

# THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 25, 2025, 7:00 P.M.  
Board Room, Education Centre

### TRUSTEES

L. Hopkins	S. Polhill
M. Larsen	M. Ruddock (+7:41)(- 8:22) (+9:04)
G. McGahey	C. Sachs
S. Moore	B. Smith (+7:06)
A. Morell	
L. Osbourne	E. Park
L. Pizzolato	L. Westlake
	S. Vimal (-9:14)

### ABSENT

D. Cripps  
B. Mai (Chair)

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS

B. Tucker	S. Powell
K. Wilkinson	T. Vacante
A. Canham	P. Sydor
K. Auckland	D. Wright
J. Bruce	A. Chahbar
J. Beynon	M. Young
S. Builder	S. Gingras
K. Crawford	S. Smith
C. Giannacopoulos	L. Kite
L. Griffith-Jones	C. Stager (- 7:59)
C. Lynd	

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Interim Director Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Bylaws, section 6.6.3, the Board shall appoint a pro tempore to chair the meeting.

Trustee Moore nominated Trustee Morell to chair the meeting. Trustee Morell accepted and was appointed without objection.

## 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pro tempore Chair Morell acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

## 3. O CANADA

The meeting was opened with a performance of O Canada by the Westmount Public School String Ensemble.

## 4. SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Trustee Moore welcomed the Westmount Public School String Ensemble. Trustee Moore extended appreciation to the group for their performance and to Conductor L. Walter for leading the playing of O Canada and two musical selections.

The meeting stood at ease while the group vacated the Board room.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion, the agenda and consent agenda were approved as printed.

**Moved by** S. Moore

**Seconded by** C. Sachs

**ADOPTED**

**a. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following motion was adopted as part of the consent agenda:

THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2025, Regular Board meeting be approved.

**6. OFFICIAL RECORD**

Supervisor Smith read the following official record into the minutes:

We regret to record the death of Gayle Morphew on February 16, 2025. Gayle was a staff member in Purchasing Services at the Education Centre.

A moment of silence was observed.

**7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**8. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Interim Director Tucker highlighted Black History Month, the online School Climate Survey, and the celebration of the Eagle Heights Public School renovations.

Interim Director Tucker acknowledged the death of former Board employee Dr. George Phills, Chief Psychologist for the TVDSB, noting he was selected to be one of the notable Canadians for this year's Black History Month across Canada.

Interim Director Tucker announced the incoming Indigenous Student Trustee Hailee-Rose Hill and incoming Students Trustees Anushka Bist and Emily Gyurki for the 2025-2026 academic year.

An update on the Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF) Caring Fund was provided regarding awards and scholarships, the Toonie Tuesday fundraiser, and funds to date.

## **10. PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **11. MINUTES OF THE 2025 JANUARY 28 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

### **a. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 28, 2025 Regular Board meeting were approved as printed as part of agenda item #5.a Consent Agenda.

### **b. Unfinished Business**

None.

## **12. STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE**

Student Trustees Park, Westlake and Vimal reported that Student Trustees participated in the 2025-2026 TVDSB Indigenous Student Trustee and Student Trustees Elections held at the Education Centre.

Student Trustees highlighted conferences and meetings that were attended such as the Ontario Student Trustees' Association - l'Association des élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO) Education Action Conference, the Truth and Reconciliation Advocacy Interest Group, the Southwest Leadership Conference, the Public Education Interest Group, and the first virtual Student Advisory Council meeting. It was noted that there will be an OSTA-AECO Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in 2025 May.

Student Trustee Vimal provided an update on her role as the Outreach Lead of the Student Well-Being Advocacy Interest Group.

A question of clarification was addressed by Student Trustee Vimal regarding the Artificial Intelligence (AI) presentation at the OSTA-AECO EAC Conference.

Appreciation was extended to all participants involved in the TVDSB Indigenous Student Trustee and Student Trustees Elections.

Pro tempore Chair Morell extended appreciation to Trustee Executive Assistant Hancock and Superintendent Vacante for their work and support with the TVDSB Indigenous Student and Student Trustees Elections.

## **13. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **a. 2023-2024 Final Report Card Data Bi-Annual Update**

Interim Associate Director Wilkinson introduced Superintendents Auckland, Builder and Giannacopoulos, and Research and Assessment Manager Stager who provided a PowerPoint presentation on 2023-2024

Final Report Card Data. It was noted the information is being provided in response to a Trustee motion.

Elementary and secondary report card data for literacy, math, and science were highlighted noting the alignment with the TVDSB's Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP).

A point of clarification was well taken by the Pro tempore Chair regarding the passing rate listed in the report.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding bi-annual trend reporting, the correlation between the report card data and the TVDSB Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results, the destreamed curricula to address disparities between academic and applied courses and providing Indigenous student report card data to the Board of Trustees.

It was clarified that report card data and EQAO data are two separate forms of assessments.

Pro tempore Chair Morell extended appreciation to the presenters.

**b. 2025-2026 School Year Calendars**

Superintendent Canham presented for approval the 2025-2026 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars. The communication plan and development process were outlined, noting extensive consultation with stakeholders led to the alignment of the elementary and secondary school calendars.

It was noted that the draft calendars as presented are fully compliant with Ministry of Education requirements and align with the calendar of the co-terminus board.

Questions of clarification were addressed by Administration regarding the public input (PI) process and timelines, the impact/changes resulting from student feedback, the involvement of board partners, Professional Activity (PA)s, and school year calendars discussions with the coterminous Board and Ministry of Education timelines.

In response to a question, clarification was provided about the details of the draft 2025-2026 School Year Calendars.

Interim Director Tucker provided historical background regarding the scheduling of a PA Day after Labour Day.

Pro tempore Chair Morell extended appreciation to the presenter.

**Moved by L. Hopkins**  
**Seconded by B. Smith**

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the 2025-2026 School Year  
Calendars (Elementary and Secondary)

**ADOPTED**

**14. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES**

**a. First Nations Advisory Committee, 2025 January 21**

Trustee McGahey referred to the written report of the First Nations Advisory Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package.

There were no recommendations or questions of clarification.

**b. Audit Committee, 2025 January 22 (Special)**

Trustee Hopkins referred to the written report of the Audit Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

There were no recommendations or questions of clarification.

**c. Program and School Services Advisory Committee, 2025 February 4**

Trustee Smith referred to the written report of the Program and School Services Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

There were no recommendations or questions of clarification.

**d. Special Education Advisory Committee, 2025 February 4**

Trustee Pizzolato referred to the written report of the Special Education Advisory Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

There were no recommendations or questions of clarification.

**e. Board Governance and Bylaw Review Committee, 2025 February 10**

Trustee Osbourne referred to the written report of the Board Governance and Bylaw Review Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

A question of clarification was addressed by Trustee Osbourne regarding the affect of the legislative changes may have on the Program and School Services Advisory Committee, the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee and Board meetings and committees impacted by the new regulation taking place 2025 September 1.

It was noted that the Board Governance and Bylaw Review Committee will review which meetings may be affected, and review best practices utilized by other school boards and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).

The recommendation of the committee was outlined.

A question of clarification was addressed by Administration regarding if a record of the mover and seconder of motions are captured in committee or Board minutes.

Trustee Osbourne provided the rationale for the motion.

**Moved by L. Osbourne**

**Seconded by L. Hopkins**

THAT the changes, as provided, to Appendix B Special Rules Section 6.4 in the TVDSB Bylaws be approved.

**POSTPONED**

Trustee Pizzolato provided rationale for the request to postpone the motion.

**Moved by L. Pizzolato**

**Seconded by S. Moore**

THAT the motion, "THAT the changes, as provided, to Appendix B Special Rules Section 6.4 in the TVDSB Bylaws be approved" be postponed.

**ADOPTED**

**f. Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee, 2025 February 11**

Pro tempore Chair Morell referred to the written report of the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

The recommendation of the committee was outlined.

Pro tempore Chair Morell provided the rationale for the motion.

Trustees again the motion argued concerns regarding the Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation (STS) Agreement financial implications if accepted, the implications to the TVDSB funding, implications if the motion is deferred, and the history of continuing to follow the process of past STS agreements.

**Moved by** L. Osbourne  
**Seconded by** L. Hopkins

THAT the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Services (STS)  
Service Agreement for 2025-26 be approved.

**POSTPONED**

**Amendment:**  
**Moved by** L. Pizzolato  
**Seconded by** L. Osbourne

**TO add** the words “be postponed until the preliminary budget is  
presented”

THAT the motion, “THAT the Southwestern Ontario Transportation  
Services (STS) Service Agreement for 2025-26 be approved’ be  
postponed until the preliminary budget is presented.

**ADOPTED**

Pro tempore Chair Morell declared the motion to postpone was adopted unanimously.

A point of order was well taken by the Pro tempore Chair Morell relevant to the process  
for Student Trustees to vote on motions.

**g. Policy Working Committee, 2025 February 11**

Trustee Sachs referred to the written report of the Policy Working  
Committee provided to Trustees in the agenda package.

There were no recommendations or questions of clarification.

**h. Chair’s Committee, 2025 February 18**

Pro tempore Chair Morell referred to the written report of the Chair's  
Committee provided to the Trustees in the agenda package.

The recommendation of the committee was outlined.

Pro tempore Chair Morell provided the rationale for the motion.

**Moved by** S. Moore  
**Seconded by** L. Hopkins

THAT all Committee Chairs, with their designates, and the Chair of  
the Board, review the committee/board work plans to flag any non-

essential reports for rescheduling; and that a session/workshop be booked to review the task.

**ADOPTED**

Pro tempore Chair Morell declared the motion was adopted unanimously.

**i. Indigenous Task Force, Final Report**

Trustee McGahey referred to the written report of the Indigenous Task Force provided to Trustees in the agenda package.

The recommendation of the committee was outlined.

Trustee McGahey provided the rationale for the motion.

**Moved by** G. McGahey

**Seconded by** L. Hopkins

THAT the Indigenous Task Force be extended and present a final report to the Board no later than April 2025.

**ADOPTED**

**j. Committee of the Whole, In-Camera, 2025 February 25**

Trustee Pizzolato reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera from 5:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. and 9:28 p.m. - 10:28 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

The committee discussed confidential legal, negotiation, property, and personal matters.

**Moved by** L. Pizzolato

**Seconded by** S. Moore

THAT the motions at the in-camera session of February 25, 2025, related to property be approved.

**ADOPTED**

**15. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES**

**a. Award of Distinction**

There is no update as the committee has not met.

**b. Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee**



Trustee Moore provided an update from the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee noting small group work was completed and next steps were established.

**c. Environmental Education and Management**

There is no update as the committee has not met.

**16. TRUSTEE UPDATES FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES**

**a. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee Moore provided an update from the OPSBA, noting upcoming events, an opportunity to submit proposals for amendments for the OPSBA by-laws, governance webinar funding from the Ministry of Education, Integrity Commissioners, and Jordan's Principle advocacy.

A question of clarification was addressed by Pro tempore Chair Morell regarding the OPSBA resolution and if it should be put forward as a Notice of Motion to the TVDSB Board.

**b. Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF)**

Trustee Larsen provided an update on the Memorandum of Understanding between the TVEF and TVDSB, TVEF finances, the Toonie Tuesday fundraiser, and the TVEF AGM.

**c. Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations**

Trustee Sachs provided an update from the Thames Valley Council of Home and School Associations, noting presentations from Colour Me Inc. Ltd., and the President of Home and School Associations.

**17. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

**19. MOTION – NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN**

None.

**20. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS BY MEMBERS**

A question regarding providing a notice of motion to the Board of Trustees regarding agenda item #13. b 2025-2026 School Year Calendars was noted.

In response to a question, Administration will provide Trustee Smith with the French Immersion English/French provincial standard breakdown by grade.

A question of clarification was addressed by Administration regarding bilingual information online for parents of Grade 3 and Grade 6 French Immersion students who will be writing EQAO tests in English.

The meeting recessed at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 10:28 p.m.

## **21. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Arlene Morell**  
Pro tempore Chair

Recording Secretary: LK

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**February 28, 2025, 12:45 p.m.  
Board Room, Education Centre**

**TRUSTEES**

D. Cripps	L. Osbourne
L. Hopkins	L. Pizzolato
M. Larsen	S. Polhill
B. Mai (Chair)	M. Ruddock
S. Moore	C. Sachs
A. Morell	B. Smith

**ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS**

B. Tucker  
C. Dockendorff  
S. Hickson

**REGRETS:**

B. Mai

**ABSENT:**

G. McGahey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Interim Director Tucker called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and requested a Chair's designate to assume the position of chair for the meeting.

Trustee Morell was acclaimed as the pro tempore Chair for the meeting.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Morell acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

**3. O CANADA**

The meeting was opened with a pre-recorded playing of O Canada by Parkview Public School.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the agenda was approved as printed.

**Moved by** L. Osbourne

**Seconded by** C. Sachs

**ADOPTED**

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA, 2025 FEBRUARY 28**

Chair Morell reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera on 2025 February 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 12:57 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee discussed confidential personal matters.

**Moved by** S. Polhill

**Seconded by** L. Pizzolato

THAT, a leave of absence be granted to Trustee B. Mai from the Board effective on or before 2025 March 7 for no longer than 29 days.

**ADOPTED**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**Arlene Morell**  
Acting Chairperson

Recording Secretary: SH

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

March 3, 2025  
11:15 am  
Board Room, Education Centre

**TRUSTEES**

D. Cripps	L. Osbourne
L. Hopkins	L. Pizzolato
M. Larsen	S. Polhill
B. Mai (Chair)	M. Ruddock
S. Moore	C. Sachs
A. Morell	B. Smith

**ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS**

B. Tucker
L. Griffith-Jones
K. Wilkinson
C. Dockendorff
S. Hickson

**ABSENT:**

G. McGahey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mai called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

**2. O CANADA**

The meeting was opened with a pre-recorded playing of O Canada by H.B. Beal Secondary School.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the agenda was approved as printed.

**Moved by** L. Hopkins

**Seconded by** C. Sachs

**ADOPTED**

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**5. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA, 2025 MARCH 3**

Trustee Cripps reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera on 2025 March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:47 a.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee discussed confidential personnel matters.

**Moved by** D. Cripps

**Seconded by** A. Morell

THAT the motions at the in-camera session of 2025 March 3 related to personnel matters be approved.

**ADOPTED**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

**Beth Mai**  
Chairperson

Recording Secretary: SH

**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

March 4, 2025  
3:45 pm  
Board Room, Education Centre

**TRUSTEES**

D. Cripps	L. Osbourne
L. Hopkins	L. Pizzolato
M. Larsen	S. Polhill
B. Mai (Chair)	C. Sachs
S. Moore	
A. Morell	

**ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS**

S. Hickson

**ABSENT:**

G. McGahey  
M. Ruddock  
B. Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mai called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Mai acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

**3. O CANADA**

The meeting was opened with a pre-recorded playing of O Canada by L.B. Pearson Public School.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the agenda was approved as printed.

**Moved by** C. Sachs

**Seconded by** S. Moore

**ADOPTED**

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA, 2025 MARCH 4**

Trustee Cripps reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera on 2025 March 4 from 2:36 p.m. to 3:39 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee discussed confidential personnel matters.

**Moved by** D. Cripps

**Seconded by** L. Hopkins

THAT the motion at the in-camera session of 2025 March 4 related to personnel matters be approved.

**ADOPTED**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

**Beth Mai**  
Chairperson

Recording Secretary: SH



**THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

March 6, 2025  
8:46 pm  
Board Room, Education Centre

**TRUSTEES**

D. Cripps	L. Osbourne
M. Larsen	L. Pizzolato
B. Mai (Chair)	S. Polhill
G. McGahey	C. Sachs
S. Moore	
A. Morell	

**ADMINISTRATION AND OTHERS**

B. Tucker
L. Griffith-Jones
I. Johnstone
M. Zega
S. Hickson

**REGRETS:**

B. Smith

**ABSENT:**

S. Polhill  
M. Ruddock

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Mai called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Mai acknowledged the traditional territory on which the Board meeting is held.

**3. O CANADA**

The meeting was opened with the playing of O Canada by H.B. Beal Secondary School.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, the agenda was approved as printed.

**Moved by:** D. Cripps

**Seconded by:** S. Moore

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN-CAMERA, 2025 MARCH 6**

Trustee Cripps reported the Committee of the Whole met in-camera on 2025 March 6 from 7:01 p.m. to 8:43 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest declared. The committee discussed confidential personnel matters.

**Moved by D. Cripps**  
**Seconded by A. Morell**

THAT the motions at the in-camera session of 2025 March 6 related to personnel matters be approved.

**ADOPTED**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

**Beth Mai**  
Chairperson

Recording Secretary: SH