

## Organization Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
Education Centre  
St. Catharines  
6:00 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 ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

DSBN By-Law F-1 states "The order of business for the Organization Meeting of the Board is to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board."

DSBN By-Law F-6 and F-7: Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be read by the Director as Secretary of the Board.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS**

In accordance with DSBN By-Law F-5, the secretary shall name two scrutineers appointed for the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. At the request of a Trustee, the Board may by majority vote, also approve the appointment of a disinterested party to serve as a third scrutineer for the election of Chairperson and/or Vice-Chairperson.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The process for the election of a Chairperson 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 Chairperson will have the opportunity to address the Board.

**5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

The process for the election of a Vice-Chairperson will be carried out in accordance with DSBN By-Law F-7.

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

**6. MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS****Recommended Motion:**

“That the Ballots be destroyed.”

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

As the current committee allocations remain in effect until August 31, 2016, save and except the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) which is a four (4) year commitment, there is no requirement to select committee membership at this time.

**8. SIGNING AUTHORITY****Recommended Motion:**

That the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board, be the signing officers of the Board,

AND

That for the payment of the accounts, automatic cheque signing equipment be used bearing the signature of the Chairperson and

Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

**9. BORROWING AUTHORITY**

A resolution authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current 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 revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016 ('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 expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

**Recommended Motion:**

1. "The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary/Treasurer 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 revenue is collected, the current 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 Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and the Secretary/Treasurer 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/Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed, plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.”

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”