ORGANIZATION MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Public Session: 5:30 pm

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

By the Secretary of the Board who will chair the meeting until a Chair is elected.

2. READING APPLICABLE BY-LAW PROCEDURES FOR THE ORGANIZATION MEETING

DSBN By-Law F-1 states that "The order of business for the Organization Meeting is to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board and to pass the Signing Authority resolution and the Borrowing Authority resolution."

3. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, the Secretary shall name two scrutineers appointed for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. At the request of a Trustee, or in response to a public invitation to apply, the Board may by majority vote, also approve the appointment of a disinterested external community member to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

Where more than one external community member candidate submits or is submitted for the position of the third scrutineer, a candidate for third scrutineer will be chosen by lot.

All scrutineers must confirm that they will maintain the secrecy of the vote.

Recommended Motion:

"That Jordan Easton be appointed to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chair and Vice-Chair."

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The process for the election of Chair will be carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-6.1 and F-6.2.

Trustees who have accepted a nomination for the position of Chair will have the opportunity to address the Board.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7, the election of the Vice-Chair shall proceed in the same manner as prescribed for the election of the Chair.

Trustees who have accepted a nomination for the position of Vice-Chair will have the opportunity to address the Board.

6. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Recommended Motion:
"That the Ballots be destroyed."

7. SIGNING AUTHORITY

In accordance with DSBN By-Laws B-2, B-3, and B-4:
Recommended Motions:
"That the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board, and the Director of Education or the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for matters concerning corporate governance."

"That the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Board, and the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for cheque signing."

"That the Director of Education or the Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board for operational matters concerning the day-to-day management of the Board."

8. BORROWING AUTHORITY

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current operating expenditures of the District School Board of Niagara (the Board).

A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the Act), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to 45 million dollars ($45,000,000) to meet, until current operating revenue is received, the current operating expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2026, ending on December 31, 2026 (‘the Period’).

B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings, is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.

C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is $0.

D. The amount borrowed for current operating expenditures is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

Recommended Motions:

1. “The Chair or Vice-Chair and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow in accordance with Section 243 of the Education Act from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers acceptance from the Bankers of the Board or from any other approved lender a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate 45 million dollars ($45,000,000) to meet, until current operating revenue is collected, the current operating expenditures of the Board for the Period and to give to the Bankers of the Board or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chair or Vice-Chair and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Bankers of the Board or any other approved lender; and

2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing; and

3. The Secretary or Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed, plus interest, all the moneys collected or received in respect of the current operating revenues of the Board.”

9. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION MEETING

Recommended Motions:

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its Organization Meeting held on November 18, 2025, 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."

10. ADJOURNMENT