

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Public Session: 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

A. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

S. Barnett

B. CALL TO ORDER /NOTING OF MEMBER ABSENCES

S. Barnett

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

S. Barnett

D. AWARD OF CONTRACTS SUMMARY REPORT

S. Veld

E. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

N. Westlake

F. CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROGRAM 2025-26

S. Veld

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Award of Contracts Summary Report

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

BACKGROUND

The Award of Contracts Summary Report is presented to Trustees to provide information with respect to contracts awarded that are equal to or greater than \$750,000. The Summary highlights the project name, the value of the contract awarded, who it was awarded to, and the date of award.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS SUMMARY FOR THE PERIOD

JUNE 1, 2025 TO AUGUST 31, 2025

PROJECT NAME	BID AMOUNT AWARDED	VENDOR(S) AWARDED	CONTRACT AWARD DATE
Welland Centennial Secondary 2025 HVAC & Theatre Upgrades	\$7,825,000	Duomax Developments Limited	June 24, 2025
Classroom Supplies	\$2,041,000*	Above Ground Art Supplies Baldwin School Supply Louise Kool & Galt Merconnet Electronics Office Central Quality Classrooms Scholar's Choice Scholastic Canada School Specialty School Start Spectrum Educational Supplies St John's Music Wintergreen Learning Materials	June 18, 2025

*Estimate – Contract value estimate based on previous expenditures. Contract award will be adjusted based on actual goods and services rendered.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ending August 31, 2025, be received."

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer
September 9, 2025

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer.

Summary of Account

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

BACKGROUND

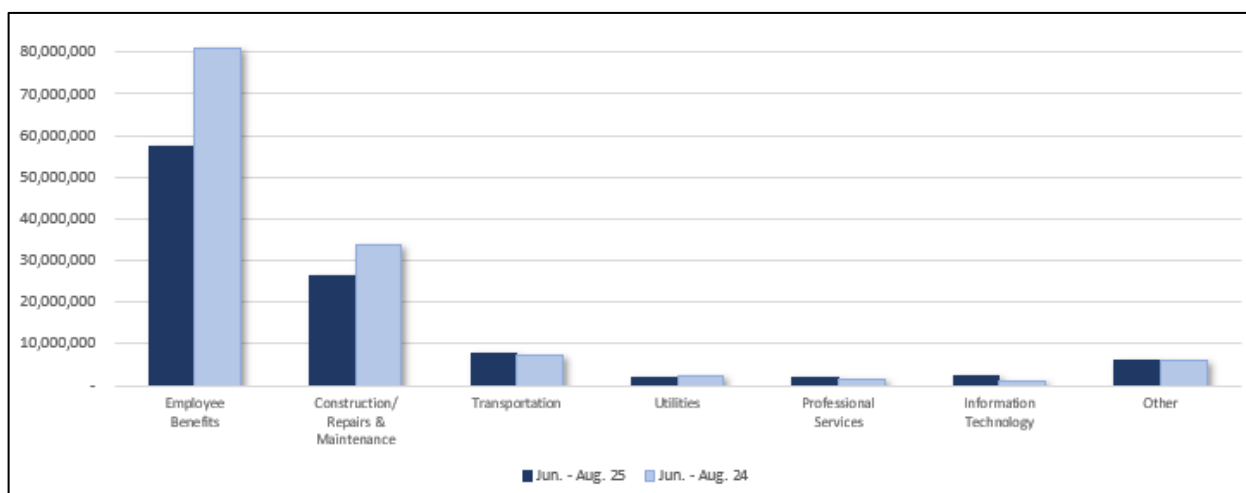
This report summarizes the cash outflow of expenditures paid during the previous months. The summary highlights the costs associated with employee benefits, constructions/repairs & maintenance, transportation, utilities, professional services, information technology purchases and the other non-salary expenditures.

Expenditures are reported on a cash-basis, excluding accruals, and will not match the timing of information presented in quarterly and annual financial reports.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

A summary of accounts paid for the month of June, July and August 2025, is as follows:

Expenditure Category	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,669,146	\$ 19,807,140	\$ 15,002,075
Construction/Repairs & Maintenance	6,552,336	7,887,935	12,037,718
Transportation	3,706,260	3,077,482	679,800
Utilities	347,900	594,063	814,182
Professional Services	962,145	350,174	579,649
Information Technology	1,428,039	414,520	308,756
Other	2,270,584	2,130,811	1,452,694
Total	\$ 37,936,410	\$ 34,235,125	\$ 30,874,875



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RECOMMENDED MOTION

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of June, July and August 2025, totaling \$103,046,410 be received.”

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer
Nicky Westlake, Controller of Finance

September 9, 2025

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer.

Capital Priorities Program 2025-26

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BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Education confirmed in its communication that they are committed to finding solutions to speed up the construction of new schools. The 2025-26 Capital Priorities Program has been encouraged to support shovel ready business cases for new schools.

CAPITAL PRIORITIES PROGRAM

School boards are asked to submit detailed project proposals to address current accommodation needs related to:

- accommodation pressures,
- school consolidation,
- facility condition, and
- access to French language schools.

Additionally, it is requested that school boards provide high level summaries on future, longer term growth needs related to the Housing Supply Action Plan municipal growth plans.

In order to be considered, school board project submissions are required to meet the following criteria:

- the school facility must have a utilization rate equal to or greater than 100%,
- all schools in the surrounding area must also show utilization equal to or greater than 100% in the 5th year after the proposed school opening date, and
- the project must provide a positive investment return and demonstrate a critical and urgent pupil accommodation need to be considered for funding approval.

School boards are asked to complete a project readiness assessment and provide a summary of key project milestones. In this assessment section, the Ministry is requesting detailed information regarding site identification, design plans, project timelines and cost estimates. Priority will be given to projects that are best positioned to be completed in a timely manner. School Boards are also being asked to provide schematic designs based on previous builds in the province or architecturally designed additions, and cost estimates to minimize the work after approvals.

MULTI-YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS

The 2025-26 DSBN submission is a request for projects that have strong business cases. The Board's future requirements have been included in the package that addresses all the Board's growth needs for the next 10 years. With the strict requirements for submission there is no reason to ask for more than four projects at this time as they would not meet the necessary criteria imposed by the Ministry.

The Board's submission for this year is based on what we included last year for the Board's future growth and includes as the first priority a new 513 pupil place elementary school with 49 licenced childcare spaces to serve the Town of Fort Erie and will relieve accommodation pressure at John Brant PS and Garrison Road PS. This new school is scheduled to be open for September 2028.

Shared in our capital priorities submission last year as future growth, we will now be requesting a 9 classroom addition at Glynn A Green PS in Pelham for a total of 585 pupil places, and a 8 classroom addition to Oakwood PS in

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Port Colborne for a total pupil place of 467 and a 22 room classroom and tech shop addition to Greater Fort Erie Secondary School in Fort Erie for a projected capacity for 1,250 students.

Also included in the Board's future growth plans is the identification of 4 new elementary schools with childcare spaces in Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and St. Catharines.

Boundary reports will be presented to Trustees to identify the new school boundaries, ensure that all the capacity requirements at the surrounding schools are met, and continue to address accommodation pressures that support the business case submissions.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

"That the Capital Priorities Program 2025-26 report be approved."

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer

September 9, 2025

For further information, please contact Stacy Veld, Associate Director of Education, Corporate Services and Treasurer.