

Date: Time: Location:	<b>December 21, 2023</b> 3:00 p.m. Central Operations
Members Present	Chair Crystal Owens Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski Trustee Marie Dyck Trustee Moise Dion Trustee Lori Leitch Trustee David Rushton Trustee Edith Giesbrecht
Staff Present:	Superintendent Adam Murray Executive Assistant Chris Warne
Staff Absent	Deputy Superintendent Jeff Thompson Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Freeman

PRSD Legal Counsel Yvon Prefontaine from Brownlee LLP attended the meeting virtually.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Owens.

The meeting recessed at 3:03 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:11 p.m.

## 2. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### 15743

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski That the agenda for the Special Meeting of the Board December 21, 2023, be approved as presented.

7-0 Carried

#### 3. INTRODUCTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT HEARING

Board Chair Owens indicated this Special Meeting of the Board has been called to consider a complaint by a Trustee alleging violations of the Trustee Code of Conduct against another Trustee, which she will refer to by reference number 2023-01.

A notice of this meeting was sent out to all trustees on Friday, December 15, 2023, by email and five trustees other than Chair Owens replied that they received the information, one trustee did not reply.

As this is a Trustee Code of Conduct matter, the majority of this meeting will be in-camera. For the duration of this meeting, everyone is to be respectful, polite and courteous of everyone in attendance.

Chair Owens requested a motion to move in-camera.

#### 15744

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton That the meeting move in-camera at 3:12 p.m.

7-0 Carried

Chair Owens left the meeting at 3:18 pm

Vice-Chair Buchinski assumed the duties of the Chair at 3:18 p.m. Chair Owens returned to the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and resumed duties of the Chair Superintendent Murray left the meeting at 3:22 p.m. Superintendent Murray returned to the meeting at 3:23 p.m. Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 3:28 p.m. Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Trustee Leitch and Superintendent Murray left the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Trustee Dion left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 4:16 pm The meeting resumed at 4:20 p.m.

Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 5:14 p.m. Trustee Dyck and Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Trustee Dyck returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 6:12 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m.

> **15745 Moved by:** Trustee Rushton That the meeting revert to regular session at 6:24 p.m.

5-0Carried

While in-camera legal issues were discussed.

#### 15746

#### Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That the Board of Trustees accepts the investigation report findings of the third-party independent investigator.

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#### Carried

#### 15747

#### Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That Trustee Dion will be censured until at least September 1, 2024, upon the following conditions:

- 1. That Trustee Dion will only be allowed to attend Board meetings virtually until the censure is purged.
- 2. That the Board chair will recognize Trustee Dion and all questions are directed only to the Board Chair regarding any matter before the board of trustees.
- **3.** That Trustee Dion will not be permitted to attend any public functions until the censure is purged or at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- **4.** That Trustee Dion will not be permitted to attend any school events until the censure is purged.
- 5. That Trustee Dion will be removed from all committees until the censure is purged.
- 6. That Trustee Dion's email will be blocked except to the Board Chair, other members of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with board policy.
- **7.** That Trustee Dion shall participate in mediation and / or training and cause for a positive report to be issued to the attention of the Board Chair to be shared with the Board of Trustees regarding the mediation process.
- 8. That Trustee Dion take training related to governance matters.

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## Carried

#### 15748

Moved by: Trustee Giesbrecht

That the Board Chair is authorized to issue written reasons on behalf of the Board of Trustees to Trustee Dion.

5-0 Carried

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

**15749 Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski That the meeting be adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

5-0 Carried

**Certified Correct:** 

Superintendent Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:

Chair