

ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

6:06 p.m. – 6:28 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett, Nancy Beamer, Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

RECORDING SECRETARY

Christina Dero

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Wendy Coit and Kara Hiott-Bowles

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Hoshizaki opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, who conducted the meeting until the election of the Chairperson.

2. READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Director Hoshizaki read DSBN By-Law F-1, that states “The order of business for the Organization Meeting of the Board is to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board.”

The nomination process for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson was followed in accordance with By-Law F-6.1 subject to the nomination period that was amended and approved by the Board at their meeting on November 24, 2020.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, Director Hoshizaki named Stacy Veld, Superintendent of Business, and Jennifer Feren, Board Lawyer, as scrutineers for the election of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Director Hoshizaki reported that Trustee Barnett was nominated and let her name stand for the position of Chairperson. Trustee Barnett was acclaimed Chairperson for the District School Board of Niagara.

Chair Barnett chaired the remainder of the Organization Meeting of the Board.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Chair Barnett reported that Trustee Bradnam and Trustee Schaubel were nominated and let their names stand for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Trustee Bradnam and Trustee Schaubel were given the opportunity to address the Board.

Karen Bellamy provided trustees with a link to the ballot for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Trustees who requested to cast their ballot via phone were called by the scrutineers.

Chair Barnett received the count and announced that Trustee Bradnam was elected to the position of Vice-Chairperson. Trustee Bradnam accepted the position of Vice-Chairperson.

6. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There is no requirement to select committee membership at this time.

8. SIGNING AUTHORITY

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

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“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.”

CARRIED

9. 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 operating revenue is received, the current operating expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021 (‘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 operating expenditures is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

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

BORROWING AUTHORITY – CONTINUED

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 operating revenue is collected, the current operating 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 operating revenues of the Board.”

CARRIED

10. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION MEETING

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Organization Meeting held on December 1, 2020 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.”

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT – CONTINUED

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary