

Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting September 26, 2024

Date:

September 26, 2024

Time:

9:30 a.m.

Location:

Central Operations

Members Present

Chair Crystal Owens

Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski

Trustee Lori Leitch

Trustee Edith Giesbrecht Trustee David Rushton Trustee Marie Dyck

Members Present Virtually

Trustee Moïse Dion

Staff Present:

Executive Assistant Chris Warne

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Owens

2. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

The agenda of the 9:30 a.m. Special Meeting of the Board was reviewed and the 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board item was brought forward by Board Chair Owens.

15916

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the 9:30 a.m. Special Meeting of the Board agenda be approved as amended.

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Carried

3. STRATEGIC - No Items

4. GENERATIVE

- 4.1. Address Motion #15747 (Owens)
- 4.2. Address Motion #15862 (Buchinski)
- 4.3. Code of Conduct (Owens) (amendment addition from the 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board Agenda)

15917

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That the meeting move in-camera at 9:32 a.m.

7-0 Carried

Trustee Leitch left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Dion left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Trustee Giesbrecht left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Trustee Giesbrecht returned to the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

15918

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That the meeting revert to regular session at 11:12 a.m.

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Carried

While in-camera legal issues were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 11:12 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

4.1 Address Motion #15747 (Owens)

15919

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

Trustee complaint 2023-01 with respect to motion #15747 that Trustee Dion will remain under censure until the end of his term with the following conditions:

- 1. That Trustee Dion will only be allowed to attend Board meetings virtually for the remainder of his term.
- 2. That during board meetings all of Trustee Dion's communication will be directed by electronic means only to the vice-chair or alternate regarding any matter before the board of trustees until the end of his term.
- 3. That Trustee Dion will not be permitted to attend any public functions in his role as trustee until the end of his term or at the discretion of the Board Chair.
- 4. That Trustee Dion will not be permitted to attend any events in any capacity on Peace River School Division property until the end of his term.
- 5. That Trustee Dion will be removed from all committees until the end of his term.



6. That Trustee Dion's email will be blocked to Peace River School Division staff except to the Board Chair, other members of the board of the trustees and the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with board policy.

5-0 Carried

The meeting recessed at 11:28 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11:30 a.m.

Board Chair Owens handed the duties of the Chair to Vice-Chair Buchinski at 11:30 a.m. Vice-Chair Buchinski assumed duties of the Chair at 11:30 a.m. Trustee Leitch joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Trustee Dion joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

15920

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the meeting move in-camera at 11:32 a.m.

7-0 Carried

Board Chair Owens left the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Trustee Dion left the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 12:22 p.m. Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:55 p.m. The meeting resumed after lunch at 1:13 p.m.

Board Chair Owens and Trustee Dion joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m. Board Chair Owens and Trustee Dion left the meeting 1:15 p.m. Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

15921

Moved by: Trustee Rushton That the meeting revert to regular session at 1:39 p.m.

5-0 Carried

While in-camera legal issues were discussed.

The meeting recessed at 1:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:51 p.m.





4.2 Address Motion #15862 (Buchinski)

15922

Moved by: Trustee Leitch

That with respect to Board motion #15862 Trustee Code of Conduct matter 2024-01 that Trustee Dion has not complied with the directed remedial actions set out in motion #15862

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Carried

15923

Moved by: Trustee Leitch

That with respect to the Trustee Code of Conduct complaint matter 2024-01 the sanction for the breach by Trustee Dion is disqualification.

Recorded Vote

Trustee Dyck	no
Trustee Giesbrecht	yes
Trustee Leitch	yes
Trustee Buchinski	yes
Trustee Rushton	yes

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Carried

15924

Moved by: Trustee Leitch

That Trustee Dion was offered the opportunity to resign in accordance with Section 90 of the Education Act and Trustee Dion has refused to resign. Therefore, in accordance with Section 91 (a) of the Education Act the Board of Trustees declares Trustee Dion to be disqualified from remaining as a trustee and the seat on the board to be vacant.

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Carried

15925

Moved by: Trustee Leitch

That the Board Vice-Chair is authorized to issue written reasons on behalf of the Board of Trustees Trustee Code of Conduct complaint matter 2024-01 including the progressive discipline that has been followed relative to Trustee Dion.

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Carried

The meeting recessed at 2:04 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:15 p.m.



Board Chair Owens returned to the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Moise Dion returned to the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Board Chair Owens assumed duties of the Chair at 2:19 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 2:19 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:25 p.m.

4.3 Code of Conduct (Owens)

15926

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That item 4.3 Code of Conduct information be received for information

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Carried

15927

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting move in-camera at 2:26 p.m.

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Carried

15928

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That the meeting revert to regular session at 3:01 p.m.

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Carried

While in-camera legal was discussed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

15929

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Carried

Certified Correct:

Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved