MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

Public Session: 6:00 p.m. – 7:22 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, Jennifer Feren, Ann Gilmore, Simon Hancox, Milica Petkovic, Breann Pyke, Melanie Sendzik, Neil Sheard, Stacy Veld

INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRUSTEE
Ivy Jones

STUDENT TRUSTEE
William Connor
Daisy Dong

RECORDING SECRETARY
Jennifer Reid

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Nate Burns, Lyka Yatco

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

Chair Baggott called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted that Deanne MacIntosh was participating virtually. Trustee Lora Campbell was absent as previously approved.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board stood during a video performance of '*O Canada*' by the Richmond Street Public School choir.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mike Brousseau
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

"That the Agenda be adopted."
CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Sue Barnett

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 22, 2026, be confirmed as submitted."

"That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 22, 2026, be confirmed as submitted."
CARRIED

7. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

8. CEO REPORT TO BOARD

a. Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026 – Executive Titles and Roles Update

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026 – Executive Titles and Roles Update report be received."
CARRIED

b. Provincial Education Requirements for Ontario School Boards Update

Moved by Nancy Beamer

Seconded by Mike Brousseau

"That the Provincial Education Requirements for Ontario School Boards Update report be received."
CARRIED

c. Verbal Updates

CEO Pisek shared that DSBN is prepared to welcome over 40,000 students this September. She noted that while heavy rainfall over the summer caused minor damage at some DSBN schools, all sites are ready for the start of the school year.

9. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

a. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated June 18, 2026 be received."
CARRIED

Trustee Shannon Mitchell reported that the committee received updates on the Introduction to Special Education Services for kindergarten, the Special Education section on the DSBN website that includes the 2026-2027 Special Education Plan, and the 2026-2027 Special Education budget.

10. STAFF REPORTS TO BOARD

a. Delegation of Authority

Moved by Owen Riel
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the Delegation of Authority report be received."
CARRIED

CFOO Stacy Veld reported that the delegated authority was not exercised.

b. Student Transportation Update 2026-27

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the Student Transportation Update 2026-27 report be received."
CARRIED

CFOO Veld provided an operational update on student transportation for the 2026-2027 school year that included a kindergarten transportation opt-in process approved by Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) Board of Directors to support safety, and operational planning.

c. Capital Priorities Program

Moved by Owen Riel
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the Capital Priorities Program report be received and the three business cases be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education."
CARRIED

CFOO Veld provided an overview of the submission for capital priorities to the Ministry of Education. The submission includes three priority projects: Port Colborne secondary school new build, an addition at Riverview Public School that includes childcare space, and an addition at Princess Elizabeth Public School with a daycare with 49 infant and toddler spaces.

d. Special Education Plan 2026-2027

Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Sue Barnett

"That the Special Education Plan 2026-2027 be approved as submitted."
CARRIED

Superintendent Simon Hancox reported that the Special Education Plan is a public document required by the Ministry of Education (MOE) that outlines the programs, services, processes, and supports that are available to students with special education needs across the DSBN. The DSBN 2026-2027 Special Education Plan checklist has been submitted to the MOE and compliant with Ministry expectations and is posted on the DSBN website along with the Parent/Guardian Guide. It was noted that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) provided important input and feedback throughout the process and DSBN will continue to review and revise to strengthen the plan.

11. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of and by Board members.

12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was no correspondence or communications.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

a. Board and Committee Meetings

b. Days of Significance

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

n/a

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

n/a

16. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on August 25, 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

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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