

the Ministry memo dated August 29'17 regarding 2017-18 School Year Start-up and Student Transportation.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Multi-Board meeting

6699-17 BRUSH/DRAVES:

THAT the Board receive the update on the invitation to a Multi-Board meeting.

CARRIED

Trustee meetings

6700-17 CUTTEN/DRAVES:

THAT the Board receive the update on Trustee meetings with their local city and town councils.

CARRIED

Trustee Breakaway Conference

6701-17 POCHOPSKY/DRAVES:

THAT the Trustee Breakaway Conference be set for Friday, October 20 – Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Cedar Meadows, Timmins.

CARRIED

Strategic Plan Committee

6702-17 OSTERBERG/BRUSH

THAT the Board receive the update by the Strategic Plan Committee plans.

CARRIED

OPSBA Letter to Minister Hunter

6703-17 HENDERSON/BRUSH:

THAT the Board receive the letter from OPSBA dated July 14, 2017 to Minister Hunter regarding consultation with respect to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

CARRIED

6704-17 OSTERBERG/POCHOPSK:

THAT the Board receive the update on Drug Education.

CARRIED

MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE

6705-17 CUTTEN/BRUSH:

THAT the Board receive the following Ministry correspondence:

- Memo: 2017-18 School Year Start-Up & Student Transportation

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

6706-17 ARCHIBALD/MAJOR:

THAT we do now adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD