

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST



**Regular Board Meeting**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 @ 6:15 p.m.

Location:

**Schumacher Board Office, Board Room  
153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Together, we inspire innovation and a passion for learning in every student.*

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  - ii) Reminder: Special Board meeting re: Budget – Tuesday, June 27 at 9:30 a.m.
  - iii) Special Education re: wait list times for psych assessments (Draves)
  
- 15. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**



**MINUTES** of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 4:45 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Doug Shearer (Chair)  
Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)  
Howard Archibald  
Heather Bozzer  
Bruce Cutten  
Dennis Draves  
Tom Henderson  
Wayne Major -via t/c  
Peter Osterberg  
Rosemary Pochopsky  
Saunders Porter

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

**STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Gillian Gobbo (IFSS)  
Aviana Ruel (ESCHS)

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Linda Knight - Director of Education  
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools  
Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools  
Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools  
Pearl Fong-West - Superintendent of Business/Finance and Treasurer  
Jim Rowe - Senior Manager of Human Resources

**ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:**

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

**GUESTS**

Corinna Wrona, Community Outreach Worker  
JP Desilets, OSSTF President  
Frank Giorno, reporter, Timmins Today

**REGULAR SESSION**

The regular session meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

**6566-17 DRAVES/CUTTEN:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

**6567-17 BOZZER/OSTERBERG:**

**THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the



Whole, (In-Camera).

**CARRIED**

**6568-17 PORTER/HENDERSON:**

**THAT** this Board reconvene in regular session.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**6569-17 BRUSH/OSTERBERG:**

**THAT** the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated April 18, 2017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Trustees were asked to declare conflicts of interest as they arise.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

From 1:30 – 3:00, students representing the primary, junior and senior divisions from various schools across the Board attended the Schumacher Board Office. Presentations and “hands-on” demonstrations of various technological tools for learning were offered to Trustees and Administration. In addition, representatives of the Robotics Team from TH&VS attended with their 2017 robot to give a brief overview of the design, building and capabilities of this project.

**6570-17 POCHOPSKY/BRUSH:**

**THAT** the Board receive the coding and robotics demonstrations as presented earlier this afternoon by students from various schools, with our iCoaches and Lead, and by the Timmins High and Vocational School Robotics Team.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**6571-17 PORTER/HENDERSON:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held April 4, 2017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Cash Disbursements**

**6572-17 HENDERSON/DRAVES:**

**THAT** the Board accept the report on cash disbursements for the month of March, 2017 in the amount of \$12,780,301.86.

**CARRIED**

**Policy Revision: Indigenous Peoples’ Advisory Committee Policy 1.1.2**

**6573-17 ARCHIBALD/POCHOPSKY:**

**THAT** the Board approve the revisions to the *Indigenous Peoples’ Advisory Committee Policy 1.1.2*.

**CARRIED**



**Elementary School Staffing:**

**6574-17 PORTER/BOZZER:**

**THAT** the total elementary instructional staffing complement for the 2017-2018 school year be set at 303.52 FTE.  
**CARRIED**

**Secondary School Staffing**

**6575-17 POCHOPSKY/DRAVES:**

**THAT** the total secondary instructional staffing complement for the 2017-2018 school year be set at 211.02 FTE.  
**CARRIED**

**Phelpsgroup Update:**

**6576-17 CUTTEN/OSTERBERG:**

**THAT** the Board receive the update on the Phelpsgroup and the search for a new Director.  
**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

**6577-17 DRAVES/HENDERSON:**

**THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting of March 8, 2017.  
**CARRIED**

**Finance & Property Committee**

**6578-17 BRUSH/DRAVES**

**THAT** the Board approve minutes of the Finance & Property Committee meeting held April 11, 2017.  
**CARRIED**

**6579-17 HENDERSON/OSTERBERG:**

**THAT** the Agenda for this meeting now be revised to add:  
• Under Committee Reports:  
    ○ Capital Planning Committee meeting notes  
**CARRIED**

**6580-17 PORTER/POCHOPSKY:**

**THAT** the Board receive the meeting notes for the Capital Planning Committee meeting held April 11, 2017.  
**CARRIED**

**6581-17 PORTER/ARCHIBALD:**

**THAT** the Board receive the report on the Consultation meetings attended by Chair Doug Shearer with Northern College and Laurentian University.  
**CARRIED**

**MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE**

**6582-17 BOZZER/BRUSH:**

**THAT** the following correspondence from the Ministry of Education be received:  
• Memo: Education Week 2017 Theme: “Ontario 150”



- Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for 2017-2018
- Comment re: letter to Minister of Education

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**6583-17 DRAVES/PORTER:**

**THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence:

- *Ontario Student Trustee Association Regional Report 2017;*
- *City of Timmins Request for Sponsorship for the Stars & Thunder 2017 events.*

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**6584-17 ARCHIBALD/OSTERBERG:**

**THAT** we do now adjourn.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.*

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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**Memorandum To:** Education, Early Years and Child Care Partners  
Ministry of Education

**From:** Bruce Rodrigues  
Deputy Minister of Education  
Deputy Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child  
Care

**Date:** April 21, 2017

**Subject:** **Ministry Realignment**

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Since I started in the ministry, I have seen the strong partnerships between the ministry and its stakeholders in working on behalf of the ministry, and the children and students we serve in the province. The collective efforts between all parties to improve student outcomes and achieve excellence in Ontario's publicly funded education system is commendable. And I want to thank you for your continued support, and for all the great work that you do.

Today, I am pleased to share with you some exciting changes that will happen in the ministry, effective May 15, 2017.

The senior executive team has worked on realigning the ministry to better fulfil its mandate now and in the future, and to continue to achieve excellence and better outcomes for children and students. You will find a revised organizational chart attached for your information.

The changes are intended to create greater organizational strength through realignment. They will guide the ministry in ensuring overall alignment of programs, services, and resources within an effective organizational structure.

The changes are primarily a movement of branches to different divisions in order to support improved coherence and the ability to better focus on key priorities. Some additional realignments at the unit level may be required in the future. In addition, the ministry is creating a new, temporary Education Equity Secretariat which is intended to build increased capacity and deliver on an Education Equity Action Plan in the next twenty-four months.

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Ontario is ready and able to undertake this realignment because of the strength that we have built over the years through our shared [Achieving Excellence](#) vision. We have a worldwide reputation for making great strides in improving student achievement, including implementing full-day kindergarten, increasing graduation rates beyond the goal of 85%, and modernizing our early years and child care system, to name just a few examples.

These accomplishments serve as a strong platform from which we have realigned the ministry, with the following goals as our focus:

- Put children and students at the centre of our organization;
- Establish a stronger foundation for enhanced collaboration and better integration;
- Create a more coherent system to support the successful delivery of education and child care in the province;
- Increase capacity for policy development and implementation;
- Enhance our commitment to systems stewardship and program management; and
- Develop the ability to be more innovative and nimble.

By realigning, we will be able to better realize the skills and strengths of the people in our ministry, and our partners in the education sector. And this will help us to more effectively prepare our learners for the highly skilled and competitive global workforce of the future.

This realignment does not change our ministry's priorities. In fact, it will allow us to accelerate our progress in our [Achieving Excellence](#) commitments:

- Modernizing our early years and child care system;
- Implementing a renewed math strategy;
- Embedding global competencies and experiential learning into our curriculum and teaching practices;
- Continuing to support our equity goals to increase achievement and well-being for Indigenous learners, children and youth in care, and children with special education needs;
- Recognizing the unique language and cultural needs of French-language students and their communities;
- Achieving labour peace to ensure the continuity and delivery of education for all;
- Ensuring better stewardship of resources and financial accountability through a more focused and deliberate engagement with our education partners;





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- Identifying capital priorities and addressing the stretch placed on human resources to deliver on child care; and
- Focusing on better ongoing community and stakeholder engagements on topics such as well-being, child care, rural education, governance and transportation.

I am delighted to present the senior executive team members of the Ministry of Education, who have contributed a great deal to shaping this organizational realignment and who will lead the ministry in the revised structure:

- Cathy Montreuil – ADM of the Student Achievement Division
- Martyn Beckett – ADM of the Student Support and Field Services Division
- Shannon Fuller – ADM of the Early Years and Child Care Division
- Denise Dwyer – ADM of the Indigenous Education and Well-Being Division
- Andrew Davis – Acting ADM for the Education and Labour Finance Division
- Josh Paul – Acting ADM for the Capital and Business Support Division
- Denys Giguere – Acting ADM for the French-Language Teaching, Learning and Achievement Division
- Richard Franz – Acting ADM for the System Planning, Research and Innovation Division
- Brian Blakeley – Acting Executive Director for the Education Labour Relations Office
- Doreen Lamarche – Acting Executive Director for the Education Finance Office
- Bohodar Rubashewsky – CAO/ADM of the Corporate Management and Services Division
- Soussan Tabari – ADM of the I&IT Community Services Cluster
- Murray Leaning – Director of the Communications Branch

While this will be initially a little disruptive for ministry staff, it will lead to better working relationships and collaboration both internally and with our partners.

With this new and more robust ministry structure coming into effect next month, and many education-sector collective agreements now in place until August 2019, we can deepen our focus on implementing the [Achieving Excellence](#) vision over the next few years.



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With this confidence, I am looking forward to the progress we will make together on our shared vision in 2017 and beyond, and to achieving better outcomes for all children and students in Ontario.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rodrigues".

Bruce Rodrigues  
Deputy Minister of Education