

NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the ELECTRONIC Public Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the Catholic Education Center.

PRESENT:	Trustees:	Martin Drainville t/c Elizabeth King t/c Colleen Landers t/c Denis Lincez t/c Steve Malciw t/c Ron MacInnis, t/c Fred Salvador Glenn Sheculski t/c Stan Skalecki t/c
	Student Trustee:	Micah Aguinaldo t/c
	Administration:	Tricia Stefanic Weltz, Director of Education Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business t/c Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education t/c Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendent of Education t/c
	Staff:	Michele Mahaffy, Executive Assistant and Recorder
	Regrets:	Nil
	Guests:	Nil

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited. The Chair acknowledged that we were on the Traditional Territory of the Ojibway and Oji-Cree people of the Mattagami First Nation, located in Treaty 9 and acknowledged that others were joining us from additional treaty territories of the Cree, Ojibway, Algonquin, and the Metis.

B. ROLL CALL – N/A

C. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

MOVED BY:	C. Landers	Resolution 21-78
SECONDED BY:	G. Sheculski	

Amendment – H1.1 be removed from the agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adopt the agenda for the public board meeting as amended.

Carried

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez **Resolution 21-79**
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

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

Special Board Meeting, Public, May 11, 2021
Public Board Meeting, May 26, 2021

Carried

F. DELEGATIONS – Nil

G. POLICY

G.1 B-7 Trustee Honorarium

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville **Resolution 21-80**
SECONDED BY: E. King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy B-7 *Trustee Honorarium* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.2 E-2 Prevalent Medical Conditions

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski **Resolution 21-81**
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy E-2 *Prevalent Medical Conditions* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.3 E-13 Home Instruction

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers **Resolution 21-82**
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy E-13 *Home Instruction* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.4 E-15 Home Schooling

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: M. Drainville

Resolution 21-83

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *E-15 Home Schooling* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.5 P-3 Indemnification of Members of the Board and Employees

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-84

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-3 Indemnification of the Board and Employees* at second and third reading.

Carried

G.6 P-10 Transfer of Principals and Vice-Principals

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-85

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve policy *P-10 Transfer of Principals and Vice-Principals* at second and third reading.

Carried

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

H.1 Presentations

H.1.1 – REMOVED

H.1.2 A Year in Review – Daphne Brumwell and Jennifer Dunkley, Superintendents of Education

D. Brumwell began the presentation by introducing a collaborative slideshow, *Celebrating a Year of Growth During a Pandemic, 2020-21 – A Year in Review*. Superintendents Brumwell and Dunkley took turns presenting overviews of events and practices that each school participated in throughout the year and highlighting each school's reason to celebrate. School events included a vast amount of practices from giving back to communities and Outdoor Education, to Indigenous Education and building resilience. It also included focusing on numeracy and literacy using Lexia and Math Up; two very successful board-purchased programs. Along with a short slide on each school, seven programs reported their *Year in Review* including, Mental Health and Well Being, FSL, Experiential Learning, and Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning. These programs celebrated successful gains in many aspects of their programs including some gap closing in reading through Lexia, a greater understanding and appreciation of the Brightspace learning platform and celebrating a very successful turnout to Dr. Adele Lafrance's practical workshop for parents, caregivers, community members and staff, with over 100 participants.

Trustees engaged in conversation with the presenters and thanked them for their informative presentation.

H.1.3 Sustainable Schools Report – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

K. Scott shared the *2021 Top Energy Performing School Boards Report*. He proudly reported that the NCDSB had moved from 15th to 10th in the ranking of top performing sustainable schools; indicating that we were doing quite well.

H.1.4 2021-2022 Budget Estimates – Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

The Board of Trustees reviewed the budget documents contained within the Board package as well as a variance document explaining variances of \$20,000.00 or more. K. Scott summarized the Budget information that was presented in these documents, along with the previous budget meeting documents, in a slide show presentation. This presentation included a review of the numbers, enrolment, operating budget, COVID funding, and a summary of risks and opportunities. Some key risks and opportunities include sick leave, transportation costs, cap sizes and COVID funding information as it pertains to the second half of next year. It is the recommendation that the Board accept the Budget Estimates for 2021-2022.

K. Scott engaged in a brief question and answer period with trustees.

H.2 Reports

H.2.1 Student Trustee – Micah Aguinaldo

M. Aguinaldo thanked the Board for the opportunity of being this year's student trustee. She is grateful for the opportunity to speak for students and to learn from staff, Board meetings and conferences, and other student trustees.

M. Aguinaldo presented her report to the Board of Trustees and highlighted the following:

- Teachers of the Month, Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Neal
- Introduction of the 2021-2022 Student Trustee, Emma Mills.
- A review of OHS' *Graduation Celebration 2021* being held June 21-26, 2021. It will include a week of events comprised of a virtual Graduation Retreat and graduation announcements all week including a congratulatory message on Saturday in the Timmins Daily Press.
- A review of the OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting. Micah participated in this four-day, virtual conference held May 27-30. She highlighted the *Volume of Our Voices* project that student trustees started earlier in the year and shared two links available to view their work. She reviewed the schedule filled with workshops and great guest speakers and summarized her learning of an online tutoring program, Wize.

Micah thanked the Board for their thank you gift of flowers and chocolate. Trustees shared their pride in all the work she has done and provided their well wishes for her future endeavours.

H.2.2 Audit Committee

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting. Trustee Malciw highlighted a few items. The meeting reviewed trials and tribulations as well as future plans. He indicated that NCDSB is in a good position overall.

H.2.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Council

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting. Trustee Landers highlighted a few items including collaboration and training with Dr. Adele, a

focus on positive health and well-being, and the success of the competency training provided to all NCDSB staff and trustees. She gave an overview of the Action Plan and budget, including items such as the possibility of offering Cree or Ojibway second language programs and the introduction of Part 1 & 2 of Indigenous Studies. She praised the team of Kristine Arthur, Vicky Chilton and Ryan Plante for their tremendous work.

H.2.4 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustees reviewed the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting and Trustee MacInnis reported on this meeting. He highlighted the pandemic has introduced many more community partners to the Board and the work the board is doing in trying to get vision and hearing problems addressed in early years. He shared his pride in the *Board Action Plan*.

H.2.5 Supervised Alternative Learning – Nil

H.2.6 Transportation – Transportation Budget, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business

K. Scott reviewed the Transportation budget for next year. This included a larger deficit than previously presented, \$800,000 vs \$500,000, which is included in the budget presented this evening. Trustees Landers and King expressed concern over these repeated deficits and questioned whether anything can be done. K. Scott indicated that a group has been going to the Ministry to request better support for better standardized funding.

H.2.7 Program – Nil

H.2.8 Business

• **Personnel Update, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the latest *Personnel Update*, which included one retirements, two resignations, and one request for leave. Superintendent Dunkley recognized retiring educational assistant Debbie Studor. She commemorated her years of service to many NCDSB schools and wished her well in her retirement. Student trustee, Micah, also remembered Mrs. Studor and thanked her for the work she does.

• **Tenders/Summer Projects, Keld Scott, Superintendent of Business**

K. Scott presented and reviewed ten projects including multiple site ventilation upgrades as per Ministry guidelines and funding, OHS' new theatre seating and work needed on teacher housing in Moosonee. Trustees and the presenter engaged in discussions regarding higher than expected costs, OHS' seating and handrails and the feasibility of fixing two housing units in Moosonee.

H.2.9 Special Education Board Plan – Daphne Brumwell, Superintendent of Education
Trustees reviewed D. Brumwell's report along with the Ministry's checklist in regards to the amendments of the 2021-22 Special Education Plan. The presenter reviewed fifteen items brought forward indicating that many could not be attended to this year due to the pandemic i.e. vision and hearing screening. These items will be brought forward as well as increasing specialized classrooms, addressing our youngest learners and filling gaps in learning. The plan will be going to the Ministry in the next couple of weeks. Motion to follow.

H.2.10 Director of Education – Nil

H.2.11 Chair - Nil

H.3 Motions

H.3.1 2021-2022 Budget Estimates

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski **Resolution 21-86**
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the budget estimates for the 2021-2022 year in the amount of \$45,398,476.00 pending Ministry of Education approval.

Carried

H.3.2 Transportation Budget

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King **Resolution 21-87**
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the Tri-Board Transportation Budget as presented.

Carried

H.3.3 Sacred Heart Catholic & St. Jerome Schools – Kirkland Lake – Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski **Resolution 21-88**
SECONDED BY: S. Malciw

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Ventilation Upgrades at Sacred Heart and St. Jerome Schools in Kirkland Lake to Tisdale Mechanical Contracting Ltd., Timmins, in the amount of \$2,584,601.00 plus H.S.T

Carried

H.3.4 O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School – Timmins – Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers **Resolution 21-89**
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Ventilation Upgrades at O’Gorman Intermediate Catholic School in Timmins to N. Lacroix Plumbing & Heating Ltd., Timmins, in the amount of \$1,068,915.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.5 St. Joseph School – Timmins – Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: R. MacInnis Resolution 21-90
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

BE IT RESOLVED the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Ventilation Upgrades at St. Joseph School in South Porcupine to N. Lacroix Plumbing & Heating Ltd., Timmins, in the amount of \$868,915.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.6 St. Patrick School – Kapuskasing – Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez Resolution 21-91
SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Ventilation Upgrades at St. Patrick School in Kapuskasing to CGV Builders Inc., Cochrane, in the amount of \$1,479,000.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.7 O’Gorman High School – Timmins – Theatre Seating Replacement

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers Resolution 21-92
SECONDED BY: G. Sheculski

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Theater Seating Replacement at O’Gorman High School in Timmins to Norwin Contracting Inc., Timmins, in the amount of \$677,700.00 plus HST.

Carried

H.3.8 Aileen Wright English Catholic School – Cochrane – Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: E. King Resolution 21-93
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Ventilation Upgrades at Aileen Wright English Catholic School in Cochrane to CGV Builders Inc., Cochrane, in the amount of \$625,000.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.9 Pope Francis Elementary School – Timmins - School Gym Ventilation Upgrades

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers Resolution 21-94
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for School Gym Ventilation Upgrades at Pope Francis Elementary School in Timmins to Tisdale Mechanical Contracting Ltd, Timmins, in the amount of \$671,577.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.10 92 Ferguson Housing Unit Upgrades - Moosonee

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

Resolution 21-95

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Housing Unit Upgrades at 92 Ferguson in Moosonee to Helix Contracting, Thunder Bay, in the amount of \$112,634.00 plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$11,264.00 for a total of \$123,898.00 plus H.S.T

Carried

H.3.11 60 Wabun Housing Unit Upgrades - Moosonee

Motion

MOVED BY: G. Sheculski
SECONDED BY: E. King

Resolution 21-96

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Housing Unit Upgrades at 60 Wabun in Moosonee to Helix Contracting, Thunder Bay, in the amount of \$137,663.00 plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$13,766.00 for a total of \$151,429.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.12 Bishop Belleau School Renovations and Upgrades - Moosonee

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers
SECONDED BY: D. Lincez

Resolution 21-97

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board award the contract for Housing Unit Upgrades at 60 Wabun in Moosonee to Helix Contracting, Thunder Bay, in the amount of \$137,663.00 plus 10% contingency in the amount of \$13,766.00 for a total of \$151,429.00 plus H.S.T.

Carried

H.3.13 Special Education Board Plan

Motion

MOVED BY: D. Lincez
SECONDED BY: R. MacInnis

Resolution 21-98

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board accept the amendments to the Special Education Board Plan 2021-22 and forward to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

I. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion

MOVED BY: M. Drainville
SECONDED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-99

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

K. CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you messages from the families of Roman Gadzala and William McMillan. Chair Salvador noted the messages.

L. NEW BUSINESS - Nil

M. INFORMATION – Nil

N. FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 22, 2021

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion

MOVED BY: C. Landers

Resolution 21-100

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Carried

Question and answer period for guests attending the meeting

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Chair of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer