

# APPROVED

## MINUTES

### The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, April 15, 2024

**A Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held on this date.**

1. Call to Order:

Chair Christine Thatcher called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Michelle Arseneault, Tracy Brown, Emma Cunningham, Donna Edwards, Stephen Linton, Kelly Miller, Carolyn Morton, Deb Oldfield, Shailene Panylo, Student Trustees Ben Cameron, Kayla Hoare, Neha Kasoju

Regrets: Trustee Jill Thompson

Officials Present: Director of Education and Secretary to the Board Camille Williams-Taylor, Associate Directors Jim Markovski and David Wright, Superintendents Michael Bowman, Georgette Davis, Erin Elmhurst, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Martine Robinson, Executive Lead Robert Cerjanec, General Counsel Patrick Cotter

Recording Secretary: Gillian Venning

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair Christine Thatcher gave the Land Acknowledgment: the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

3. O Canada

Trustees Deb Oldfield and Shailene Panylo introduced, welcomed and thanked music teacher Curtis Hunter and the students from the R S McLaughlin CVI Jazz Ensemble who performed O Canada and the songs "The Preacher" and "Birk's Works."

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

5. Adoption of Agenda

2024:RB40

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Consent Items

As there were no objections, the following proposed consent items were approved and adopted:

(a) Approved meeting Minutes:

- i. DRAFT Minutes of the March 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- ii. DRAFT Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Special Board Meeting
- iii. DRAFT Minutes of the April 2, 2024 Special Board Meeting

(b) Adopted Resolutions from the Governance and Policy Committee Meeting of March 27, 2024, which the Committee Recommended to the Board:

- i. Resolution #1: That the Board Adopt the Board Self-Assessment Policy.
- ii. Resolution #2: That the Board Rescind the Accessible Customer Service Policy and Regulation. Resolution #3: That the Board Rescind the Child Care, Early Years and After-School Recreation Programs Regulations and Consolidate the Policies.
- iii. Resolution #4: That the Board Adopt the Human Rights Advisory Committee: Selection Criteria, Recruitment Strategy and Number of Committee Members.
- iv. Resolution #5: That the Board Adopt the Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee: Selection Criteria, Recruitment Strategy and Number of Committee Members.

(c) Adopted Resolutions from the In Camera, Committee of the Whole Meeting, April 2, 2024 and April 15, 2024.

7. Ministry Memorandums-Information Update

Director Camille Williams-Taylor provided trustees with the following update:

On April 4 the province announced a \$1.3 billion dollar investment to support construction and expansion of 60 schools province-wide. The DDSB hopes to benefit from this historic investment in the coming years to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of the growing communities across Durham.

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The French as a Second Language Department is hosting a virtual information session for families on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Families interested in French Immersion are encouraged to drop-in. You can visit the DDSB website for more information. DDSB offers French Immersion at 18 elementary and 7 secondary schools.

The DDSB has established an Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee and a Human Rights Advisory Committee. These two committees will act in a strategic advisory role to the Board of Trustees and we are seeking community members to join. For more information about how to express interest in joining, please visit our website or social media.

This week is National Volunteer Week. I would like to express our appreciation for the volunteers in our schools and community who help to support our students and families. Thank you for everything that you do!

8. Public Question Period

Dylan Reynolds joined the meeting virtually and asked a question regarding student passwords. Staff responded to the question.

9. Good News from the System

Jessica and Ryan from Port Perry High School shared good news from across the system on behalf of DDSB students.

10. Recommended Actions

(a) Election of Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Trustee Member

Chair Christine Thatcher called for nominations and/or volunteers for the (SEAC) Trustee Member.

2024:RB41

TRUSTEE DEB OLDFIELD NOMINATED TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT FOR THE POSITION OF SEAC TRUSTEE MEMBER OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD. TRUSTEE MICHELLE ARSENEAULT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Christine Thatcher, and there being none, nominations for the position of SEAC Trustee member were closed.

Trustee Michelle Arseneault was acclaimed to the position of SEAC Trustee Member.

(b) Request for Easement - 400 Taunton Road East

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca who provided trustees with information on the proposed easement to facilitate the Region of Durham's road improvement works project along Taunton Road East.

Trustee questions were answered.

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2024:RB42

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

SECONDED by Trustee Tracy Brown

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT IN FAVOUR OF THE REGION OF DURHAM FOR AN AREA OF 0.126 ACRES ALONG TAUNTON ROAD EAST FOR A SUM OF \$173,250 TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING ACTIVITIES.

CARRIED

General Counsel Patrick Cotter suggested that the Board consider adopting an additional resolution related to the easement.

2024:RB43

MOVED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

SECONDED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT REQUIRE FOR ITS PURPOSES THE INTEREST THAT THE EASEMENT WOULD CREATE.

CARRIED

(c) 2024 Education Development Charges By-Law

Associate Director David Wright introduced Head of Facilities Services Lisa Bianca who provided trustees with an overview of the Education Development Charges By-law that is applicable in all municipalities within the Durham District School Board's jurisdiction, effective May 1, 2024.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB44

MOVED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

SECONDED by Trustee Shailene Panylo

1. THE BOARD RESOLVES THAT NO FURTHER PUBLIC MEETING, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW, IS NECESSARY.
2. THE BOARD APPROVES THE 5-YEAR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW IN THE FORM PROVIDED AS APPENDIX A, TO COME INTO FORCE ON MAY 1, 2024, WITH AN EDC RATE OF:
  - \$3,749.00 PER DWELLING UNIT INCREASING ANNUALLY BY \$300.00 ON MAY 1ST; AND
  - \$0.10 PER SQUARE FOOT OF NON-RESIDENTIAL GFA INCREASING ANNUALLY BY \$0.10 ON MAY 1ST.

CARRIED

11. Information Items

(a) Integrity Commissioner Annual Report

General Counsel Patrick Cotter provided an overview of the Durham District School Board Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for the operating period of January 22, 2023 to January 21, 2024.

Trustee questions were answered.

2024:RB45

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

SECONDED by Trustee Emma Cunningham

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WRITE A LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE THE GRANTS FOR STUDENT NEEDS COVERS THE FUNDING OF THE MANDATED INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER COSTS UNDER THE PROPOSED REGULATION.

CARRIED

(b) SEAC Report, February 15, 2024

Trustee Donna Edwards shared with trustees an overview and highlights of the February 15, 2024, meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

There were no trustee questions.

(c) OPSBA Update

Trustee Donna Edwards shared the details of the memo from the OPSBA - Central East Meeting that took place on April 6, 2024.

There were no trustee questions.

12. Memos

(a) 2324:28 Ministry of Education SIP and SEA Compliance Monitoring

The memo was shared with trustees for information and trustee questions were answered.

13. Days of Significance

The dates of significance for April and May 2024 were shared with trustees for information.

14. Adjournment

2024:RB46


MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary