MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Public Session: 6:00 p.m. – 7:14 p.m. | Private Session: 7:11 p.m. – 7:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

(*denotes approval received to attend electronically)

BOARD

Kate Baggott (Chair), Sue Barnett, Nancy Beamer, Mike Brousseau, Helga Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen (Vice Chair), *Deanne MacIntosh, Shannon Mitchell, Owen Riel

ADMINISTRATION

Kelly Pisek (Chief Executive Officer), Karen Bellamy, Michael Burns, Sara De Divitiis, Jennifer Feren, Ann Gilmore, Simon Hancox, Mat Miller, Milica Petkovic, Breann Pyke, Melanie Sendzik, Neil Sheard, Stacy Veld (Associate Director)

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer Reid

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Nate Burns, Lyka Yatco

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

Chair Kate Baggott opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Sue Barnett

"That the absence of Trustee Lora Campbell be approved under section 228(1)(b) of the Education Act, until August 31, 2026."
CARRIED

Chair Kate Baggott called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that Trustee Deanne MacIntosh was participating virtually.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board stood during a video performance of '*O Canada*' by the E.L. Crossley Secondary School choir.

C. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Owen Riel provided a reflective reading.

D. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Mike Brousseau
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Agenda be adopted."
CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Owen Riel

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 26, 2026, be confirmed as submitted."
CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

E. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. DSBN Recognition and Highlights

a) DSBN Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kelly Pisek recognized the DSBN Multidisciplinary Kindergarten Team for its leadership in supporting the implementation of the new Ontario Kindergarten Curriculum, launching province-wide in September 2026. The team collaborated to develop practical educator resources, deliver professional learning for teachers and DECEs, and design a social media campaign to help prepare and inform families. Their attention to detail and commitment to families helped to support consistent

Kindergarten Open House experiences across the system while creating a meaningful connection between families and schools.

Multi-Disciplinary Kindergarten Team

- Kristy Penlington, Curriculum Consultant – Elementary, Curriculum Support Services
- Sarah Vaughn, Curriculum Consultant - Elementary, Curriculum Support Services
- Kim Reinhardt, Designated Early Childhood Educator – Central Resource, Curriculum Support Services
- Ashleigh Molinaro, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Education Support Services
- Spencer Coombes, Communications Specialist, Communications Department
- Lindsay Wdowczyk, Communications Officer, Communications Department

DSBN's Highlights

CEO Pisek along with members of the system leadership team provided recent highlights from across the system which included information about:

- Gabrielle Wins Gold
- Pride Month
- Transition Fair
- Briardale & Crossroads
- Indigenous History Month
    - Community Round Dance
    - Memorable Performance at the PAC
    - Indigenous Student Leadership Group
    - Grade 7/8 Symposium
- DSBN Special Olympics

2. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES

There was no educational showcase.

F. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

G. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

H. BOARD RECESS

There was no recess.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Report of the Audit Committee**

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Owen Riel

"That the report of the Audit Committee dated June 9, 2026, be received."

"That the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received."

"That the 7-month specified procedures report for the period ending March 31, 2026 be received."

"That KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2026."
CARRIED

Trustee Sue Barnett reported that the committee was presented with the proposed Audit Plan for 2026-2027 that will focus on key risk documentation, and the 7-month specified auditing procedures report for the reporting period ending March 31, 2026. Committee members completed the external auditor's evaluation as required under Ontario Regulation 361/10.

2. **Report of the Finance Committee**

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 9, 2026, be received."

"That the 2025-26 Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2026, and the corresponding changes in revenues and expenditures, be received."

"That Borrowing Resolution 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-03, 2026-04, 2026-05, and 2026-06 authorizing the Board to borrow up to $91,828,814 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved."

"That authority be jointly delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and the Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services, to approve property matters during July and August that would otherwise require Board approval, with such approvals reported to the Board at its September 2026 meeting."

"That the 2026-27 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of $677,740,260 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education."
CARRIED

Trustee Sue Barnett reported that the committee received the 2025-2026 Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2026 which reflects an increase of $1.0M in both revenue and expenditures and projects the use of $2.5M in accumulated surplus to balance the budget. The Short-Term Financing of Ministry Funded Capital Projects Report was presented noting the Ministry of Education (MOE) approval of $91.8M for capital projects, and the 2026-2027 budget was received which projects a balanced budget of $677.7M, a 1.6% increase driven by an increase in enrolment and aligns with system and student priorities.

In response to a question regarding school boards borrowing funds, Associated Director Stacy Veld clarified that school boards may engage in short-term borrowing to manage cash flow, as funding from the MOE is received twice per year, with any borrowed amounts repaid once budget allocations are received.

3. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Sue Barnett

"That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 10, 2026, be received."
CARRIED

Trustee Helga Campbell reported that the committee reviewed 54 cases in the 2025-2026 school year, with 27 cases approved to continue in 2026-2027 and 27 cases discontinued, two of these students will graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students will continue to be supported through individualized plans and community programming with positive outcomes towards credit accumulation, well-being, transitions to school, graduation, and employment.

4. Report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Mike Brousseau

"That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated June 8, 2026, be received."

"That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated June 16, 2026, be received."

CARRIED

Trustee Nancy Beamer reported on two governance meetings, noting strong engagement, progress toward a shared path moving forward, and discussion on the evolving role of trustees with consideration to *Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026 (Bill 101).*

J. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of and by Board members.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Take Notice that in accordance with the Board By-laws and Rules of Order section Q-2 a recommendation that the following amendments to the By-laws and Rules of Order for the District School Board of Niagara will come forward for consideration at the Special Board Meeting scheduled for June 22, 2026.

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<tr><td>L - 1</td><td>Trustees are elected to a four (4) year term of office on the Board. At the start of the term and approximately two (2) years into the term of office there will be opportunities to change Trustee membership on Statutory Committees, save and except for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), which requires a four (4) year term commitment.

(a) At the Organization Meeting in an election year the Trustees will submit their committee preferences to the Director’s Office and, thereafter, the Director and the Nominating Committee (as set out in By-Law L-4) of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign Trustees to serve on Statutory Committees. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O - 23 and O - 24.

(a) Nineteen (19) months after the newly elected Trustees take office, the Trustees shall again submit their committee preferences to the Director’s Office by the first Board meeting in June and, thereafter, the Director and the Nominating Committee (as set out in By-Law L-4) of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign, in draft, the Trustees to serve on Statutory Committees effective September 1st of that same year. The Nominating Committee shall circulate a draft of the Committee assignments prior to the Nominating Committee’s final approval of committee assignments. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O-23 and O - 24.</td><td>Committee Restructure</td></tr>
<tr><td>L - 3</td><td>Intentionally omitted</td><td>Committee Restructure</td></tr>
<tr><td>L - 6</td><td>There shall be the following committees of the Board with each Board member required to sit on two (2) Statutory Committees.

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(s. 253.1 & Reg. 361/10)</td><td>• Audit Committee......................</td><td>3 Board Members</td></tr>
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(Reg 83/24)</td><td>• Director’s Performance Appraisal Committee (DPAC)…………………………………………</td><td>5 Board Members</td></tr>
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(s. 57.1 & Reg. 464/97)</td><td>• Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)..........</td><td>2 Board Members plus 2 appointed Board Member Alternates (this is a legislated four (4) year term)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Statutory</td><td>• Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL)…….</td><td>1 Board Member</td></tr>
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(Reg 374/10)		
Statutory (Reg. 612/00)	• Parent Involvement Committee.............................	2 Board Members
Statutory – Ad Hoc (S.311.3(10))	• Ad Hoc Student Discipline Committee........................	3 Board Members (legislated minimum)
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	• Student Trustee Senate…...	3 Student Trustees (one of which shall be an Indigenous Student Trustee)

L - 11	Specific meeting dates for Statutory Committees shall be scheduled on a regular basis as determined by the Board.	**Committee Restructure**
O - 7	(a) All Board members who are not official members of a Statutory Committee as listed in By-Law L – 6 may attend all or any committee meetings in the capacity of an observer or to participate in discussions but, if in attendance, the observing Trustee shall not be counted in arriving at quorum, shall not move any motions, and shall not be allowed to vote. (b) Notwithstanding (a), a Board member assigned to a Statutory Committee may designate an alternate Board member as a replacement voting member in their absence in accordance with Board Policy A-2 (Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings) for the purpose of arriving at a quorum, and such designated alternate shall be allowed to vote.	**Committee Restructure**
O - 9	It is the policy of the Board that meetings of the committees of the Board shall be open to the public except: (a) Committee of the Whole Board (b) Finance Committee when it is considering the lease or acquisition of property (c) Ad Hoc Student Discipline Committee (d) Audit Committee when it is considering a matter permitted under section 207 of the *Education Act* (e) Other committees as designated from time to time by the Board.	**Committee Restructure**
G-1	The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on: • the fourth Tuesday of each month in August, October, February, April and June; and • the third Tuesday in November Should any scheduled meeting fall on a statutory or civic holiday, the Board shall meet on the evening of the following day at the same hour, or as otherwise decided by the Board. The regular Board	**Frequency of Board Meetings**

	meeting, public session, shall commence at 6:00 p.m. and where Committee of the Whole, closed session is required, it shall commence immediately after the conclusion of the business of the regular Board meeting.	
G- 10	Replace current order of business with the following: The order of business for regular meetings of the Board shall be: 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY 2. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST 4. SINGING OF O'CANADA 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES 7. DELEGATIONS 8. CEO REPORT TO BOARD 9. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD 10. STAFF REPORTS TO BOARD 11. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS 12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS 13. FUTURE MEETINGS 14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (when required) a) Motion To Move to Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) b) Motion To Return to Open Board (Public Session) 15. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (when required) 16. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING 17. ADJOURNMENT	**Order of Business**
G - 7	The Secretary shall cause to have delivered or mailed a "BOARD AGENDA" and a copy of all reports (committee minutes or staff reports) to each member of the Board seven (7) business days prior to the meeting at which the same are to be considered. The "BOARD AGENDA" shall contain a brief notice of all such matters as may come regularly before the Board meeting and shall set out in full all notices of motion, where available at the time of the publication of the Board agenda.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
G - 9	(a) The Board will post the Board agenda with supplementary materials, where available at the time of publication of the Board agenda on the Board's website seven (7) business days prior to the Board meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in Committee of the Whole - Closed Session, for access by the public. (c) The Board will post the Committee meeting agenda with supplementary materials on the Board's website seven (7) business days prior to Statutory Committee meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in a Closed Session, for access by the public.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
O - 15	Every meeting of a committee shall be called by a notice mailed or emailed (to the member's DSBN email address) by the Secretary of the committee to reach each Board member seven (7) business days before such meeting.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
R-7	Such notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon five (5) business days prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Before acceptance is granted, the Secretary shall confer with the Chair or the Vice-Chair to agree on the urgency of the request and the manner of effecting the necessary arrangements.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**

R-8.2	To reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding, written copies of presentations must be received by the Director's Office by noon two (2) business days prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Failure to do so would result in not speaking at that Board meeting.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**

L. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. STAFF REPORTS

There was no staff report.

2. TRUSTEE INFORMATION SESSIONS

There was no Trustee information session.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

There was no correspondence and communication.

4. TRUSTEE, STUDENT TRUSTEE, AND INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

Trustees commended staff and students who participated in recent events across the DSBN.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Nancy Beamer stated that there was no report and noted that Student Trustee Saddler received the Ontario Student Trustee Leadership Scholarship.

6. Ontario Student Trustees' Association Report

There was no Ontario Student Trustees' Association report.

7. Future Meetings

a) The September meeting calendar to be confirmed.
b) The September Days of Significance calendar was provided.

M. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Deanne MacIntosh

"That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole."
CARRIED

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the Board return to Open meeting."
CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:14 p.m.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board."

O. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, 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

P. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

KATE BAGGOTT	**KELLY PISEK**
Chair	Chief Executive Officer and Secretary