



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East was held at 6:15 p.m. in the Schumacher Board Office on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

- Doug Shearer (Chair)
- Bob Brush (Vice-Chair)
- Howard Archibald (left at 7:12 p.m.)
- Heather Bozzer
- Bruce Cutten
- Dennis Draves
- Tom Henderson
- Wayne Major
- Peter Osterberg
- Rosemary Pochopsky
- Saunders Porter

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT:

- Aviana Ruel (ESCHS)
- Gillian Gobbo (IFSS)

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION ABSENT:

- Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools
- Steven Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools

RECORDING SECRETARY

Susan Allen, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

GUESTS

- Corinna Wrona, Community Outreach Worker
- Joanne Marsh-Peters, Special Education Administrator and Acting VP
- Frank Giorno, *Timmins Today*
- Derek Beland, District President, OSSTF Teachers
- JP Desilet, OSSTF District President

REGULAR SESSION

The regular session meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chair Doug Shearer.

6445-16 DRAVES/BOZZER: **THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

6446-16 MAJOR/HENDERSON: **THAT** this Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, (In-Camera).

CARRIED

6447-16 CUTTEN/ARCHIBALD: THAT this Board reconvene in regular session. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

6448-16 DRAVES/ARCHIBALD: THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated November 15, 2016 be approved, with the following changes: **CARRIED**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

PRESENTATION: Special Education Update (J. Marsh-Peters, Administrator and Acting VP of Special Education)

If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.

-Ignacio Estrada

Joanne Marsh-Peters gave an overview of the Special Education department's principles and organization, following the guiding beliefs that Special Education is a shared responsibility and that, when working with identified students, the focus must be on what they can do and not what they cannot do. Charts of the exceptionalities of students over the past several years and a review of the self-contained programs were presented, followed by a summary of the role of the Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) and their 3 main goals: implementation of strategies to support students with learning disabilities; fully implementation of transition planning strategies; and supporting students with school visits by the SERTS.

6449-16 HENDERSON/DRAVES: THAT the Board receive the presentation on Special Education Update by Joanne Marsh-Peters, Administrator and Acting VP of Special Education. **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6450-16 BRUSH/CUTTEN: THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held November 1, 2016 be approved. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS AND/OR QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Cash Disbursements

6451-16 HENDERSON/CUTTEN: THAT the Board accept the report on Cash Disbursements for the month of October 2016 in the amount of \$9,660,051.67. **CARRIED**

Secondary School Timetables

6452-16 MAJOR/POCHOPSKY: THAT the Board receive the report on secondary school timetables. **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

6453-16 OSTERBERG/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) dated October 5, 2016. **CARRIED**

6454-16 OSTERBERG/BRUSH: **THAT** Gale Wiseman be appointed to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) as representative of the association Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO), effective December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2019. **CARRIED**

Property & Finance Committee

6455-16 HENDERSON/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board approve the minutes of the Property & Finance Committee meeting held November 15, 2016. **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS

School Funding

6456-16 MAJOR/HENDERSON: **THAT** the Board receive the update on school funding. **CARRIED**

MINISTRY CORRESPONDENCE

6457-16 ARCHIBALD/DRAVES: **THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence from the Ministry of Education:

- *Well-Being in our Schools, Strength in our Society*

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

6458-16 OSTERBERG/DRAVES: **THAT** the Board receive the following correspondence:

- Letter from Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District des Grande Rivieres re: Val Rita elementary school.

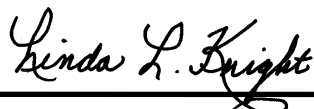
CARRIED

6459-16 DRAVES/MAJOR: **THAT** the Board instruct the Superintendent of Business/ Finance to respond to the Conseil Scolaire Catholique de District des Grand Rivieres' letter of October 21, 2016, to indicate that the Board is not interested in Ecole elementaire cahtolique Ste-Rita located in Val Rita. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

6460-16 POCHOPSKY/OSTERBERG: **THAT** we do now adjourn. **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



SECRETARY OF THE BOARD



CHAIR OF THE BOARD