



Public Meeting of the Board Minutes

Date: March 24, 2026
Location: Lindsay 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, C. Tindale

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

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

2. Territory acknowledgement

Trustee Clodd shared the territory acknowledgement.

3. National anthem

O Canada was played.

A moment of silence was held in honour of a student from Woodville ES who tragically passed away in March 2026.

4. Roll call

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

Motion #: 26-03-88

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Childs,

That Trustee Brohman's absence from the March 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:

Eight Trustees (Bradley, Childs, Clodd, McAlpine, McInerney, Reain, Saunders, Wilcox) and Student Trustees Goltz and McNelly attended in person at Lindsay Education Centre

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

Motion # 26-03-89

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee McAlpine,

That Trustees accept the roll call as stated for the March 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 # 26-03-90

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee McInerney,

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

8. Business of the Board

8.1 Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2026 public meeting of the Board.

Motion # 26-03-91

Moved by Trustee McAlpine, seconded by Trustee Saunders,

That the minutes of the February 24, 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 Brock Easterling, WSIB & Health and Safety Officer with a Director's Recognition Award highlighting his outstanding professionalism, care and commitment to his role in promoting, upholding, and addressing health and safety in TLDSB schools and worksites.

b. Director's Report

Director Hahn provided a brief highlight of actions and initiatives the Senior Team and TLDSB staff are engaged in to support the achievement of the goals of the TLDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan. A continued focus and commitment for this year is to engage in strong leadership practices, leadership professional development, and succession planning across the board.

Director Hahn introduced leaders of the operational-focussed departments in TLDSB to provide mid-year updates regarding the some of the specific work of their departments this year.

c. Operations Updates

The following Superintendents shared updates related to their departments' recent work in TLDSB:

Superintendent Britton shared an update related to the work of the Finance Services department including highlighting the recent modernization of the payroll processes, adjusting purchasing practices to align with the Buy Ontario Act (BOA), and working with schools on internal enrolment audits. The department has started the 2026-2027 Budget planning process, meeting with Superintendents from all departments in anticipation of the release of the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) for the next school year.

Executive Officer Horrigan overviewed the work of the Facilities Services and Transportation departments, sharing information related to school renewal, classroom furniture refresh in 50+ classrooms, and updates to protocols and procedures in the transportation department related to weather cancellations and accident reporting.

Superintendent Johnston reviewed the year-to-date activities of the HRS department which supports approximately 2000 employees across TLDSB. Superintendent Johnston highlighted new staff orientation initiatives, recent provincial changes to requirements for police records checks, and continued collaboration with union and federation partners.

Superintendent Williams shared an overview of the current projects and initiatives that the Technology Services Department has been involved in for the 2025-2026 School Year. Superintendent Williams highlighted the focus on data and the development of a data warehouse and PowerBI programs dashboard to support meaningful decision making. In addition, the department works closely with other departments with both software and hardware, the development and rollout of programs, and the maintenance and upkeep of all equipment. Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are two timely topics that TLDSB is engaging in learning and professional development on an ongoing basis.

d. Equity Action Plan

In TLDSB all Superintendents are designated as Equity Leads. On behalf of the team, Superintendent Hubbert shared an overview of the 2026-2028 TLDSB Equity Action Plan with Trustees. The Equity Action Plan outlines the priorities and commitment of the Board to embed equity and inclusive education practices in all aspects of TLDSB's work.

Superintendent Hubbert highlighted that there are three primary working groups targeting specific initiatives in TLDSB:

- Addressing Anti-Black Racism
- Enhancing 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusion and Belonging (Positive Space)
- Disrupting the Adverse Effects of Poverty

The Equity Action Plan will be reviewed, revised, and updated on a regular basis.

10. Administrative and committee reports

10.1 For Action- Written

a. Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee Meeting February 25, 2026

Trustee McInerney shared an update related to the February 25, 2026 SAL Meeting.

Motion # 26-03-92

Moved by Trustee McInerney, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That Trustees receive the report related to the February 25, 2026 SAL Committee Meeting.
Carried.

b. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting March 2, 2026

Trustee Reain shared information related to the March 2, 2026 SEAC Meeting.

Motion # 26-03-93

Moved by Trustee Reain Seconded by Trustee Bradley,
That Trustees receive the report related to the March 2, 2026 SEAC Meeting.
Carried.

c. Trustee Determination and Distribution Report

Ontario regulation 412/00 outlines the steps for determining the number of Trustee members that will sit on the Board, as well as the geographic distribution of those members.

In preparation for the 2026 Municipal Election, school boards are responsible to complete the determination and distribution by March 31 of an election year, and provide of the number of Trustees to municipal clerks and to the Ministry of Education.

Director Hahn outlined the proposed distribution for 2026-2026 term.

The 2026 Municipal Election will be on October 26, 2026. The start date of the term for Trustees will be November 15, 2026.

Motion # 26-03-94

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee McInerney,
That no municipality within the Board's jurisdiction be designated as a low population municipality for the 2026 school board election.
Carried.

Motion #26-03-95

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That based on the results of the determination and distribution calculations, nine (9) Trustee positions will be listed for Trillium Lakelands District School Board for the 2026 municipal election.
Carried

Motion #26-03-96

Moved by Trustee Clodd, Seconded by Trustee Saunders,
That the Board recommend to the Municipal Clerks that the distribution of Trillium Lakelands District School Board Trustees for the 2026 election remain in line with current distribution and be as follows:

District of Muskoka		
Bracebridge	1.0	
Huntsville/ Lake of Bays	1.0	
Gravenhurst/ Muskoka Lakes/ Georgian Bay	1.0	
City of Kawartha Lakes		
Wards 1 and 4	1.0	
Wards 2 and 3	1.0	
Ward 5	1.0	
Wards 6 and 8	1.0	
Ward 7	1.0	
Haliburton County		
Highlands East/ Minden Hills/ Algonquin Highlands/ Dysart et. al		1.0

Carried.

10.2 For Information- Verbal

a. Outdoor Education Committee Meeting February 25, 2026

Trustee McAlpine shared an update related to the Outdoor Education Committee meeting that occurred on February 25, 2026. The meeting included an update on the process, an overview of the project, and plans for program development.

Construction will be starting on the project in spring 2026 with the centre intended to be open for September 2027. The Committee will be doing a site visit in May 2026.

b. Equity Task Force Meeting March 3, 2026

Trustee Bradley shared an overview of the work of the Equity Task Force from the March 3, 2026 meeting. The meeting centered around the rollout of the three-year Equity and Inclusion Action Plan, updates from the working groups, and updates related to the 2026 Student Census.

c. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting March 6, 2026

Trustee Childs shared an overview of the March 6, 2026 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting that was hosted at Wahta Mohawk First Nation. The focus of the meeting was primarily around the development of the Outdoor Education and Indigenous Centre.

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 Trillium Student Senate. Planning is underway for the upcoming Student Senate Elections, Student Trustee Elections, and Director's Student Voice Forum. The Student Census also discussed student participation in the Student Census and noted International Women's Day on March 8, 2026.

b. OSTA-AECO Report

Student Trustee McNelly shared information related to the work of OSTA-AECO and the OSTA-AECO Advocacy groups.

11.2 OPSBA Report

Trustee McAlpine share that as a result of a recent governance review, OPSBA will be changing its board of directors structure and restructuring the regional councils.

Trustee McAlpine reminded Trustees that the annual AGM will take place in Ottawa in June 2026; booking is open until May 1, 2026.

Trustee Clodd proposed that the Board of Trustees issue a letter based on an OPSBA template requesting the opportunity for Trustee and public input prior to any governance restructuring by the provincial government.

Motion #26-03-97

Moved by Trustee Reain, Seconded by Trustee Clodd,

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees direct the Chair to write a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education, Paul Calandra, with a copy to MPPs, and Ontario Public School Boards Association, and municipal councils, regarding the work of School Board Trustees and Student Trustees in fulfilling the mandates of the Board as set out in the Ontario Education Act, and that the Minister conduct a public consultation before making any changes to the education act regarding the role of Trustees.

Carried.

11.3 Trustee Community Updates

Trustee Clodd attended the Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Watt Public School at the Raymond Hall. The event was very well organized and attended.

Trustee McInerney and Trustee McAlpine attended the local Skills Qualifier competition on March 24, 2026 at IEWSS.

12. Correspondence

13. Next meeting – Public Board Meeting

April 28, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Learning Commons

14. Adjournment

Motion # 26-03-98

Moved by Trustee Reain, seconded by Trustee Clodd,

That the Board of Trustees do now adjourn at 7:04pm

Carried.

Colleen Wilcox, Chairperson of the Board

Wes Hahn, Director of Education

Jen Andreasen, Recording Secretary