

Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: March 25, 2025

Location: Muskoka Education Centre

Present: H. Bradley, E. Childs, G. Brohman, R. Maw, T. McAlpine,

D. McInerney, T. McNelly, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox

Regrets: L. Clodd

Senior team: T. Ellis, T. Fraser, W. Hahn, T. Hubbert, J. Johnston,

J. MacJanet, N. Train, K. Williams

Staff Support: J. Andreasen, C. Bull, D. Raglin

4:30 p.m. Commencement of the Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Call to order

1.1 Motion to convene into the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion # 25-03-88

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole In-Camera session at 4:30 p.m. to deal with matters under section 207(2) of the Education Act Carried.

1.2 In-Camera Agenda (for matters that fall under section 207(2) of the Education Act)

2. Rise and report to the Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 25-03-89

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That Trustees do now rise from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:49 p.m. and will report to the Public Meeting of the Board at 6:00 p.m. Carried.

6 p.m. Commencement of the Public Meeting of the Board

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Territory acknowledgement

Trustee Childs shared the Territory acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

4. Roll call

Chairperson Wilcox advised that:

Five Trustees (Bradley, Childs, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) attended in person at the Muskoka Education Centre.

Trustees Brohman, McAlpine and McInerney attended via electronic means.

Trustee Clodd shared regrets.

Student Trustees McNelly and Maw attended the meeting at the Muskoka Education Centre.

5. Declaration of possible conflict of interest

There were no declarations of possible conflict of interest.

6. Delegation(s)

There were no delegations.

7. Approval of agenda

Motion # 25-03-90 Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Bradley, That the agenda be approved. Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board

Motion # 25-03-91

Moved by Trustee Saunders, seconded by Trustee McAlpine,

That the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Public Meeting of the Board be approved. Carried.

8.2 Recommendations from the In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting

Vice Chairperson Childs shared that there were no recommendations coming out of the March 25, 2025 In-Camera Committee of the Whole Meeting.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

a. Director's Recognition

Director Hahn recognized OPP Community Liaison Officer Samantha Bigley for her incredible commitment to supporting and fostering safe and caring schools, and for her positive impact on students, families, and the community.

b. Director's Update

Director Hahn highlighted and recognized the following:

- Superintendents have been meeting with Administrators to communicate common messages, work on leadership development, and share system updates. The most recent Administrator's meetings, which occurred by region, highlighted strategies and supports for students via the TLDSB Mental Health Strategy;
- 51 applicants applied to the Principal or Vice Principal Pool in TLDSB this year and interviews occurred in November for City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburtion area and in March for Muskoka area. Maintaining a Principal and Vice Principal Pool supports TLDSB's Leadership Succession Planning Strategy.
- Professional Development in continuing for all staff roles in TLDSB. The focus continues to be on effective instructional practices and supporting instructional leadership in schools.
- The Outdoor Education Committee will have its first meeting in May 2025; the Committee will be exploring options for enhancing outdoor education programming in TLDSB.

Director Hahn welcomed Superintendent Williams to provide an update as well as data related to Pathways programs for students in TLDSB. Superintendent Williams highlighted data related to student participation in Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM), Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (OYAP) and Dual Credit Programs. TLDSB student participation in these programs continues to grow year over year.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. School Year Calendar 2025-2026

Superintendent Train shared the proposed 2025-2026 school year calendar for approval.

Motion # 25-03-92

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,

That Trustees approve the 2025-2026 Elementary School Year Calendar and the Secondary School Year Calendar; and that the proposed 2025-2026 Elementary and Secondary school year calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education for further approval. Carried.

b. March 4, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Report

Trustee McInerney shared an update related to the March 4, 2025 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 25-03-93

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That Trustees receive the report related to the March 4, 2025 Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting.

Carried.

10.2 For Information- Verbal

a. February 26, 2025 Equity Task Force Meeting Report

Superintendent Johnston share an update related to the February 26, 2025 meeting of the Equity Task Force Committee on behalf of Trustee Childs highlighting the current work of the committee and the subcommittees.

11. Trustee Reports

11.1 Student Trustee Reports

a. G7 Student Senate

Student Trustee Maw shared the G7 Student Senate Report highlighting the most recent activity of the G7 Student Senate. Student Trustee May advised that the great grain challenge is currently occurring across all high schools, elections for the 2025-2026 Student Trustee will occur on April 14, and there will be a menstrual equity campaign and survey in May targeting students in grades 7-12.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared an update related OSTA-AECO. Student Trustee McNelly advised that student trustees continue to work with other provincial OSTA-AECO Student Trustees in the advocacy interest groups (AIG). Student Trustee McNelly is serving on the Curriculum and School Community AIG, while student Trustee Maw is working with the Student Well-Being AIG.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee Childs advised that TLDSB is hosting the OSPBA Central East Meeting on April 5, 2025 at IEWSS. As part of the meeting, TLDSB will be showcasing Indigenous Student Voice and discussing best practices with other boards' Trustees.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee Reain advised that Nippissing University recently hosted the annual robotics challenges, TLDSB was represented by five schools and Huntsville High School won the competition. Both IEWSS and HHS will be participating in the upcoming Ontario Provincial Championships. TLDSB had more schools represented in North Bay than in any other school Board in Ontario.

Trustee McInerney advised that FFSS hosted their annual parent and community night last week. The event was very well attended by parents, staff, and community partners.

12. Correspondence

13. Next meeting

Date: April 22, 2025

Location: Archie Stouffer Elementary School

Time: 6:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Motion # 25-03-94 Moved by Trustee Childs, seconded by Trustee Reain, That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary