

APPROVED

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Board

Monday, December 2, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Durham District School Board was held this date in the Board Room, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road East, Whitby.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Trustees Patrice Barnes, Michael Barrett, Chris Braney, Paul Crawford, Donna Edwards, Darlene Forbes, Niki Lundquist, Carolyn Morton, Ashley Noble, Scott Templeton, Christine Thatcher, Student Trustees Arlene Wang, Tyler West

Regrets: Student trustee Sally Meseret

Officials Present: Director Lisa Millar, Associate Director Norah Marsh, Superintendents Georgette Davis, Mohamed Hamid, Margaret Lazarus, Jamila Maliha, Jim Markovski, Andrea McAuley, Heather Mundy, Stephen Nevills, Silvia Peterson, General Legal Counsel Patrick Cotter, Communications Manager, Peter Blake, Communications Officer Charles Senior

Recording Secretary: Kim Cox

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this time.

3. Moment of Silence

Chair Michael Barrett advised that the Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is 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.

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4. O Canada

5. Roland Michener P.S.

Trustee Donna Edwards welcomed the Roland Michener P.S. Intermediate Band. The group performed several selections entitled "C Jam Blues", and "Tequila". Trustee Donna Edwards congratulated the group, on behalf of the trustees, for their excellent performance.

6. Adoption of Agenda

2019:95

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher
SECONDED by Trustee Ashley Noble

The agenda was amended to include Item 15. (c) eLearning Correspondence

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

2019:96

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes
SECONDED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT THE FOLLOWING APPROVED MINUTES BE RECEIVED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2019.

CARRIED

The November 18, 2019 draft minutes were amended by removing the following words from Motion 2019:87: "BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE INCIDENT ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING IN JANUARY 2020" and substituting the words "BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2020.'

2019:97

MOVED by Niki Lundquist
SECONDED by Paul Crawford

THAT THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MINUTES BE APPROVED AS AMENDED:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019.

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7. Report from the Committee of the Whole in Camera

Trustee Carolyn Morton reported on the actions of the Committee of the Whole in Camera. Trustees dealt with transfers, placements, and personnel issues.

Associate Director Norah Marsh advised that the Transfers and Placements will be communicated to the system following the meeting.

8. Election of Board Chair

Director Lisa Millar informed trustees of the process for election of the Board's Chair following the Board's By-Laws. Nominations were called for the position of Chair of the Durham District School Board.

2020:01

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT TRUSTEE CHRIS BRANEY BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustee Chris Braney accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Director Lisa Millar, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair were closed.

Trustee Chris Braney was acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Durham District School Board. Trustee Chris Braney as the newly elected Chair assumed the chair and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Chris Braney thanked trustees for electing him to the position of Chair of the Board.

9. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Chris Braney explained that the process for electing the Vice Chair was the same under Board By-laws as it was for the position of Chair. Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

2020:02

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT TRUSTEE NIKI LUNDQUIST BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF VICE
CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

9. Election of Vice Chair (Continued)

Trustee Niki Lundquist accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Vice Chair were closed.

Trustee Niki Lundquist was acclaimed to the position of Vice Chair of the Durham District School Board.

12. Election of Standing Committee Vice Chair

Chair Chris Braney called for nominations to the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair.

2020:03

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Christine Thatcher accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair were closed.

Trustee Christine Thatcher was acclaimed to the position of Standing Committee Vice Chair of the Durham District School Board.

13. Election of Chair of Education Finance Committee

Chair Chris Braney called for nominations to the position of Chair of Education Finance Committee.

2020:04

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT TRUSTEE DARLENE FORBES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustee Darlene Forbes accepted the nomination.

13. Election of Chair of Education Finance Committee (Continued)

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Chair of Education Finance Committee were closed.

Trustee Darlene Forbes was acclaimed to the position of the Chair of Education Finance Committee of the Durham District School Board.

14. Committee Elections

Chair Chris Braney called for nominations and/or volunteers for the following committees:

(a) OPSBA Liaison Trustees

2020:05

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Donna Edwards accepted the nomination.

Trustee Donna Edwards was acclaimed as OPSBA Liaison Trustees for the Durham District School Board.

Trustee Donna Edwards will exercise the Board's voting right.

2020:06

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE PATRICE BARNES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of the OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Patrice Barnes accepted the nomination.

Trustee Patrice Barnes was acclaimed as OPSBA Liaison Trustees for the Durham District School Board.

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(a) OPSBA Liaison Trustees (Continued)

2020:07

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE ASHLEY NOBLE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
ALTERNATE OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:08

MOVED by Trustee Patrice Barnes

THAT TRUSTEE DARLENE FORBES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
ALTERNATE OPSBA LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being
none, nominations for the position of alternate OPSBA Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Ashley Noble and Darlene Forbes accepted the nomination.

Trustees Ashley Noble and Darlene Forbes were acclaimed as Alternate OPSBA Liaison
trustees of the Durham District School Board.

(b) SEAC Liaison Trustees

2020:09

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE CHRISTINE THATCHER BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION
OF SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:09

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT TRUSTEE DONNA EDWARDS BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Christine Thatcher and Donna Edwards accepted the nomination.

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(b) SEAC Liaison Trustees (Continued)

Trustees Christine Thatcher and Donna Edwards were acclaimed to the position of SEAC Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

2020:10

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE NIKI LUNDQUIST BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:12

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT TRUSTEE ASHLEY NOBLE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SEAC LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Niki Lundquist and Ashley Noble accepted the nomination.

Trustees Niki Lundquist and Ashley Noble were acclaimed to the position of alternate SEAC Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(c) Parent Involvement Committee

2020:13

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Parent Involvement Committee Liaison trustee were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton accepted the nomination.

Trustee Scott Templeton was acclaimed as Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustees of the Durham District School Board.

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(c) Parent Involvement Committee (Continued)

2020:14

MOVED by Trustee Carolyn Morton

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison trustee were closed.

Trustee Carolyn Morton accepted the nomination.

Trustee Carolyn Morton was acclaimed as Alternate Parent Involvement Committee Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(d) Audit Committee Liaison Trustees

2020:15

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:16

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT TRUSTEE ASHLEY NOBLE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

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(d) Audit Committee Liaison Trustees (Continued)

2020:17

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE PATRICE BARNES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
AUDIT COMMITTEE LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being
none, nominations for the position of Audit Committee Liaison trustee were closed.

Trustees Paul Crawford, Ashley Noble and Patrice Barnes accepted the nominations.

Trustees Paul Crawford, Ashley Noble and Patrice Barnes were acclaimed as Audit
Committee Liaison Trustees of the Durham District School Board.

(e) SAL Liaison Trustees

2020:18

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE CAROLYN MORTON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF
SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:19

MOVED by Trustee Christine Thatcher

THAT TRUSTEE ASHLEY NOBLE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF SAL
LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Carolyn Morton and Ashley Noble accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being
none, nominations for the position of SAL Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Carolyn Morton and Ashley Noble were acclaimed to the position of SAL Liaison
Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

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(e) SAL Liaison Trustees (Continued)

2020:20

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist

THAT TRUSTEE DARLENE FORBES BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

2020:21

MOVED by Trustee Paul Crawford

THAT TRUSTEE PAUL CRAWFORD BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE SAL LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Trustees Darlene Forbes and Paul Crawford accepted the nomination.

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Alternate SAL Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustees Darlene Forbes and Paul Crawford were acclaimed to the position of Alternate SAL Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

(f) Code of Conduct Alternate Liaison Trustee

2020:22

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT TRUSTEE SCOTT TEMPLETON BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CODE OF CONDUCT LIAISON TRUSTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Alternate Code of Conduct Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Scott Templeton accepted the nomination.

Trustee Scott Templeton was acclaimed as Alternate Code of Conduct Liaison Trustee of the Durham District School Board.

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(g) Indigenous Advisory Committee

2020:23

MOVED by Trustee Darlene Forbes

THAT TRUSTEE ASHLEY NOBLE BE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF LIAISON TRUSTEE FOR THE INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD.

CARRIED

Subsequent to three calls for additional nominations by Chair Chris Braney, and there being none, nominations for the position of Indigenous Advisory Liaison Trustee were closed.

Trustee Ashley Noble accepted the nomination.

Trustee Ashley Noble was acclaimed as Liaison Trustee for the Indigenous Advisory Committee of the Durham District School Board.

15. Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates 2020

Chair Chris Braney stated that Board and Committee Meeting dates for 2020 were for the information of trustees.

2020:24

MOVED by Trustee Ashley Noble

THAT THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2020 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

17. Information Items

(a) Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Arlene Wang noted that on November 21, 2019, Minister Stephen Lecce announced that the proposed eLearning mandate will be halved from four mandatory courses to two. OSTA is pleased, but wants a full reversal of the mandatory courses. She also noted on behalf of Student Trustee Sally Meseret that OSTA has released a statement regarding the ongoing bargaining that is taking place and that the individuals most impacted are the students. Class size is the focus for teachers and students.

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(a) Student Trustee Report (Continued)

Student Trustee Tyler West provided trustees with an overview of the Student Senate meeting held earlier in the evening. He advised that senators were apprised of the eLearning mandatory course reduction from four to two. Students participated in working groups and discussed student well-being. The regional committees met and reviewed the motion on daily physical activity. Feedback on the proposed amendments will be shared at the next board meeting. The meeting concluded with a consultation on the dress codes within the DDSB. Information will be channeled to the Board dress code consultation committee.

16. Recommended Actions

(a) Report: SEAC Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2019

Trustee Donna Edwards presented the Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2019.

2020:25

MOVED by Trustee Donna Edwards

THAT THE SEAC MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2019 BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED

(b) OPSBA Report

Trustee Donna Edwards advised that the Board of Directors met on November 24, 2019 to accommodate advocacy day at Queen's Park on Monday. The group discussed legislative updates, labour relations and GSNs. Over 50 trustees attended advocacy day where OPSBA released the public education survey. The survey can be found on the OPSBA website. Over 1,000 Ontarians were surveyed. One sample question on the survey was "Would you prefer to put money towards special education, or pay down the deficit". The overwhelming response was to support students with special education needs and responders did not want to see funds cut from public education. The results of the survey can be found on the OPSBA website. All trustees present met with various MPP's resulting in a final meeting and dinner at Queen's Park with all MPP's. It was all very well received. The next public education symposium is scheduled to be held on January 23-25, 2020 and registration is open. The Board of Director's meeting will be held at that time.

(b) eLearning Correspondence

The eLearning correspondence was amended to include Laurie Scott, MPP.

18. Correspondence

(a) Action Requested

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There was no correspondence at this time.

(b) Other

There was no correspondence at this time.

19. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

20. Adjournment

2020:26

MOVED by Trustee Niki Lundquist.

THAT THE MEETING DOES NOW ADJOURN.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary