

BOARD (PUBLIC) Report 20-046

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Appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for 7 July 2020 to 7 July 2021

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PURPOSE:

1. To confirm the appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) for the period 7 July 2020 to 7 July 2021:
 - 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 2020 Annual General Meeting; and
 - an alternate voting delegate for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

SUPPORTING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN:

2. 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. Through the appointments we are continuing our work in building a Culture of Social Responsibility and improving governance practice.

CONTEXT:

3. 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 July to July in alignment with the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and the school year. As a result of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the OPSBA Board of Directors decided to postpone the Annual General meeting until the fall. The actual date and format has yet to be determined. As the terms for the previous appointments end effective 7 July 2020, the Board should now fill all positions for the period 7 July 2020 to 7 July 2021.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

4. OCDSB Representation

It is the practice of the Board to appoint representatives for the following positions:

- 2 trustees as directors and 2 alternate directors to serve on the OPSBA Board of Directors; and
- 1 trustee for each position of voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the OPSBA Annual General Meeting and Eastern Regional Council Meetings.

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.

The 7 July 2019 to 7 July 2020 term appointments included:

- Trustees Boothby and Penny as directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustees Blackburn and Jennekens as alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors;
- Trustee Boothby as voting delegate and Trustee Penny 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.

5. Meeting Dates

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

6. Appointment Process

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.

The election will be held using the chat function of the Zoom meeting. At the direction of the Chair, half of the attending trustees will vote by sending a private message to one election officer, the other half to the second election officer. Those participating in the meeting by telephone will follow a similar process via text message. The election officers will count the votes and send the result to the Chair in a private message. The Chair will read the results. The same process will be repeated until a winner is declared.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

7. 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:

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

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 7 July 2020 to 7 July 2021; and
- B. Trustees _____ and _____ be appointed as the two alternate directors to the OPSBA Board of Directors for the period 7 July 2020 to 7 July 2021.

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