



BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 6:00 pm
Board Room
Administration Building
133 Greenbank Road
Ottawa, Ontario

Trustees: Justine Bell (electronic communication) , Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley, Lynn Scott

Staff: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Randy Gerrior (Associate Director, Business Operations), Jesse Mark (General Counsel, Governance & Legal Services), A.J Keene (Superintendent of Education), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Employee Services), Sandy Owens (General Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari (General Manager of Communications & Public Relations), Darren Gatley (General Manager, Governance Services), Michael Guilbault (Content Creator, Digital Multimedia Technician), Tamara Persaud (Board/Committee Coordinator)

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole (Board) Private Session

The Board resolved into Committee of the Whole private session at 6:00 p.m.

3. Board Reconvenes in Public Session (Approximately 7:30 p.m.)

The Board reconvened in public session at 7:24 p.m.

4. Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

Chair Scott acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Homelands and thanked the Algonquin Nations for their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial.

5. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were filed.

6. Report from Committee of the Whole (Board) Private Session

Vice-Chair Milburn reported that the private session was held earlier this evening and reports and recommends as follows:

Moved by Lyra Evans

Seconded by Jennifer Jennekens

THAT staff proceed as directed in Board private session with respect to a matter involving personal information of a member of the OCDSB community.

For (11): Justine Bell, Donna Blackburn, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley, and Lynn Scott

Carried (11 to 0)

7. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Kaplan Myrth,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

8. Briefing from the Chair of the Board

A briefing from the Chair of the Board was provided.

9. Briefing from the Director

A briefing from the Director was provided.

10. Delegations

10.1 Jordan Leblanc, re Summer Learning Program

Jordan Leblanc expressed his concern regarding the possible cancellation of the Summer Learning Program.

11. Confirmation of Board Minutes

11.1 22 April 2025, Special Board

Moved by Trustee Jennekens, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the Special Board Meeting report, dated 22 April 2025, be confirmed.

Carried

11.2 29 April 2025

**Moved by Trustee Jennekens, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,
THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 29 April 2025, be
confirmed.**

Carried

11.3 13 May 2025, Special Board

**Moved by Trustee Jennekens, seconded by Trustee Lyra Evans,
THAT the Special Board Meeting report, dated 13 May 2025, be
confirmed.**

Carried

12. Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

13. Matters for Action

13.1 Receipt of Policy Review Committee Report, 15 May 2025

**Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans, seconded by Trustee Fortey,
THAT the Policy Review Committee report, dated 15 May 2025 be
received.**

Carried

13.1.a Approval of Rescission of Policy P 054 HS - Workplace Safety and
Insurance Act (S. Lehman)

Moved by Julia Fortey

Seconded by Lyra Evans

**THAT Policy P 054 HS - Workplace Safety and
Insurance, attached as Appendix A to Report 25-029, be
rescinded (Attached as Appendix A).**

For (12): Justine Bell, Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra
Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Nili Kaplan-Myrth,
Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley,
and Lynn Scott

Carried (12 to 0)

13.2 Receipt of Committee of the Whole Report, 20 May 2025

Moved by Trustee Milburn, seconded by Trustee Nash,

THAT the Committee of the Whole report, dated 20 May 2025, be received.

Carried

13.3 Notice of Motion Re: Summer Learning Program (Trustee Blackburn)

Notice of motion having been given in keeping with section 12.9 of the Board's By-Laws and Standing Rules, Trustee Blackburn moved as follows:

WHEREAS an approved motion of the Board, noted as item 3 on the agenda of the 29 March 2016 Board meeting, creates an ongoing obligation to continue the Summer Learning Program with several specific operational components ("2016 Motion");

WHEREAS the ongoing fulfilment of the requirements in the 2016 Motion significantly contributes to the Board's financial deficit each year;

WHEREAS the Board's financial position has shifted considerably since the 2016 Motion such that the Board must begin exercising considerable financial restraint to meet its obligations of effective financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS rescinding the 2016 Motion does not prevent the District from operating a Summer Learning Program in future years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the 2016 Motion is hereby rescinded such that as of the 2025-2026 financial year there is no specific obligation to maintain the Summer Learning Program or to use resources traditionally allocated to this program in any particular manner.

Superintendent Stoudt committed to providing information to the Board of previous collaborations with coterminous boards to aid in the delivery of the summer learning program and the possibility of extending the school year.

Superintendent Stoudt committed to providing information in the report regarding the number of students attending the summer learning program and those unable to attend despite meeting the registration criteria due to financial restraints, including specific information from Clifford Bowey Public School and Crystal Bay Centre for Special Education.

Moved by Donna Blackburn

Seconded by Matthew Lee

THAT the 2016 Motion is hereby rescinded such that as of the 2025-2026 financial year there is no specific obligation to

maintain the Summer Learning Program or to use resources traditionally allocated to this program in any particular manner.

For (7): Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, and Lynn Scott

Against (4): Nili Kaplan-Myrth, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, and Amanda Presley

Carried (7 to 4)

13.4 Non-Consent Items

There were no non-consent items.

14. Matters for Discussion

14.1 Report from OSTA Representatives (if required)

An update was provided from the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) representatives.

14.2 Report from OPSBA Representatives (if required)

An update was provided from the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) representative.

15. Board Work Plan

The Board Work Plan was provided for information.

16. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

17. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

Director Buffone committed to providing a memorandum to trustees regarding Student Immunization and Ottawa Public Health records.

Director Buffone committed to providing a memorandum to trustees regarding the closure of the Canterbury High School dance program.

Director Buffone committed to providing information to trustees regarding the total cost of code of conduct matters for 2025-2026 as part of the budgetary process.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board