



Northeastern Catholic District School Board

383 Birch Street North, Timmins, ON, P4N 6E8

Public Board Meeting Regular meeting held October 16, 2024

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Trustees:** Glenn Sheculski, Chair of the Board
Elizabeth King, Vice-Chair of the Board
Paula Del Guidice
Colleen Landers
Denis Lincez t/c
Steve Malciw
Fred Salvador
Stan Skalecki
Martin Drainville **late arrival 5:05 p.m.*
- Student Trustees:** Sahayma Omenye
- Administration:** Tricia Stefanic Wertz, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and Director of Education
Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education
Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business
- Staff:** Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder
- Guests:** Nil

REGRETS: Darlene Louttit, Student Trustee

The territorial acknowledgement and opening prayer were recited.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 24-110

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board receive the following declarations of absence and excuse the following trustees and administrative personnel from attending this meeting: Martin Drainville (*late 5:05 p.m.) and Darlene Louttit.

Carried

C. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 24-111

SECONDED BY: E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board resolve into Committee of the Whole Board and close the meeting to the public in accordance with the provisions of Section 207(2) of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2.

Carried

Sahayma Omenye left the room and the meeting moved to the in camera session at 4:50 p.m.

D. CALL TO ORDER

All parties returned to the Board Room and Chair Sheculski called the meeting to order, resuming the Public Meeting of the Board at 5:49 p.m.

E. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 24-112

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda of the Public Board Meeting as amended.

Carried

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King

Resolution 24-113

SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the following minutes as presented.

Public Board Meeting, held on September 18, 2024

Carried

H. DELEGATIONS - Nil

I. POLICY

I.1 E-9 School Food and Beverage

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 24-114

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-9 School Food and Beverage* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.2 F-5 Community Planning and Partnerships

Motion

MOVED BY: P. Del Guidice

Resolution 24-115

SECONDED BY: F. Salvador

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *F-5 Community Planning and Partnerships* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.3 H-1 Health and Safety

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 24-116

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-1 Health and Safety* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.4 H-2 Workplace Harassment and Violence Prevention

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 24-117

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *H-2 Workplace Harassment and Violence Prevention* at second and third reading.

Carried

Chair Sheculski noted an error in the agenda in the title and reference of the next policy. The words "or Community" needed to be removed. Noted by the recorder.

I.5 P-2 Leave for Political Appointment

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

Resolution 24-118

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-2 Leave for Political Appointment* at second and third reading.

Carried

I.6 T-9 Director of Education Performance Appraisal

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 24-119

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *T-9 Director of Education Performance Appraisal* at second and third reading.

Carried

J. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

J.1 Presentations

J.1.1 Blessed and Beloved – Cristina Corbett, Special Assignment Teacher

Director Weltz introduced Special Assignment teacher Cristina Corbett. C. Corbett shared her presentation on the Blessed & Beloved program. This new Family Life Education program is based on the 2023 Ontario Catholic Education Curriculum Policy document and will be combined with the religion program in grade 1 classrooms across the board this year, and all elementary classrooms by 2027. She further described the format of the new program, the implementation plan, and how educators can access resources online.

The Chair thanked the presenter for her work and for joining the meeting this evening.

J.1.2 Student Enrolment – Daphne Brumwell and Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendents of Education Director Weltz

The Superintendents of Education provided an overview of current enrolment by elementary and secondary sectors as well as individually by school. This included information associated with each school including, projected vs. actual enrolment, qualified vs. unqualified staff, numeracy and literacy leads, and identifications of math priority schools by grade where applicable.

A decrease of 37 elementary and 5.9 secondary student FTE and its effects on the 2024-2025 were shared. A continued staffing shortage of certified educators in communities across the district is limiting the board's ability to welcome new students and their families to NCDSB schools which was cited as the main cause of the first decrease in enrolment in many years. Trustees engaged in a question and-answer period with the presenters and Superintendent Keld Scott.

Chair Sheculski thanked the board for their work on this topic.

J.1.3 Summer Learning – Andrea Iserhoff, Principal, Aileen Wright English Catholic School
Director Wertz welcomed Andrea Iserhoff, Principal of Aileen Wright English Catholic School in Cochrane, to present an overview of the summer learning program that was offered to students in Cochrane this past summer. A. Iserhoff shared that 19 students in Cochrane engaged in many different learning opportunities and activities designed to enhance their literacy and mathematics development. The presentation also included student work samples and data to further demonstrate the positive outcomes of the summer program.

J.2 Reports

J.2.1 Student Trustees – Monthly Student Report, Sahayma Omenye and Darlene Louttit (absent)

Sahayma Omenye presented this month's OHS update:

- School Activities: Thanksgiving Mass, Terry Fox Walk, Mental Health Awareness, National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program
- Class Activities: Miken Otaski visit, Mrs. Shelley's English project, Far Northeast Training Board visit
- Extracurriculars: Tennis, cross-country, and girls and boys' basketball updates

Trustee Paula Del Guidice left the meeting for the evening at 6:43 p.m.

J.2.2 Audit Committee – Nil

J.2.3 Indigenous Advisory Committee – Nil

J.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee – September 18, 2024 Minutes and October 16, 2024 Meeting Update

Trustee Landers referred to the September 18, 2024 SEAC minutes contained in the *Board Package*, as well as, her meeting update and two additional documents that were shared with trustees.

She reviewed a few key items from the October 18, 2024 meeting including some collaborative work being done with other school boards to create and offer parenting workshops with a focus on mental health, as well as presentations from CTRC, Superintendent Daphne Brumwell and Special Assignment teachers Catherine Hoven and Katie Mundle.

J.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

J.2.6 Student Discipline – Nil

J.2.7 Transportation Committee – September 19, 2024 Meeting Update

Trustee King provided the Board with an update on September's meeting. This included information on a possible collaboration with CSCDGR in Cochrane, driver shortage, M-Transport and updated financials.

J.2.8 Program - Nil

J.2.9 Business – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

J.2.9.1 Personnel Report

Superintendent Scott reported nine new hires and one change in FTE.

J.2.10 Director of Education – Tricia Stefanic Wertz

J.2.10.1 Facilities Update

Director Wertz referred to item#14 in the *Board Package* and provided an update on several Facilities matters such as, summer projects, St. Joseph Childcare and plans for the future.

The Board heard an update on Summer Projects throughout the district. T. Weltz shared that all projects continue to be ongoing due primarily to material delays. All work will continue during the summer break in 2025 as the work cannot be done while school is in session.

An update on the continuing work on the St. Joseph School Childcare project was shared. Work continues and a new projected completion date of January 2025 has been set.

T. Weltz also reported that facility planning is currently underway to develop a new five-year plan that must first address fundamental materials that are end-of-life in our schools (boilers, windows, roofing, doors, etc.), then possible additional priorities like gymnasium upgrades, playground revitalization, and enhanced curb appeal. She reminded trustees that the ventilation projects over the last several years required significant resources limiting the Board's ability to attend to other projects.

J.2.11 Chair/Trustees

J.2.11.1 Letter to Minister Jill Dunlop

Chair Sheculski referred to item#14 in the *Board Package* and reminded trustees that this letter requesting Ministry support of one transportation consortium in the Northeast region, was sent to Minister Lecce last year. He advised that the letter has now been sent to Minister Dunlop as well.

J.2.11.2 2025 Catholic Trustees Seminar

Chair Sheculski reminded trustees of the upcoming 2025 Catholic trustees Seminar on January 17 and 18, 2025. He asked that trustees review the information contained in item #17 and let Michele Mahaffy know of their intent to attend. Michele will then take care of registration and trustees will take care of their own hotel booking and travel arrangements.

K. MOTIONS - Nil

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 24-120

SECONDED BY: S. Skalecki

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the report of the Committee of the Whole Board and all recommendations contained therein.

Carried

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

N. CORRESPONDENCE – Chair Sheculski referred to the thank you cards received.

O. NEW BUSINESS – Nil

P. INFORMATION – Nil

Q. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Meeting – November 20, 2024 at 4:45 p.m.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: S. Skalecki

Resolution 24-121

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer