NOVEMBER 17, 2026
Public Session: 6:00 pm

ORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. 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."

In accordance with the By-Law, the Chief Executive Officer, as Secretary of the Board, will read the official returns of the October 26, 2026 Municipal and School Board elections, as provided by the municipal clerks.

4. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

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.

The Chief Executive Officer, as Secretary of the Board, will ask all Trustees to sign the Declaration of Office.

5. READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING

DSBN By-Law F-1 states that "The order of business for the Organization Meeting is to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board and to pass the Signing Authority resolution and the Borrowing Authority resolution. In an election year, it will also ask for Trustees to make committee selections by Trustees submitting their committee preferences to the Chief Executive Officer's Office, as outlined in By-Law L - 4, preferably by electronic submission.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, the Secretary shall name two scrutineers appointed for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. At the request of a Trustee, or in response to a public invitation to apply, the Board may by majority vote, also approve the appointment of a disinterested external community member to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

Where more than one external community member candidate submits or is submitted for the position of the third scrutineer, a candidate for third scrutineer will be chosen by lot.

All scrutineers must confirm that they will maintain the secrecy of the vote.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The process for the election of a Chair 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 Chair will have the opportunity to address the Board.

8. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The process for the election of a Vice-Chair will be carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7. Trustees who have accepted a nomination for the position of Vice-Chair will have the opportunity to address the Board.

9. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Recommended Motion:

That the Ballots be destroyed.

10. STATUTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with By-Law L-1(a) “At the Organization Meeting in an election year the Trustees will submit their committee preferences to the CEO’s Office and, thereafter, the CEO and the Nominating Committee of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign Trustees to serve on Statutory Committees.

The committee assignments will remain in effect until August 31, 2028, save and except for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) which is a legislated four (4) year term.

11. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O-23 and O-24.

12. SIGNING AUTHORITY

In accordance with DSBN By-Laws B-2, B-3, and B-4:

Recommended Motions:

"That the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board, and the Chief Executive Officer or the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for matters concerning corporate governance."

"That the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board, and the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for cheque signing."

"That the Chief Executive Officer or the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for operational matters concerning the day-to-day management of the Board."

13. BORROWING AUTHORITY

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current operating 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 295 million dollars ($295,000,000) to meet, until current operating and capital revenue is received, the current operating and capital expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2027 and ending on December 31, 2027 ('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 and capital 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 295 million dollars ($295,000,000) to meet, until current operating and capital 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."

14. 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 November 17, 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."

15. ADJOURNMENT