THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FOURTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Guests: Jill Thompson, Manager of Employee Services; Paul Mignault, Manager of Facility Services; Matt Goetz, Business Services Supervisor; Katie Matthews, Mental Health Lead; Ryan McWhirter, System Principal; Lisa Lake and Todd Perrier, Attendance Counsellors; Melanie Biesenthal, Coordinator of Mathematics

Recorder: Kim Strickland, Executive Assistant

1.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER Chairperson Veneruz called the meeting to order. Trustee Ashe read the Land Acknowledgement. Fr. Ciarán Donnelly led the opening prayer.
2.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Romeo **THAT** THE AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, BE APPROVED. RES #B3802 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 McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Fonso **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 - Financial Matter 4.4 - Financial Matter 4.5 - Personnel Matter AND **THAT** THIS MEETING SHALL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(2) OF THE EDUCATION ACT. RES #B3803 CARRIED

5.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
	5.1 Third Regular Board Meeting – Monday, February 9, 2026 Moved by Trustee Fonso Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026. RES #B3804 CARRIED
6.	DELEGATIONS AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS
	6.1 MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE Mental Health Lead Katie Matthews provided an update on this year's referrals and training. Superintendent Allison Sargent provided an update on the progress made towards PPM 169 and the implementation of Erin's Law.
	6.2 ATTENDANCE UPDATE Attendance Counsellors Lisa Lake and Todd Perrier provided an update which included current attendance statistics, strengths and next steps.
7.	COMMITTEE REPORTS
	7.1 STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE Student Trustees Via Kembel, Christina Tassone, and Madeline Wood provided a verbal update on the activities at their schools.
8.	REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION
	Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Romeo **THAT** WE RISE AND REPORT PROGRESS AND ASK SIT IN PUBLIC SESSION. RES #BIC2707 CARRIED Moved by Trustee Pelletier Seconded by Trustee Badanai **THAT** THE REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION BE APPROVED. RES #B3805 CARRIED
9.	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
	9.1 MATH ACHIEVEMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Romeo **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE 2025-2026 MATH ACHIEVEMENT ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT AS PRESENTED. RES #B3806 CARRIED

	9.2 POLICY 830: FOOTWEAR SAFETY Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE REVISED POLICY 830: FOOTWEAR SAFETY AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2026.	RES #B3807 CARRIED
	9.3 TRUSTEE DETERMINATION & DISTRIBUTION: 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS Moved by Trustee Romeo Seconded by Trustee Fonso **THAT** FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION, THE THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD DOES NOT DESIGNATE ANY MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOARD'S AREA OF JURISDICTION AS A LOW POPULATION AREA.	RES #B3808 CARRIED
10.	ITEMS OF INFORMATION	
	10.1 – SEAC Minutes - January 21, 2026 Superintendent Sargent shared the minutes from the SEAC meeting on January 21, 2026.	
	ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER (Trustee Ashe) Moved by Trustee Pelletier Seconded by Trustee Fonso **THAT** THE FOURTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, ADJOURN AT 8:13 P.M.	RES #B3809 CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD	SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

April 20, 2026
DATE