SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Public Session: 7:30 pm

AGENDA

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT**
3. **GOVERNANCE MODERNIZATION AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER REPORT**
   K. Pisek – Pages 5-6
   Recommended Motion:
   "That the revised By-Laws and Rules of Order that follow in the table be approved."

		Topic Reference
L- 1	Trustees are elected to a four (4) year term of office on the Board. At the start of the term and approximately two (2) years into the term of office there will be opportunities to change Trustee membership on Statutory Committees, save and except for the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), which requires a four (4) year term commitment. (a) At the Organization Meeting in an election year the Trustees will submit their committee preferences to the Director's Office and, thereafter, the Director and the Nominating Committee (as set out in By-Law L-4) of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign Trustees to serve on Statutory Committees. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O - 23 and O - 24. (a) Nineteen (19) months after the newly elected Trustees take office, the Trustees shall again submit their committee preferences to the Director's Office by the first Board meeting in June and, thereafter, the Director and the Nominating Committee (as set out in By-Law L-4) of the Board will meet to consider the preferences submitted and then to assign, in draft, the Trustees to serve on Statutory Committees effective September 1st of that same year. The Nominating Committee shall circulate a draft of the Committee assignments prior to the Nominating Committee's final approval of committee assignments. The selection of Committee Chairs will occur in accordance with By-Laws O-23 and O - 24.	**Committee Restructure**
L- 3	Intentionally omitted	**Committee Restructure**

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<td>There shall be the following committees of the Board with each Board member required to sit on two (2) Statutory Committees.
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(s. 253.1 & Reg. 361/10)</td><td>• Audit Committee......................</td><td>3 Board Members</td></tr>
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(Reg 83/24)</td><td>• Director’s Performance Appraisal Committee (DPAC)..</td><td>5 Board Members</td></tr>
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(s. 57.1 & Reg. 464/97)</td><td>• Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)..........</td><td>2 Board Members plus 2 appointed Board Member Alternates (this is a legislated four (4) year term)</td></tr>
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(Reg 374/10)</td><td>• Supervised Alternative Learning Committee (SAL).......</td><td>1 Board Member</td></tr>
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(Reg. 612/00)</td><td>• Parent Involvement Committee.............................</td><td>2 Board Members</td></tr>
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(S.311.3(10))</td><td>• Ad Hoc Student Discipline Committee........................</td><td>3 Board Members (legislated minimum)</td></tr>
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<td>Specific meeting dates for Statutory Committees shall be scheduled on a regular basis as determined by the Board.</td>
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<td>(a) All Board members who are not official members of a Statutory Committee as listed in By-Law L – 6 may attend all or any committee meetings in the capacity of an observer or to participate in discussions but, if in attendance, the observing Trustee shall not be counted in arriving at quorum, shall not move any motions, and shall not be allowed to vote.

(b) Notwithstanding (a), a Board member assigned to a Statutory Committee may designate</td>
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	an alternate Board member as a replacement voting member in their absence in accordance with Board Policy A-2 (Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings) for the purpose of arriving at a quorum, and such designated alternate shall be allowed to vote.	
O- 9	It is the policy of the Board that meetings of the committees of the Board shall be open to the public except: (a) Committee of the Whole Board (b) Finance Committee when it is considering the lease or acquisition of property (c) Ad Hoc Student Discipline Committee (d) Audit Committee when it is considering a matter permitted under section 207 of the *Education Act* (e) Other committees as designated from time to time by the Board.	**Committee Restructure**
G-1	The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on: • the fourth Tuesday of each month in August, October, February, April and June; and • the third Tuesday in November Should any scheduled meeting fall on a statutory or civic holiday, the Board shall meet on the evening of the following day at the same hour, or as otherwise decided by the Board. The regular Board meeting, public session, shall commence at 6:00 p.m. and where Committee of the Whole, closed session is required, it shall commence immediately after the conclusion of the business of the regular Board meeting.	**Frequency of Board Meetings**
G- 10	Replace current order of business with the following: The order of business for regular meetings of the Board shall be: 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY 2. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST 4. SINGING OF O'CANADA 5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA 6. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES 7. DELEGATIONS 8. CEO REPORT TO BOARD 9. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD 10. STAFF REPORTS TO BOARD 11. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS 12. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS 13. FUTURE MEETINGS 14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (when required) a) Motion To Move to Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) b) Motion To Return to Open Board (Public Session) 15. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (when required) 16. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING 17. ADJOURNMENT	**Order of Business**

G- 7	The Secretary shall cause to have delivered or mailed a "BOARD AGENDA" and a copy of all reports (committee minutes or staff reports) to each member of the Board seven (7) business days prior to the meeting at which the same are to be considered. The "BOARD AGENDA" shall contain a brief notice of all such matters as may come regularly before the Board meeting and shall set out in full all notices of motion, where available at the time of the publication of the Board agenda.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
G- 9	(a) The Board will post the Board agenda with supplementary materials, where available at the time of publication of the Board agenda on the Board's website seven (7) business days prior to the Board meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in Committee of the Whole - Closed Session, for access by the public. (c) The Board will post the Committee meeting agenda with supplementary materials on the Board's website seven (7) business days prior to Statutory Committee meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in a Closed Session, for access by the public.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
O- 15	Every meeting of a committee shall be called by a notice mailed or emailed (to the member's DSBN email address) by the Secretary of the committee to reach each Board member seven (7) business days before such meeting.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
R-7	Such notice shall be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 12:00 noon five (5) business days prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Before acceptance is granted, the Secretary shall confer with the Chair or the Vice-Chair to agree on the urgency of the request and the manner of effecting the necessary arrangements.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**
R-8.2	To reduce the possibility of any misunderstanding, written copies of presentations must be received by the Director's Office by noon two (2) business days prior to the Board meeting which the delegation wishes to attend. Failure to do so would result in not speaking at that Board meeting.	**Timing of Delivery of Agenda**

3. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS SPECIAL MEETING

Recommended Motions:

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Special Meeting held on June 22, 2026, be now ratified by the Board."

"That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day."

4. ADJOURNMENT

Governance Modernization and Amendments to By-Laws and Rules of Order

Monday June 22, 2026

BACKGROUND

Effective governance requires regular review to reflect changes in legislation, best practices, and Board priorities. With the introduction of Bill 33 and, more recently, Bill 101, DSBN must align its governance structure with the Minister of Education's evolving role for public school board trustees. This report presents a recommendation that is consistent with guidance from both CODE and OPSBA, particularly with respect to revising meeting structures.

Recent Ad-Hoc Governance Committee meetings were held to collaboratively review and discuss committee structures and meeting practices to support effective stewardship, strategic oversight, transparency and organizational accountability.

As a result of these meetings this report is being presented to introduce a phased Governance Modernization Framework intended to support the continued evolution of Board governance practices and recommend by-law changes that support this.

GOVERNANCE MODERNIZATION FRAMEWORK

A phased approach to governance modernization will support the continued evolution of Board governance practices over the 2026-2027 school year. The proposed framework is intended to:

- Support effective and efficient governance practices;
- Strengthen alignment between Board governance structures and strategic priorities;
- Modernize governance processes and procedures;
- Enhance clarity, consistency, and accountability within governance operations.

Given the scope of these initiatives, this work will be completed in phases to allow the Trustee Working Group on Governance sufficient time for planning, consultation, implementation, evaluation, and refinement.

<u>Structure, Calendar Alignment, Agenda and Reporting</u>

The recommended by-law changes presented, will support the implementation of an updated committee structure which ensures that the Statutory Committee responsibilities align with legislation and reports are presented to Board to support effective governance and efficient Board meetings.

Reports will be presented directly to Board that align with strategic priorities including special education, student achievement, safe schools, mental health and well-being, Indigenous education, equity, curriculum and corporate operations matters.

These recommended changes to Board and Committee meetings will focus on enhancing meeting effectiveness and administrative consistency through the reduction of operational and information reports that do not align with governance mandates.

It is intended that the Board meetings become more transparent of the governance work of Trustees while ensuring that reports are scheduled so that meetings are concluded on a timely basis.

Future Phases
The Trustee Working Group on Governance will focus on future phases of the framework modernization through their work throughout the year which include:

- the refinement of committee mandates, governance responsibilities, Terms of Reference to support clarity, consistent, accountability and strategic governance objectives;
- reviewing delegation and public input processes to support transparency, accessibility and meaningful opportunities for public participation in Board governance processes;
- comprehensive review of By-laws
- governance training, collection of feedback from trustees and staff to inform governance enhancements.

CONCLUSION

Through these initiatives, the Board affirms its ongoing commitment to continuous improvement in governance in support of students, staff, and the broader community.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

As set out in the Agenda of the Special Meeting on June 22, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Pisek, Chief Executive Officer