



DISTRICT
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Organization Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2018
Education Centre, St. Catharines

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. [Organization Meeting]
6:45 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

By the Secretary of the Board who will chair the meeting until a Chair is elected.

2. **READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD**

DSBN By-Law F-4 states “When a new Board has been elected, the Secretary shall first read the returns of the elections of the members of the Board, as supplied by the clerk of the municipality.”

The Director, as Secretary of the Board, will read the Trustee election returns from the October 22, 2018, Municipal Elections.

3. **DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

In Accordance with DSBN By-Law F-4, the Secretary shall certify that the newly elected members of the Board have filed their Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, will ask all Trustees to stand and join together in reading and signing the Declaration of Office and to take the Oath of Allegiance.

4. **READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIR PERSON**

DSBN By-Law F-6: Election of Chairperson, will be read by the Director as Secretary of the Board.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, the Secretary shall name two scrutineers appointed for the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At the request of a Trustee, the Board may by majority vote, also approve the appointment of a disinterested party to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson.

6. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The process for the election of a Chairperson will be carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-6.1 and F-6.2.

Trustees who have accepted a nomination for the position of Chairperson will have the opportunity to address the Board.

7. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The process for the election of a Vice-Chairperson will be carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7.

Trustees who have accepted a nomination for the position of Vice-Chairperson will have the opportunity to address the Board.

8. **MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS**

Recommended Motion:

“That the Ballots be destroyed.”

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with DSBN By-Law L-4, Standing and Statutory Committees:

“Board members will indicate their preference for committees to the Nominating Committee. The membership of the Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, one Board member selected at large by the Chairperson. The mandate of the Nominating Committee is to receive each Board member’s preference for committees, preferably electronically, and subsequently allocate committee assignments to each Board member.”

These committee allocations will remain in effect from December 1, 2018 until August 31, 2020, save and except the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the Code of Conduct Investigation Committee (COCI) which are both four (4) year commitments.

10. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee Chairs will be elected at the first meeting of each Committee, save and except the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

11. SIGNING AUTHORITY

In accordance with DSBN By-Laws B-2 and B-3:

Recommended Motions:

That the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board,

AND

That for the payment of the accounts, automatic cheque signing equipment be used bearing the signature of the Chairperson and Treasurer of the Board.

12. BORROWING AUTHORITY

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the District School Board of Niagara (the Board).

- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the Act), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to 45 million dollars (\$45,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019 ('the Period').
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings, is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

Recommended Motions:

1. "The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow in accordance with section 243 of the Education Act from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers acceptance from the Bankers of the Board or from any other approved lender a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate 45 million dollars (\$45,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period and to give to the Bankers of the Board or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Bankers of the Board or any other approved lender; and
2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered

banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing; and

3. The Secretary or Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed, plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.”

13. ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS’ ASSOCIATION (OPSBA) VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Trustees will be asked to make a motion to appoint DSBN representatives for the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Director and Voting Delegate and the Alternate Director and Alternate Voting Delegate.

14. DATE AND LOCATION OF INAUGURAL MEETING

The Inaugural Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

15. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION MEETING

Recommended Motions:

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Organization Meeting held on December 4, 2018 be now ratified by the Board.”

“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”

16. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

“That the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”