

**YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YRDSB)  
YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (YCDSB)**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION  
JOINT BOARD CONSORTIUM**

The Joint Board Consortium meeting was held electronically on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

YRDSB Trustees: L. Hoeg and R. Lynn

YRDSB Staff: B. Cober and V. Maharaj

YCDSB Trustees: E. Crowe, J. Di Meo and A. Grella

YCDSB Staff: C. McNeil, J. De Faveri and T. Pechkovsky

STSYR Staff: N. Smith

Presiding: YRDSB Trustee J. Di Meo

Recording Officer: L. Toniutti

Also in Attendance: YRDSB Trustees P. McCarthy and N. Mahmood,  
YCDSB Trustees M. Iafrate and A. Saggese and  
YRDSB Administrative Assistant, Trustee Services S. Infanti

**CALL TO ORDER**

YCDSB Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations T. Pechkovsky called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were declared by trustees at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by common consent, as written.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no changes or objections to the October 18, 2023 minutes of the Joint Board Consortium (Public Session) meeting. The minutes were approved, as written.

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

There was no business arising from the minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

### **Election of Joint Board Consortium Co-Chairs for 2024-2025**

#### **Election of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from York Catholic District School Board**

YCDSB Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations T. Pechkovsky called for nominations for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from the York Catholic District School Board.

Trustee E. Crowe nominated Trustee J. Di Meo for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair. Trustee J. Di Meo accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

At this time, it was announced that YCDSB Trustee J. Di Meo had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Election of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from York Region District School Board**

YCDSB Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations T. Pechkovsky called for nominations for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair from the York Region District School Board.

Trustee R. Lynn nominated Trustee L. Hoeg for the position of Joint Board Consortium Committee Co-Chair. Trustee L. Hoeg accepted the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

At this time, it was announced that YRDSB Trustee L. Hoeg had been acclaimed to the position of Co-Chair of the Joint Board Consortium for the 2024-2025 school year.

At this time, Trustee J. Di Meo assumed the position of Co-Chair.

### **2024-2025 Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The proposed Joint Board Consortium meeting schedule and locations for the 2024-2025 school year is as follows;

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at the York Catholic District School Board;

- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the York Region District School Board; and
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the York Region District School Board.

(\*)1. Moved by R. Lynn, seconded by E. Crowe;

**That the proposed meeting schedule and locations for the 2024-2025 school year be approved.**

- Carried -

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Student Transportation Services York Region (STSYR) Service Update**

STSYR Manager N. Smith provided a year-to-date service report for STSYR. N. Smith reported that despite driver shortages, traffic, and construction delays, the on-time performance has improved from 92 per cent in September 2023 to 98 per cent as of February 2024. STSYR staff and operators continue to work together to ensure optimal service delivery.

### **Recruitment and Retention Bonus**

Manager Smith updated the Joint Board Consortium regarding the Recruitment and Retention Bonus (RRB) introduced in the 2023-2024 Student Transportation Grant. Funding for the RRB allocated \$2,363.00 for each school bus route based on routing simulation results. The Ministry of Education (MOE) directed school boards and consortia to flow the allocated funds to operators to administer these payments. The estimated cost for the 2023-2024 school year is \$2.5M for both boards. The flow of funds is an added cost to the YRDSB and the YCDSB.

### **Transportation Eligibility Parameters**

N. Smith reported on the eligibility parameters set by the MOE and school boards throughout the province. The MOE introduced a revised Student Transportation Grant for the 2023-2024 school year that establishes common reference standards, including home-to-school distance criteria, for funding student transportation services across the province.

STSYR staff have analyzed the estimated financial and operational impact of changes to the Board's respective distance eligibility parameters. The elementary student distance parameters vary throughout the province. At this time, administration continues to support a collaborative, simultaneous review of the transportation policies of the two respective school boards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair J. Di Meo noted there was no further business and the Joint Board Consortium (Public Session) meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.