ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday November 10, 2026
EDUCATION CENTRE
Public Meeting Start 5:30 P.M.

ITEM	TOPIC	LEAD
1.0	Call to order (Motion)	
	1. Land Acknowledgement: Read by Sheryl Evans	
	2. Call to Order (Motion)	
	3. Approval of Agenda (Motion)	Chair
	4. Conflict of Interest	
	5. CEO's Proud to be ADSB	
2.0	Consent Agenda (Motion)	
	1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 10 27	EJ/LR
	2. SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2026 10 06	BV
	3. Approval of Policy *(see 2026 10 27 meeting package)*: **2.11** Trustee Honorarium; **4.06** Participation in Federal or Provincial Elections , **4.10** Flowers or Memorial Donations for Bereavement; **6.16** Video Surveillance; **6.27** Health & Safety Policy; **6.40** Investment Policy; **2.06** Board of Trustees Code of Conduct	JSM/LR
	4. Approval of SEAC Members and Alternates	BV
3.0	Senior Administration Reports/ Information/ Monitoring	
	1. **Presentation:** Overview of Summer Capital Projects	JSM
	2. Motion: Approval of 2026-2027 Capital Projects	JSM
4.0	Board Reports	
	1. CEO's Report	LR
	2. Chair's Report	EJ
	3. Student Trustees' Report	Student Trustees
	4. OPSBA Reports	EJ/HW
	5. Parent Involvement Committee Report	SM
5.0	Other Business	
	1. 2022-2026 Trustee Term	LR/EJ
6.0	Next Meeting Dates	
	Inaugural Meeting – Tuesday November 24, 2026	
7.0	Motion to Move into In-Camera Session	
	1. Motion to Adjourn In-Camera Session	
8.0	Motions from In-Camera Session (if applicable)	
	1. Item 8.1, 8.2	
9.0	Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting	

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 1.2
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Call to Order	

Rationale
Call to order open session of the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 11 10.
Key Highlights
n/a
Anticipated Benefits
n/a
Insights / Learning
n/a
Considerations/Next Steps
n/a
Motion (if applicable)

Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board move into open session of the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 11 10 at _____pm.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair: Resolution #	

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 1.3
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Approval of Agenda	

Rationale	
That the agenda dated 2026 11 10 be approved as distributed.	
Key Highlights	
n/a	
Anticipated Benefits	
n/a	
Insights / Learning	
n/a	
Considerations/Next Steps	
n/a	
Motion (if applicable)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board Members approve the agenda of 2026 11 10 as distributed.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair:	Resolution #

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 2.0
Prepared By:	N/A	
Strategic Priority:	N/A	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Consent Agenda	

Rationale
2.0 Consent Agenda for approval is as follows: 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 10 27 2. SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2026 10 06 3. Approval of Policies *(see 2026 10 27 meeting package)*: 2.11 Trustee Honorarium Policy 4.06 Participation in Federal or Provincial Elections Policy 4.10 Flowers or Memorial Donations for Bereavement Policy 6.16 Video Surveillance Policy 6.27 Health & Safety Policy 6.40 Investment Policy 2.06 Board of Trustees Code of Conduct 4. Approval of SEAC Members and Alternates
Key Highlights
n/a
Anticipated Benefits
n/a
Insights / Learning
n/a
Considerations/Next Steps
n/a
Motion (if applicable)

Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members approve the Consent Agenda items for 2026 11 10.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair:	Resolution #

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ITEM	TOPIC
1.0	**Call to order**
	The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Greg Bowman.
2026-055	**Motion:** Trustee Shamas/Whitley... that the board move into open session for the Regular Board meeting of 2026 10 27 at 5:34 pm.
	CARRIED
	1.1 Land Acknowledgment read by Trustee Myers
	1.2 Roll Call taken as attached by Recording Secretary Julia Perri
	1.3 Approval of Agenda
2026-056	**Motion:** Trustees Whitley/Evans ...that the Board approve the agenda of 2026 10 27 as distributed.
	CARRIED
	1.4 Conflict of Interest – N/A
2.0	**Consent Agenda**
2026-057	**Motion:** Trustees Apostle/Evans...that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as follows for 2026 10 27:
	CARRIED
	2.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 09 22
	2.2 SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2026 09 15
	2.3 2026-2027 Bank Borrowing Resolution
	2.4 2026-2027 Capital Borrowing Resolution
	2.5 By-Law to provide for a 2027 Education Tax Levy
	2.6 Approval of Indigenous Student Trustee
	2.7 Approval of Policy **6.49.02** Progressive Discipline Policy for Students Including Suspension and Expulsion
3.0	**Senior Administration Reports/ Information/ Monitoring**
	The following reports and information items were shared...
	3.1 Overview of 2025-2026 EQAO Results
	3.2 Distribution of Policies: **2.11** Trustee Honorarium; **4.06** Participation in Federal or Provincial Elections; **4.10** Flowers or Memorial Donations for Bereavement; **6.16** Video Surveillance; **6.27** Health & Safety Policy; **6.40** Investment Policy; **2.06** Board of Trustees Code of Conduct
4.0	**Board Reports heard and accepted reports from the following:**
	4.1 CEO's Report - Reece
	4.2 Chair's Report - Johnston
	4.3 Student Trustees' Report – Maree/Vaughan/Dulude
	4.4 OPSBA Reports – Johnston/Whitley

4.5 Parent Involvement Committee Report – Cleary/Reece

5.0 Other Business

N/A

6.0 Next Meeting Dates

6.1 Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday November 10, 2026

7.0 Motion to Move into In-Camera Session

N/A – there was no closed session at the 2026 10 27 Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment of In-Camera Session

7.1 **N/A** – there was no closed session at the 2026 10 27 Regular Board Meeting.

8.0 Motions from In-Camera Session

N/A – there was no closed session at the 2026 10 27 Regular Board Meeting.

9.0 Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Motion: Trustees Evans/Apostle ...that the Board members move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 10 27 at 6:33 pm. CARRIED

2026-058

VICE CHAIR

SECRETARY

ALGOMA DISTRICT **SCHOOL BOARD**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Date of Meeting: **Tuesday October 27, 2026**

Time of Meeting: **5:34 p.m.**

Location: **EDUCATION CENTRE**

ATTENDANCE

Name	Abs/Pres	Late Arrival	Early Departure	Comments
Trustees				
Nick Apostle	Present			
Greg Bowman	Present			
Sheryl Evans	Present			
Sue Johnson	Present			
Elaine Johnston	Online			
Sara McCleary	Present			
Marie Murphy-Foran	Present			
Susan Myers	Present			
Jennifer Sarlo	Present			
Debbie Shamas	Present			
Heather Whitley	Present			
Student Trustees				
Amore Maree	Present			
Madison Vaughan	Present			
Samara Dulude	Present			
Admin. Council				
L. Reece	Present			
J. Santa Maria	Present			
B. Vallee	Present			
J. Maurice	Present			
M. Bell	Present			
N. Turco	Present			
Others				
J. Perri	Present			
F. Walsh	Present			
M. Da Prat	Present		5:37pm	Presented Breakfast Program donation
D. Logan	Present		5:37pm	
Media				
Darren Taylor – Soo Today	Absent			
Brian Kelly – Sault Star	Present			

Recording Secretary or Designate

SPECIAL ED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (S.E.A.C.)

MINUTES OF MEETING
October 6, 2026
Sugar Maple Room
12:00 Start Time

Present: P. Mick (Member-At-Large), M. Tuomi (Autism Ontario), Amanda Gauthier (Thrive CDC), V. Simon (Member-at- Large), S. Kitts (North Shore Tribal Council), C. Snider (Algoma Family Services)

Trustees: H. Whitley (Trustee), S. Evans (Trustee)

Staff: B. Vallee (Superintendent), Kristen Viita (System Administrator), K. Lappage (System Administrator)

Regrets: Margaret Barbeau/Sergio Iacoe (Community Living Algoma)

Guests: I. Hussey (Community Living Algoma), E. Dumas (placement student with M. Tuomi)

Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m. With Chair Mick attending virtually, Superintendent Vallee will facilitate the remainder of the hybrid meeting.

1. **Welcome –** Welcome to all SEAC members.
2. **Round Table** - Introduction of members, staff, and/or guests.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**
    - Approval of Agenda. Moved by C. Snider. Seconded by S. Kitts. All in favour.
    - Approval of Minutes (September 15). Moved by M. Tuomi. Seconded by A. Gauthier. All in favour.
4. **Correspondence: None Received.**
5. **Presentation/Discussion: *ADSB Summer Readiness Program* (L. Lambert, J. Scullino, A. Naccarato).**
    - Our Kindergarten transition process begins in late fall with agency referrals followed by meetings in January with agencies, parents, and (often) the child. In the spring, members of special education team complete an observation of the child in the

childcare setting. Other opportunities to meet incoming students include Kindergarten Welcome evenings.

- To attend the Summer Readiness program, students must be registered to attend an ADSB school. Students selected for the program are generally those that have not attended a child-care setting where the child would have the opportunity to build some school readiness skills. Parents or therapists will have expressed concerns about the child's school readiness.
- The group participates in 8 sessions over a 2 week long period with 12 students attending. There is a morning group and an afternoon group. The program is offered in one of our schools and ADSB provides bussing, which provides an opportunity for our team to shape bussing behaviours which is visually supported as well.
- Staff include the Early Years Resource Facilitator, Communication Disorders Assistant, 2 teachers from our special education team, and an ASD Resource Facilitator. Thrive also supports us with a staff member from their Infant & Child Development team.
- 97% attendance rate over the course of the program. There is a predictable daily schedule which would mimic that of a Kindergarten classroom. Literature -based learning themes suitable for summer programming (e.g. A Day at the Beach) are used. A great deal of modelling for communication and social skills.
- Feedback from administrators and parents has been very positive.

6. Member Organization Updates

North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)

- Grade 9 "check in" on Wed. Oct 7 for those who have started Grade 9 with further sessions happening over the next few weeks.
- One of the drivers is retiring – Sherri anticipates she may be doing some driving while new staff are hired!
- Meetings have begun to help support improved student attendance.

Thrive (A Gauthier)

- No report this month.

Community Living Algoma (shared by I. Hussey)

- Started Job Path Program. This program is available to anybody. Students that are transitioning from secondary school to potential work are welcome.

Algoma Family Services (C. Snider)

- DARE participating in programming at the Hub (Also did a day at the Hub as part of their summer transition program. coming in for transition programming.
- DARE/Field Schools, Community Education, and Korah LEAD are all participating in programming.
- Safe Food Handling course was provided – high success rate.
- Safe Talk training is being offered to students Oct 26/2026 (PD Day). Hoping to get participation from each school.
- Due to a retirement, a new clinical manager has been hired, which has led to a shift in portfolios. There may be changes for individual programs.

Autism Ontario (M. Tuomi)

- Distributed information about upcoming workshops and information for parents
- Upcoming fundraiser for Autism Ontario

Member-At-Large (V. Simon)

- Already starting recruitment for CICE
- Oct. 21 – Open House. Asking that materials be provided for schools. CICE program will have a table.
- Oct 27 is college exploration day for Grade 12 students. CICE is involved with this as well.

Member-At-Large (P. Mick)

- P. Mick announced that she will be retiring from the SEAC committee after 35 years of service. Thanked SEAC for the opportunity and for all their work over the years, as well as thanking member organizations for all the good work that they do in the community for individuals with special needs. Pat also recognized ADSB special education department staff for their ongoing work on behalf of students.
- B. Vallee responded to thank Pat for her many years of service, and her tireless advocacy of students with special education needs. We will miss having her at our meetings each month!

7. **Report from the Board (Trustees)**
    - First Board meeting took place in late September.
    - Trustees received an overview of summer programming that took place across the board. S. Evans also commented that it was great to get a more in-depth look at the summer readiness program at today's SEAC meeting.
    - Trustees also received information about summer sessions that took place to support learning and planning for our administrators
    - Policy review work has begun.
    - Tonight (Oct 6) we will be celebrating our employees that have reached 25 years of service, followed by a regular board meeting on October 27th.
    - Municipal election takes place on October 26th. A number of our trustees have been acclaimed and will be returning as trustees, but elections will be taking place in ward two and ward four in Sault Ste. Marie.

8. **Report from Administration (B. Vallee, K. Viita, K. Lappage)**

- **Professional Development Day (October 26th):** The next Professional Development Day takes place on Monday, October 26th. Public agendas for PD Days are posted on the ADSB website two weeks prior to the date.
- **Principal Learning Session:** Principals received a "walk-through" of the new RISE platform at their professional learning session on September 24th.

- **SERT Virtual Meeting:** Our first "virtual" meeting of the year for our SERTs is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 7th.
- **Provincial CTEP/ECPP Session:** The fall meeting of the provincial group for Care & Treatment Education Programs (CTEP) and Education & Community Partnership Programs (ECPP) takes place on Thursday, October 8th. Krista Lappage, Kristen Viita and Brent Vallee will be attending. This is a virtual session; an in-person gathering is tentatively planned for later this fall as well as the spring.
- ***SEAC Nomination Process (2026-2030):*** 2026 is a municipal election year. As SEAC follows the same term as our trustees, our nomination process for members to sit on SEAC for the 2026-2030 term is now open. An overview of the nomination process is available on the ADSB website. Organizations wishing to have a nominee sit on our SEAC committee are requested to complete a nomination letter (see template) and/or have the individual being nominated complete the letter attesting to their eligibility for SEAC. This letter will be submitted to the office of the Superintendent for Special Education. All nominees must be approved by the ADSB Board of Trustees to become SEAC members. Recommendations for approval of SEAC members will be brought to the Board at the November 10th meeting, which is the final meeting of the current board of trustees, as well as the date of the final meeting for our current SEAC. Nominees approved for SEAC membership are notified via email and a letter following the Board meeting. The first meeting of the new SEAC will take place on Tuesday, December 8th at 12:00. This usually consists of an orientation session.

9. **Motion to adjourn:** Moved by S. Kitts. Seconded by C. Snider. All in favour.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10	Item # 2.4
Prepared By:	Superintendent, Vallee
Strategic Priority:	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**
Topic/Issue:	Approval of SEAC Members and Alternates (2026-2030)

Rationale

In accordance with Regulation 464, Board approval is required to appoint members and alternates to the Algoma District School Board (ADSB) Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Key Highlights

- Applicant organizations who are district offices of a provincial organization for children with special needs complete the ADSB form attesting to their qualifications to sit on this committee as per Regulation 464. They submit the signed form to the office of the Superintendent.
- There is also provision for an individual to request an appointment as a member-at-large. This individual also completes and submits the ADSB form attesting to their qualification to serve on this committee as per Regulation 464.
- One member and alternate may be nominated to represent the interests of Indigenous pupils. This member and alternate have historically been nominated by the North Shore Tribal Council and approved by the Board. This nomination is pending at this time.
- Two trustees are appointed as members of this committee for a four-year term. One additional trustee is appointed as an alternate for the four-year term.

Anticipated Benefits

- N/A

Insights / Learning

- N/A

Considerations/Next Steps

- The following individuals have submitted a completed application attesting to their eligibility according to legislation to serve as a member or alternate on the Algoma District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee:

  Brad Symboluk (Member) – Community Living Algoma
  Ian Hussey (Alternate) – Community Living Algoma
  Amanda Gauthier (Member) – Thrive Child Development Centre
  Sarah Burns (Alternate) – Thrive Child Development Centre
  Margaret Tuomi (Member) – Autism Ontario
  Kate Kallonen (Alternate) – Autism Ontario
  Clint Snider (Member) – Algoma Family Services
  Velma Simon (Member) - Member-at-Large
  Sherri Kitts (Member) – North Shore Tribal Council
  Rachelle Lambert (Alternate) – North Shore Tribal Council

Motion (if applicable):

Moved by:	**Seconded by:**

That the Board approves the appointment of the applicants named above as members or alternates of the Algoma District School Board Special Education Advisory Committee.

Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair: Resolution #

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 3.0
Topic/Issue:	**Senior Administration Reports/Information/Monitoring**	

1. **Presentation**: Overview of Summer Capital Projects

2. Motion: Approval of 2026-2027 Capital Projects

REPORT TO THE BOARD 2026 11 10		Item #3.2
Prepared By:	Associate Director, Santa Maria	
Strategic Priority:	Achievement Well Being Engagement	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Approval of 2026-2027 Capital Projects	

Rationale

The Board has a responsibility to ensure effective stewardship of the Board's resources. As such, our Capital Projects require review by all levels of supervision to ensure support and agreement.

Key Highlights

- Plant department staff reviews the school facilities inventory and recommends projects for consideration.
- Senior administration staff review these projects and participate in project tendering and contract approval with Plant Department staff.
- The Operations & Budget Committee met on 2025 10 20 with Administration staff to review and approve projects for Board consideration.
- 2026-2027 facility renewal, capital priorities, school condition improvement and accessibility projects being recommended for potential award to contractors include:

SCHOOL	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
ELSS	Courtyard, tech shop upgrades and track upgrade
Tarentorus P.S.	Interior upgrades
H.M. Robbins P.S.	Interior upgrades
Hornepayne JK to 12	Asphalt parking and walkways, and update geothermal piping
Korah	Exterior upgrades, kitchen upgrade, and rooftop HVAC
Riverview P.S.	Interior upgrades
St. Joseph Island C.P.S.	Roof replacement, and main electrical service upgrade
Three Rivers JK to 12	Track and storage unit
White Pines	Tech Shop renovations
TBD	Playground
Various locations	Barrier-free access upgrades
TOTAL:	**$13,400,000**

Anticipated Benefits

- Maintaining high-quality learning environments and programs in all schools and communities.
- Utilizing all available Capital funding to plan capital projects to invest in school learning environments and generate Capital Priorities funding for new schools or additions.

Insights / Learning

- Funds received from the Ministry of Education in annual grant allocations for Capital Projects must be directed to Capital projects only.
- Funds not spent each year must be placed in specific reserves to be used for Capital Expenditures in future years.
- We continue to make specific business case applications through the Ministry Capital Priority process for Board specific priorities. This funding is meant to deal with accommodation pressures, facility conditions and school consolidations.

Considerations/Next Steps

- N/A

Motion (if applicable)

Moved by:	**Seconded by:**
That the Board approve proceeding with the 2026-2027 capital projects.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair:	Resolution #

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10	Item # 4.0
Topic/Issue:	**Board Reports**

1. CEO's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Student Trustees' Report
4. OPSBA Reports
5. Parent Involvement Committee Report

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 5.0
Topic/Issue:	**Other Business**	

1. 2022-2026 Trustee Term

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 6.0
Topic/Issue:	**Next Meeting Dates**	

Next Meeting Dates: 1. Inaugural Meeting – Tuesday November 24, 2026

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 7.0
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information Discussion Motion	
Topic/Issue:	Motion to Move into In-Camera	

Rationale

As per Section 207(2) of the Education Act, "A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves,

a) the security of the property of the board;
b) the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or his or her parent or guardian;
c) the acquisition or disposal of a school site;
d) decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
e) litigation affecting the board."

Key Highlights

n/a

Anticipated Benefits

n/a

Insights / Learning

n/a

Considerations/Next Steps

n/a

Motion (if applicable)

Moved by:	Seconded by:

That the Board members move into the In-Camera session, which is closed to the public, at _____ p.m.

Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair: Resolution #

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 7.1
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Motion to Adjourn In-Camera Session	

Rationale	
Move to adjourn In-Camera Session.	
Anticipated Benefits	
Insights / Learning	
Considerations/Next Steps	
Motion (if applicable)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members move to adjourn the In-Camera session at _____pm.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair: Resolution #	

REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 11 10		Item # 9.0
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information Discussion **Motion**	
Topic/Issue:	Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting	

Rationale	
Move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 11 10.	
Anticipated Benefits	
Insights / Learning	
Considerations/Next Steps	
Motion (if applicable)	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 11 10 at _____pm.	
Motion was: **Carried** **Defeated** Initials of Chair: Resolution #	