



## BOARD PUBLIC MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 8:30 pm**  
**Board Room**  
**Administration Building**  
**133 Greenbank Road**  
**Ottawa, Ontario**

**Trustees:** Donna Blackburn, Erica Braunovan, Rob Campbell, Chris Ellis, Lyra Evans, Wendy Hough, Jennifer Jennekens, Keith Penny, Sandra Schwartz, Lynn Scott, Isaac Glassman (Student Trustee), and Samantha Lin (Student Trustee)

**Staff:** Camille Williams-Taylor (Director Designate), Jennifer Adams (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director), Dorothy Baker (Superintendent of Curriculum), Mike Carson (Chief Financial Officer), Mary Jane Farrish (Superintendent of Instruction), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Katrine Mallan (Manager of Board Services), Diane Pernari-Hergert (Manager of Communications & Information Services), Sharlene Hunter (Communications Coordinator), John MacKinnon, Audio-Visual Technician, and Amanda Rock (Board/Committee Coordinator).

1. Call to Order -- Chair of the Board

Chair Scott called the public meeting to order at 9:02 p.m. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by** Sandra Schwartz

**Seconded by** Trustee Penny

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**Carried**

3. Presentation to Dr. Jennifer Adams, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

3.1 Mostafizur Khan, Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee

The Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) made a presentation to Director Jennifer Adams. He expressed gratitude to Director Adams for her dedication, professionalism, and creation of the OCDSB Exit Outcomes. On behalf of PIC, he wished Director Adams a happy retirement.

3.2 Presentation by Student Trustees

Student Trustees Glassman and Lin presented a gift to Director Adams from all the students within the District. Student Trustee Glassman commented that Director Adams is highly regarded among students.

Student Trustee Lin thanked Director Adams for her voice as a student advocate and for making a positive impact on all students throughout the OCDSB.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Lin introduced the mid-term student trustee report, which highlighted their accomplishments to date and future plans. Student Trustee Lin advised that the student senate retreat allowed the student senators from across the province to compile a vision document that highlights a list of initiatives that they would like to accomplish by the end of the school year.

Student senators proposed increasing awareness of resources available to students as a priority for the 2018-2019 school year. Awareness of technological resources, guidance counsellors, and mental health supports were among the resources discussed.

Student Trustee Glassman advised that the Ontario Student Trustees Association (OSTA) held a meeting enabling him and Student Trustee Lin to participate and lead workshops to better understand the student trustee responsibilities. OSTA has created a nation-wide student trustee report. This report included a call to action to other school boards across to Canada to increase student leadership.

In response to a query from Trustee Campbell, it was clarified that student trustees represent students from grades 7-12.

5. Report from the Board (In Camera)

Vice-Chair met in camera this evening and reports and recommends as follows:

**Moved by** Sandra Schwartz

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT the evaluation of the Regional Internal Audit Team Performance be approved as directed at Board, in camera.**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Hough, Jennekens, Lyra Evans, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT staff be authorized to proceed as directed in Board in Camera with respect to a human resources matter regarding the renewal of term appointments.**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Hough, Jennekens, Lyra Evans, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

6. Briefing from the Chair

Chair Scott advised that she had the opportunity to speak with MPP Lisa MacLeod at a meeting regarding women in leadership. Women from City Council and area school boards were in attendance to discuss women's issues. Minister MacLeod highlighted that there is a need to encourage girls to look at non-traditional careers, particularly in the trades, technology, and science. She also stressed how important it is for the curriculum to prepare students for the topic of sexual abuse and exploitation from an early age.

Former trustee and now city councillor for Bay Ward, Theresa Kavanagh is proposed to be council's liaison for women and gender equity.

Chair Scott advised that the deadline for submitting input to the Ministry's consultation on education in Ontario is 15 December 2018. The Board and the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) will be submitting their input.

As this was the last meeting of the Board for 2018, on behalf of the Board, Chair Scott extended warm wishes and holiday greetings.

7. Briefing from the Director

Director Adams wished everyone happy holidays.

8. Delegations

There were no delegations.

9. Matters for Action

9.1 Confirmation of Board Minutes:

a. 20 November 2018, Board

**Moved by** Trustee Blackburn

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT the 20 November 2018, Board minutes be confirmed.**

**Carried**

b. 3 December 2018, Board Inaugural Meeting

THAT the 03 December 2018, Board Inaugural minutes, be confirmed, as amended.

Trustee Blackburn advised that she was not present for the recorded vote of the Alternate Directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors.

**Moved by** Trustee Hough

**Seconded by** Trustee Evans

**THAT the 03 December 2018, Board Inaugural minutes, be confirmed, as amended.**

**Carried**

## 9.2 Business Arising from Board Minutes

There was no business arising from the 20 November 2018, Board minutes or the 03 December 2018, Board Inaugural minutes.

## 9.3 Part 2 of Recommendation re Appointment of Community Representatives to the Special Education Advisory Committee, Deferred 3 December 2018

Chair Scott referred to an excerpt from the Board minutes of 03 December 2018 on page 121 of the agenda package as follows:

An amendment moved by Trustee Campbell, seconded by Trustee Fisher,

THAT Part 2 of the motion be deferred to a future Board meeting pending receipt of biographical information for Amy Wellings:

“2. THAT in the event there is a vacancy of a community representative before 30 November 2022, the selection committee shall first contact Amy Wellings to confirm her interest in filling the vacancy. “

In response to queries, Executive Officer Giroux advised that the membership sub-committee is recommending that Amy Wellings be contacted should a vacancy occur in the next two years. She advised that the Board needs to decide how to proceed with the motion.

Trustee Blackburn expressed support for the Board having a discussion on the selection process for decision-making of another community representative, in order to be fair to the new trustees.

Moved by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Campbell,

THAT the motion be postponed indefinitely.

Trustee Campbell expressed the view that the Board needs to review how advisory committees' members are selected. He added that reviewing the role of trustees in the selection process is important. In response to a query, Trustee Scott advised that the criteria for appointing committee members will be discussed during the strategic planning process.

Trustee Penny reminded trustees that the wording in the motion is "to confirm her interest in filling the vacancy".

Trustee Braunovan expressed concern about postponing the motion indefinitely as previous processes have been time consuming. She supported Trustee Campbell's comments and also stated that it is prudent to have someone in place as soon as possible. Trustee Blackburn urged her colleagues to support the motion to be postponed indefinitely.

Moved by Trustee Blackburn, seconded by Trustee Campbell,

THAT the motion be postponed indefinitely.

Defeated

In response to a query from Trustee Evans, Executive Officer Giroux clarified that SEAC members are appointed for the term of the Board. She clarified that should the Board pass the motion, it is not compelled to appoint a particular individual. The motion has created a commitment to contact an individual but not to appoint that particular individual.

**Moved by** Trustee Ellis

**Seconded by** Trustee Scott

**THAT, in the event there is a vacancy of a community representative before 30 November 2020, the selection committee shall first contact Amy Wellings to confirm her interest in filling the vacancy.**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried on the following division:

FOR: Trustees Braunovan, Ellis, Evans, Hough, Penny (5)

AGAINST: Trustees Blackburn, Jennekens (2)

ABSTENTION: Trustees Campbell, Schwartz, Scott (3)

**Carried**

9.4 Report 18-126 OCDSB Draft Response to Ministry Consultation on Education in Ontario (M. Giroux, ext 8310)

The Board had before it Report 18-126 seeking approval of the Board's response to the Ministry Consultation on Public Education.

Executive Officer Giroux advised that the draft response reflects the community's views on the various questions posed by the Ministry.

Trustee Hough queried the language used in the third question of the draft response. Manager Mallan stated that the language will be revised.

**Moved by** Sandra Schwartz

**Seconded by** Trustee Braunovan

**THAT the Board approve the draft response to the December 2018 Ministry consultation (Attached as Appendix A) for submission to the Ministry of Education.**

A recorded vote was held and the motion was carried unanimously by those present:

FOR: Trustees Blackburn, Braunovan, Campbell, Ellis, Evans,  
Hough, Jennekens, Penny, Scott, and Schwartz (10)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

ABSTENTION: Nil (0)

**Carried**

10. Matters for Discussion

10.1 Report from OPSBA Representatives (if required)

Trustee Penny stated that there was nothing further to share from the OPSBA update provided at the COW meeting on 11 December 2018.

11. Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

12. New Business -- Information and Inquiries

There was no new business.

13. Adjournment

Chair Scott wished everyone a happy holiday season. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Lynn Scott, Chair of the Board