



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: February 24, 2026
Location: Muskoka Education Centre
Present: H. Bradley, E. Childs, L. Clodd, A. Goltz, T. McAlpine, D. McInerney, T. McNelly, B. Reain, J. Saunders, C. Wilcox
Regrets: G. Brohman
Senior team: N. Britton, J. Clark, T. Fraser, W. Hahn, K. Horrigan, T. Hubbert, J. Johnston, D. Sudsbury, N. Train, K. Williams
Staff Support: J. Andreasen, C. Bull, T. Hawkins, S. Roffe, S. Stromberg

5:30 p.m. Commencement of the Public Meeting of the Board

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm

2. Territory acknowledgement

Trustee McInerney shared the territory acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

A moment of silence was held in honour of a student from IEWSS who passed away.

4. Roll call

Trustees Childs and Cloud requested to participate virtually in alignment with the reasons outlined under O. Reg 463/97.

Chairperson Wilcox advised that Trustee Brohman requested approval for an absence via Board motion under section 228(1)(b) of the Education Act.

Motion #: 26-02-69

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Bradley

That Trustee Brohman's absence from the February 24, 2026 meeting of the Board be approved in alignment of section 228(1)(b) of the Education Act.

Carried.

For the official roll call Trustee Wilcox stated that:

Four Trustees (Bradley, McAlpine, Reain, Wilcox) and Student Trustee Goltz attended in person at Muskoka Education Centre

Two Trustees (McInerney, Saunders) and Student Trustee McNelly attended in person at the Lindsay Education Centre.

Two Trustees (Clodd, Childs) attended via electronic means in alignment with O. Reg 463/97

Trustee Brohman was absent from the meeting as approved via motion under section 228(1)(b) of the Education Act.

Motion # 26-02-70

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That Trustees accept the roll call as stated for the February 24, 2026 meeting of the Board.

Carried.

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 the agenda

Motion # 26-02-71

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Bradley,

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2026 public meeting of the Board.

Motion # 26-02-72

Moved by Trustee Childs, seconded by Trustee Reain,

That the minutes of the January 27, 2026 public meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried.

9. Administrative updates

9.1 Director's Report on the Strategic Plan

a. Director's Recognition Award

Director Hahn presented Administrative Solutions Manager Erin Rowsell with the Director's Recognition Award highlighting her incredible commitment to the Technology Services Team and to the system.

b. Director's Report

Director Hahn highlighted the success of the recent Trustee Learning session which focussed on learning related to Land and Territorial Acknowledgement, Budget, and Suspension Appeal and Expulsion Hearings.

c. Focus School Updates

Region Superintendents shared an update related to recent work with their Focus Schools for 2025-2026

Superintendent Williams outlined how focus schools are identified, and shared the recent improvement in literacy skills and targeted interventions for students at IEWSS. Superintendent Williams highlighted the success that has arisen from strategic and purposeful changes in the school and their positive impact on student achievement.

Superintendent Sudsbury highlighted the instructional leadership at Scott Young PS, including the focus on ensuring classrooms and school spaces are safe and calm learning spaces and that every student has a safe and connected adult in the building. These strategies have helped to remove academic and non-academic barriers to learning and are resulting in positive increased in student achievement.

Superintendent Hubbert shared information with Trustees about the AAECs. Superintendent Hubbert shared the strategic moves that are occurring in order to meaningfully engage AAEC staff in system learning. In addition, the AAEC staff are offering additional supports to non-attending students and ensuring mental health and wellness supports are in place as part of the strategy to support student success.

Superintendent Train provided highlights from the work being done at Gravenhurst Public School to meet their mission of 'All Grizzlies will learn to read, think, and communicate.' Superintendent Train outlined how staff use student data to make informed decisions and outlined how classroom teachers, SERT, Administrators and the Instructional Coach supporting the school collaborate to create meaningful and consistent intervention plans for students.

Superintendent Fraser outlined the outstanding work happening in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. HHSS are hosting Professional Learning Communities (PLC)s in partnership with local feeder skills to look at evidence-based instructional strategies in math and literacies in a cross-panel opportunity. In addition, Math and English grade 9 teachers have partnered with consultants to support effective teaching strategies, with the department heads and librarian leading school-based initiatives.

Associate Superintendent Clark shared highlights of the work occurring at Pine Glen PS and Stuart Baker ES/ JD Hodson ES. At Pine Glen the daily math block is a focus with teachers in grade 3 & 6 co-planning to strengthen mathematic fundamentals for students using. In addition, Pine Glen is engaging students in their own progress through the provision of data to create momentum. At SBES/ JDH staff are working on collaborative models to ensure efficient use of human resources to support instructional leadership.

d. Equity Connections

Associate Superintendent Jenn Clark shared an overview of the work being done in planning for the Outdoor Education Centre and ensuring that there are equity considerations made throughout the planning process for both the construction of the centre and the development of programs and curricula that will be offered. The Outdoor Education Planning Committee will also be working closely with the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) to ensure that Indigenous perspectives and voices are reflected in the work, and that the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report are implemented.

e. HRS Data Report

Superintendent Jennifer Johnston shared data related to board human resources data (aggregate data related to hires, retirements, assignment changes etc.) by role group.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee Meeting January 28, 2026

Trustee McInerney shared an update related to the January 28, 2026 SAL Meeting.

Motion # 26-02-73

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That Trustees receive the report related to the January 28, 2026 SAL Committee Meeting.
Carried.

b. Program and Planning Committee Meeting February 3, 2026

Trustee Reain shared a report related to the February 3, 2026 Program and Planning Committee Meeting.

Motion # 26-02-74

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 3, 2026 Program and Planning Committee Meeting.
Carried.

c. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting February 3, 2026

Trustee McInerney shared information related to the February 3, 2026 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 26-02-75

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 3, 2026 SEAC Meeting.
Carried.

d. District School Council- Parent Involvement Committee (DSC-PIC) Meeting February 17, 2026

On behalf of (Committee Member) Trustee Clodd, Trustee Wilcox shared an overview of the topics discussed at the February 17, 2026 DSC-PIC Meeting.

Trustee Reain chaired the meeting while Trustee Wilcox presented the Committee report.

Motion # 26-02-76

Moved by Trustee Wilcox, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 17, 2026 DSC-PIC Meeting.
Carried.

e. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting February 18, 2026

On behalf of (Committee Chair) Trustee McAlpine, Trustee Reain shared an overview of the February 18, 2026 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Motion# 26-02-77

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That Trustees ratify the Finance and Administration Committee's recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 Q1 report.
Carried,

Motion # 26-02-78

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 18, 2026 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.
Carried.

f. Governance and Policy Committee Meeting February 19, 2026

Trustee McInerney reviewed the recommended changes to policy resulting from the Governance and Policy Committee Meeting on February 19, 2026.

Motion # 26-02-79

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the BU-1999 Trustee Honoraria Policy be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-80

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the BU-3040 Insurance Policy be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-81

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Saunders.
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the BU-2105 Flag Protocol Policy be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-82

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Reain,
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the OP-6602 Medical and Health Management in Schools Policy, inclusive of changing the name to Student Medical and Health Management in Schools Policy, be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-83

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the ES-5550 Specialized Equipment for Learning Policy be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-84

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That the Governance and Policy Committee recommendation to accept the changes to the HR-4521 Prevention and Resolution of Violence in the Workplace Policy, inclusive of changing the name to Workplace Violence: Prevention and Resolution Policy, be approved.
Carried.

Motion # 26-02-85

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Childs,
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 19, 2026 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.
Carried.

g. School Year Calendar 2026-2027

Superintendent Nikki Train overview the input and feedback processes solicited to create the 2026-2026 school year calendar within the Ministry of Education Framework (between September 1, 2026 and June 30 2027 there must be 194 instructional days of which up to 7 can be Professional Activity days). Superintendent Train presented the proposed calendars for 2026-2027 to Trustees.

Motion # 26-02-86

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,
That the Board approve the 2026-2027 Elementary School Year Calendar and the Secondary School Year Calendar; and that the proposed 2026-2027 Elementary and Secondary School Year calendars be submitted to the Ministry of Education for further approval.
Carried.

11. Trustee Reports

11.1 Student Trustee Reports

a. Trillium Student Senate

Student Trustee Goltz shared an update on the most recent activities of the newly renamed Trillium Student Senate including planning for the spring 2025 Student Voice Forum. In addition, Student Trustee Goltz shared that, the senate representatives will be actively encouraging student participation in the Student Census in March 2026, and planning for the 2026 Trillium Student Senate Elections and Student Trustee elections in April.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared information related to the work of OSTA-AECO, including a highlight and overview of the sessions Student Trustees attended at the recent OSTA-AECO Education Action conference in Ottawa.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee McAlpine outlined the discussions occurring both locally and provincially in relation to OPSBA's governance structure.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee McAlpine shared that he recently attended FTPS Reading and Literacy Day. Members of the community were asked to come in to be read to by students in the school.

Trustee McAlpine shared that previous Student Trustee Logan MacInnis was recently accepted to attend law school next September.

Trustee Bradley shared that Parkview PS recently hosted the winter carnival that was lead by grade 7 and 8 students.

Trustee McInerney shared that Woodville Elementary School completed their 'walk to Milano, Cortina' on the starting day of the Olympics. The entire school participated in walking the equivalent of the distance to Milano Cortina, and during their final kilometre community members lined the route with flags and noisemakers.

12. Correspondence

14. Next meeting – Public Board Meeting

March 24, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Lindsay Education Centre

14. Adjournment

Motion # 26-02-87

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Reain

That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:14pm

Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary