THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NINTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
6:30 P.M.

Present: Trustees Eleanor Ashe, Lawrence Badanai, Leanne Fonso, Dina McFarlane, Sarah Pelletier, Tony Romeo, Francis Veneruz; Student Trustees Via Kembel, Christina Tassone, Madeline Wood

Administration: JP Tennier, Frank Lacaria, Brent Mandryk, Allison Sargent

Guests: Jill Thompson - Manager of Employee Services, Melanie Biesenthal - Coordinator of Math, Adam Dubeau - Principal, Karen McKissick - Coordinator of Safety, Frank Ruberto - Principal

Recorder: Kim Strickland, Executive Assistant

1.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER Chair Romeo called the meeting to order. Trustee Fonso read the Land Acknowledgement. Fr. Ciarán Donnelly led the opening prayer.
2.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee McFarlane **THAT** THE AGENDA FOR THE NINTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, BE APPROVED. RES #B3757 CARRIED
3.	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST "Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1983, the following Trustees disclosed their interest and stated the general nature of their interest:" NIL
4.	IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION Moved by Trustee Veneruz Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD NOW RESOLVE INTO IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION WITH TRUSTEE FONSO IN THE CHAIR TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: 4.1 - Personnel Matter 4.2 - Financial Matter 4.3 - Personnel Matter AND **THAT** THIS MEETING SHALL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(2) OF THE EDUCATION ACT. RES #B3758 CARRIED
5.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

	5.1 Eighth Regular Board Meeting – Monday, September 15, 2025 Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Fonso **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025. RES #B3759 CARRIED
6.	DELEGATIONS AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS
	6.1 HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE Director JP Tennier introduced Coordinator of Safety, Karen McKissick, who provided Trustees with a verbal update on the Board's Health and Safety injury statistics and initiatives.
	6.2 SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT Superintendent Allison Sargent introduced Principal Frank Ruberto, who provided Trustees with a report on the successful 2024 Summer School program, including enrolment figures, credit allocation, and recommendations for future programming.
	6.3 SUMMER LEARNING REPORT Superintendent Frank Lacaria introduced Principal Kris Bragnalo, who presented Trustees with a summary of the 2024 Summer Learning programs at Holy Cross and St Martin Elementary schools.
	6.4 MATH ACTION PLAN UPDATE Superintendent Frank Lacaria introduced Melanie Biesenthal, Coordinator of Math, who presented Trustees with an update on the "Math Achievement Plan" that was released by the Ministry of Education in 2023, including plans for the 2024-25 school year.
7.	COMMITTEE REPORTS
	7.1 STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE Student Trustees Via Kembel and Christina Tassone and Indigenous Student Trustee Madeline Wood provided a verbal update on the activities at their schools.
8.	REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION
	Moved by Trustee Ashe Seconded by Trustee Badanai **THAT** WE RISE AND REPORT PROGRESS AND ASK SIT IN PUBLIC SESSION. RES #BIC2699 CARRIED Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Veneruz **THAT** THE REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION BE APPROVED. RES #B3760 CARRIED
9.	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

	9.1 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES Moved by Trustee Ashe Seconded by Trustee Fonso **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RENEWS THE MEMBERSHIP WITH OCSTA IN THE AMOUNT OF $34,385.00 AND **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RENEWS THE MEMBERSHIP WITH OSTA-AECO IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,763.82.	RES #B3761 CARRIED
	9.2 POLICY 728: CHILD IN NEED OF PROTECTION Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Pelletier **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED POLICY 728: CHILD IN NEED OF PROTECTION AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025.	RES #B3762 CARRIED
	9.3 POLICY 601: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES Moved by Trustee Ashe Seconded by Trustee McFarlane **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED POLICY 601: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS & SERVICES AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025.	RES #B3763 CARRIED
	9.4 POLICY 719: APPROPRIATE DRESS Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED POLICY 719: APPROPRIATE DRESS AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025.	RES #B3764 CARRIED
	9.5 POLICY 306: PURCHASING Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Veneruz **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED POLICY 306: PURCHASING AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2025.	RES #B3765 CARRIED
10.	ITEMS OF INFORMATION	
	10.1 OCSTA NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING TBCDSB hosted the OCSTA Northwest Regional Meeting at the Catholic Education Centre on October 3, 2025. Trustee Romeo provided a brief overview of the details of the event.	
	10.2 SEAC MEETING #4 MINUTES - APRIL 16, 2025 Minutes from the SEAC meeting on April 16, 2025 were presented.	

	ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER (Trustee Fonso) Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE NINTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M. RES #B3766 CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD	SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

November 3, 2025
DATE