ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Audrey Akharoh, Jacklyn Saddler

INDIGENOUS STUDENT TRUSTEE

Clayton Mishibinijima

OFFICIALS

Kelly Pisek (Director of Education), Stacy Veld (Associate Director), Mary Anne Gage, Ann Gilmore, Simon Hancox, Marian Reimer Friesen, 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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kelly Pisek, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, who conducted the meeting until the election of the Chair.

2. 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.”

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

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 the Chair and Vice-Chair.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The process for the election of a Chair was carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-6.1 and F-6.2.

Director Pisek reported that Trustee Barnett and Trustee Jovanovic were nominated and let their names stand for the position of Chair.

Trustee Barnett and Trustee Jovanovic addressed the Board.

Karen Bellamy provided trustees with a ballot for the position of Chair.

Trustee Barnett was elected Chair for the District School Board of Niagara.

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

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7, Chair Barnett noted that election of the Vice-Chair shall proceed in the same manner as prescribed for the election of the Chair.

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

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

Karen Bellamy provided trustees with a ballot for the position of Vice-Chair.

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

6. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Lora Campbell

"That the ballots be destroyed."
CARRIED

Trustee Beamer left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

7. STANDING AND STATUTORY AND AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

8. SIGNING AUTHORITY

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

Moved by Deanne MacIntosh
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

"That the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board, and the Director of Education 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 Director of Education 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."
CARRIED

9. 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 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, 2025, ending on December 31, 2025 ('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 Helga Campbell
Seconded by Susan Jovanovic

1. "The Chair or Vice-Chair 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 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 Chair or Vice-Chair 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 Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Organization Meeting held on November 19, 2024, 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

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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SUE BARNETT
Chair

KELLY PISEK
Director of Education and Secretary