



BOARD (PUBLIC) Report 18-084

3 December 2018

Appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for 03 December 2018 to 6 July 2019

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PURPOSE:

1. To confirm the appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the period December 3, 2018 to July 6, 2019:
 - two directors to the Board of Directors;
 - two alternate directors to the Board of Directors;
 - a voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council Meetings;
 - an alternate voting delegate for the Eastern Regional Council meetings;
 - a voting delegate for the 2019 Annual General Meeting; and
 - an alternate voting delegate for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

CONTEXT:

2. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) is an advocacy group representing the interests and needs of public district school boards and public school authorities in Ontario. OPSBA advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) is a member of OPSBA and appoints trustees to various positions.

The term of office for the OPSBA Board of Directors normally runs June to June in alignment with the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and the school year. Because 2018 is an election year, the appointments made at the May 22, 2018 Board meeting expired on Nov 30, 2018 in alignment with the term of office of the 2014-2018 Board. The Board must now fill all positions for the period December 3, 2018 to July 6, 2019. In May 2019, the Board will make appointments to OPSBA for the term beginning July 7, 2019.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

3. OCDSB Representation

Beginning in 2016-2017, there was consensus that having the same two trustees appointed/elected to these key positions would provide an opportunity for those trustees to have a deeper knowledge and understanding of the work of OPSBA and an increased the voice at the OPSBA table. This practice is in keeping with other boards in the Province and has provided for greater consistency and a better understanding of what transpired at the various meetings and ongoing opportunities to build relationships with other OPSBA members. Given that this appears to have worked well for the past two years, it is recommended that the Board continue this approach.

The June 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018 term appointments included:

- Trustees Boothby and Penny as directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustees Braunovan and Olsen Harper as alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustee Penny as voting delegate and Trustee Boothby as alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Eastern Regional Council meetings; and
- Trustee Boothby as voting delegate and Trustee Penny as alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Annual General Meeting.

4. Meeting dates

OPSBA Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for December, January, February, May, and July (AGM). Eastern Regional Council meetings are scheduled for January and April.

In accordance with the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules, in order to make these appointments, the Chair will call for volunteers or nominations (if required) for the various positions. If there is more than one candidate for each position, an election will be held.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

5. Costs incurred by the trustees appointed to represent the Board will be charged to the existing central budget for Board business in accordance with Section 2.5 of Policy P.005.GOV Board Member Expenses and Support Services or reimbursed by OPSBA.

COMMUNICATION/CONSULTATION ISSUES:

6. There is no consultation required for this report because it relates to the appointment of trustees.

STRATEGIC LINKS:

7. Stewardship and effective governance is a priority of the Board. Confirming appointments to OPSBA enables the Board to effectively participate in the association that represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT

- A. Trustees _____ and _____ be appointed as the two directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors, the voting and alternate delegates for the Eastern Regional Council meetings, and the voting and alternate delegates for the OPSBA Annual General meeting for the period December 3, 2018 to July 6, 2019; and
- B. Trustees _____ and _____ be appointed as the two alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors for the period December 3, 2018 to July, 6 2019.

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