SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

6:03 p.m. – 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kate Baggott, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell (virtual), Jonathan Fast, Susan Jovanovic, Elizabeth Klassen, Deanne MacIntosh (virtual), Shannon Mitchell

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Audrey Akharoh, Jacklyn Saddler

INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRUSTEE

Clayton Mishibinijima

OFFICIALS

Kelly Pisek (Director of Education), Stacy Veld (Associate Director), Ann Gilmore, Simon Hancox, Marian Reimer Friesen, Fred Louws, Melanie Sendzik, Neil Sheard, Darren VanHooydonk, Jennifer Feren, Milica Petkovic, Karen Bellamy

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer Reid

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Nate Burns, Andrew Latham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barnett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the business of the Special Meeting was to elect the Vice-Chair.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That Ankita Sharma be appointed to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Vice-Chair."

CARRIED

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, Director Pisek named Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services, and Jennifer Feren, General Counsel, as scrutineers for the election of Vice-Chair.

Chair Barnett stated that staff issued a public call for applications for an external community scrutineer and reported that a total of 15 expressions of interest from community members were received. Ankita Sharma was selected and will serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Vice-Chair.

Scrutineers confirmed to maintain secrecy of the vote.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Barnett explained that the passing of Trustee Alex Bradnam resulted in a vacancy in the Vice-Chair position and noted that the election of the Vice-Chair shall proceed in accordance with DSBN By-Laws.

Chair Barnett reported that Trustee Elizabeth Klassen and Trustee Shannon Mitchell were nominated and let their names stand for the position of Vice-Chair.

Trustee Klassen and Trustee Mitchell were given the opportunity to address the Board. Trustees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions of both candidates.

Karen Bellamy provided trustees with a ballot for the position of Vice-Chair. Scrutineers collected the ballots, and proceeded to count the votes.

Chair Barnett announced that Trustee Elizabeth Klassen was elected to the position of Vice-Chair.

4. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the ballots be destroyed."
CARRIED

5. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS SPECIAL MEETING

Moved by Susan Jovanovic
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Special Meeting held on May 27, 2025, 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

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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SUE BARNETT	**KELLY PISEK**
Chair	Director of Education and Secretary