



ITEM	TOPIC	LEAD
1.0	Call to order (Motion)	
	1. Land Acknowledgment: Read by Marie Murphy-Foran	
	2. Call to Order (Motion)	
	3. Approval of Agenda (Motion)	Chair
	4. Conflict of Interest	
	5. Proud to be ADSB	
2.0	Consent Agenda (Motion)	
	1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 03 31	EJ/LR
	2. SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2026 03 10	BV
	3. Approval of Trustee Travel to 2026 OPSBA Annual Meeting & Program	JSM
	4. Approval of Policies	
	6.44 School Council Policy	LR
	6.45 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Policy	
3.0	Senior Administration Reports/ Information/ Monitoring	
	1. Information Session: <b>Nurturing Algoma/Early Development Instrument (EDI)</b> ; Presented by Dr. Jennifer Loo, Medical Officer of Health & CEO, Algoma Public Health	LR
	2. Election of OPSBA Delegate and Alternate Delegate (Motion)	EJ
4.0	Board Reports	
	1. Director's Report	LR
	2. Chair's Report	EJ
	3. Student Trustees' Report	Student Trustees
	4. OPSBA Reports	EJ/JS
	5. Parent Involvement Committee Report	SM
5.0	Other Business	
	1. n/a	
6.0	Next Meeting Dates	
	Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 12, 2026	
7.0	Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting	



<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 1.2</b>
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information    Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Call to Order	

<b>Rationale</b>	
Call to order open session of the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 04 28.	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	
n/a	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
n/a	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
n/a	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
n/a	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members move into open session of the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 04 28 at _____pm.	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b> <b>Defeated</b>	Initials of Chair:                      Resolution #

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 1.3</b>
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information    Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Approval of Agenda	



<b>Rationale</b>	
That the Agenda dated 2026 04 28 be approved as distributed.	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	
n/a	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
n/a	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
n/a	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
n/a	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members approve the Agenda of 2026 04 28 as distributed.	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b> <b>Defeated</b>	Initials of Chair:                      Resolution #

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 2.0</b>
Prepared By:	N/A	
Strategic Priority:	N/A	
Purpose:	Information    Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Consent Agenda	



<b>Rationale</b>	
2.0 Consent Agenda for approval is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 03 31</li> <li>2. SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2026 03 10</li> <li>3. Approval of Trustee Travel to 2026 OSPBA Annual Meeting &amp; Program</li> <li>4. Approval of Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.44 School Council Policy</li> <li>6.45 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Policy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	
n/a	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
n/a	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
n/a	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
n/a	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members approve the Consent Agenda items for 2026 04 28.	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b> <b>Defeated</b>	Initials of Chair:      Resolution #



ITEM	TOPIC
1.0	<b>Call to order</b>
2026-016	The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Elaine Johston <b>Motion:</b> Trustee Sarlo/Evans... that the board move into Open session for the Regular Board meeting of 2026 03 31 at 5:30 pm. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	1.1 Land Acknowledgment read by Trustee McCleary
	1.2 Roll Call taken as attached by Recording Secretary Julia Perri
	1.3 Approval of Agenda
2026-017	<b>Motion:</b> Trustees McCleary/Apostle...that the Board approve the agenda of 2026 03 31 as distributed. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	1.4 Conflict of Interest – N/A
2.0	<b>Consent Agenda</b>
2026-018	<b>Motion:</b> Trustees Apostle/Myers...that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as follows for 2026 03 31: <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
	2.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 2026 02 24
	2.2 SEAC Meeting Minutes from 2025 02 10
	2.3 Approval of Trustee Travel to OPSBA Education Labour Relations & HR Symposium 2026
	2.4 ADSB Quarterly Report
3.0	<b>Senior Administration Reports/ Information/ Monitoring</b>
	The following reports and information items were shared...
	3.1 Discussion of Policies: 6.44 School Council Policy 6.45 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Policy
2026-019	3.2 Declaration of Surplus Properties <b>Motion:</b> Trustee Johnson/Whitley...that the Board approve the declaration of Blind River Public School and W.C. Eaket Secondary School as surplus properties. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
2026-020	3.3 Election By-Law to Adopt “Vote By Mail” Procedure <b>Motion:</b> Trustees Evans/Johnson... that the Board approve Election By-Law 2026-02 to adopt “Vote By Mail” procedures. <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>



- 2026-021 3.4 Election By-Law to Delegate Authority to Returning Officer for the 2026 Election  
**Motion:** Truste Sarlo/Evans...that the Board approve Election By-Law 2026-03 to Delegate Authority to Returning Officer for the 2026 Trustee Election.  
CARRIED
- 2026-022 3.5 Trustee Determination and Distribution  
**Motion:** Trustee Myers/Whitley...that the Board designate the municipalities listed in attachment 3.5 #1 as low population for the purpose of an alternative distribution and election of the Board Members. That the Board approve the distribution of Trustees as shown in attachment 3.5 #2 in the Directors Report to the Board of 2026 03 31.  
CARRIED
- 3.6 2026-2027 School Organization
- 4.0 **Board Report heard and accepted reports from the following:**
- 4.1 Report of the Director - Reece
  - 4.2 Report of the Chair - Johnston
  - 4.3 Student Trustee Report – Ingles/Pine/Sauve
  - 4.4 OPSBA Report – Johnston/Sarlo
  - 4.5 Parent Involvement Committee Report – Cleary/Reece
- 5.0 **Other Business**  
N/A
- 6.0 **Next Meeting Dates**
- 6.1 2026 04 14 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 2026-023 7.0 **Motion to Move into In Camera Session**  
**Motion:** Trustees Sarlo/Whitley...that the Board move into Regular Board Meeting of 2026 03 31, Closed Session, and that this portion be closed to public, at 6:09 pm.  
CARRIED
- 2026-024 **Adjournment of In-Camera Session**  
**Motion:** Trustees McCleary/Apostle...that the Board move to adjourn In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 03 31 at 7:55 pm.  
CARRIED



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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes**  
**Tuesday March 31, 2026**

**8.0 Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting**

2026-025

**Motion:** Trustees Apostle/Murphy-Foran...that the Board move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 03 31 at 7:56 pm.

CARRIED

*Glaine Johnston*

CHAIR

*Alice*

SECRETARY



**ALGOMA DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – OPEN SESSION**

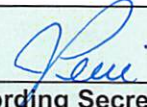
Date of Meeting: **Tuesday March 31, 2026**

Time of Meeting: **5:30 p.m.**

Location: **EDUCATION CENTRE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Name	Abs/Pres	Late Arrival	Early Departure	Comments
<b>Trustees</b>				
Nick Apostle	Present			
Greg Bowman	Present			
Sheryl Evans	Present			
Sue Johnson	Present			
Elaine Johnston	Present			
Sara McCleary	Present			
Marie Murphy-Foran	Present			
Susan Myers	Present			
Jennifer Sarlo	Present			
Debbie Shamas	Present			
Heather Whitley	Present			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Liz Inglis	Absent			
Tatyanna Sauve	Online			
Mercedes Pine	Absent			
<b>Admin. Council</b>				
L. Reece	Present			
J. Santa Maria	Present			
B. Vallee	Present			
J. Maurice	Present			
M. Bell	Present			
N. Turco	Present			
<b>Others</b>				
J. Perri	Present			
F. Walsh	Present			
<b>Media</b>				
Darrent Taylor – SooToday	Present			
Brian Kelly – Sault Star	Present			

  
 Recording Secretary or Designate



**ALGOMA DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – CLOSED SESSION**

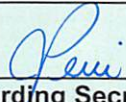
Date of Meeting: Tuesday March 31, 2026

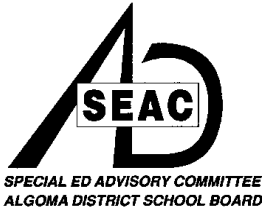
Time of Meeting: 6:09 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CENTRE

**ATTENDANCE**

Name	Abs/Pres	Late Arrival	Early Departure	Comments
<b>Trustees</b>				
Nick Apostle	Present			
Greg Bowman	Present			
Sheryl Evans	Present			
Sue Johnson	Present			
Elaine Johnston	Present			
Sara McCleary	Present			
Marie Murphy-Foran	Present			
Susan Myers	Present			
Jennifer Sarlo	Present			
Debbie Shamas	Present			
Heather Whitley	Present			
<b>Admin. Council</b>				
L. Reece	Present			
J. Santa Maria	Present			
B. Vallee	Present			
J. Maurice	Present			
M. Bell	Present			
N. Turco	Present			
<b>Others</b>				

  
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 Recording Secretary or Designate



ALGOMA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (S.E.A.C.)

MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 10, 2026  
Sugar Maple Room  
12:00 Start Time

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

**Trustees:** H. Whitley, S. Evans

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

**Regrets:** None

**Guests:** None

Meeting called to order at 12:01 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 S. Kitts. Seconded by S. Evans. All in favour.
- Approval of Minutes (February 10, 2026). Moved by M. Barbeau. Seconded by S. Evans. All in favour.

**4. Correspondence:** *Durham DSB SEAC re Trustees*

**5. Presentation/Discussion:** *Secondary Specialized Programs & Services (K. Viita)*

- K. Viita provided an overview of special education programs currently in place for students of secondary school age in the ADSB. This includes the START (Students at Risk Today), LEAD (Learning for Emotional and Academic Development), DARE

(Developing Alternative Realistic Expectations) and Community Education programs. Additional information on all programs is available in the ADSB Special Education Plan.

- K. Viita also reviewed each of our Care & Treatment Education Programs (CTEP), providing an overview of the program model and the partnerships that are in place through Section 23 to provide the program. This includes two re-engagement programs - Mino Mikaaning at White Pines in partnership with Indigenous Friendship Centre, and CASS Fresh Start (CASS 180) partnered with Thessalon First Nation. There is also a care and treatment- focused program currently housed at Kina Awiiya in partnership with Algoma Family Services, and the Non-Residential Attendance Centre program for students on probation that is offered in partnership with Algoma Family Services at the Hub.
- ADSB also provides an Education & Community Partnership Program (ECP) in partnership with MCCSS at the Donald Doucet Youth Centre for youth in custody.

## **6. Member Organization Updates**

### **North Shore Tribal Council (S. Kitts)**

- Meetings continue regarding attendance and behaviours

### **Thrive (Amanda Gauthier)**

- Nothing to report this month

### **Community Living Algoma (Margaret Barbeau)**

- N/A

### **Algoma Family Services (C. Snider)**

- An Elder is now on staff
- Youth transitional housing program in place
- ITS (Intensive Treatment Services) is being renamed Multi Systems Approach to Parenting (MAPS)
- Offering TRAILS- delivered to small groups over 10 weeks

### **Autism Ontario (Margaret Tuomi)**

- World Autism Acceptance Day with a flag raising at the Civic Centre and related activities hosted at the Hub.
- Launching the Photovoice project (partnership with Queen's University) on the same day

### **Member-At-Large (Velma Simon)**

- CICE program will finish on April 17
- Preparations for the fall are underway.

- Scholarship and Awards night taking place on March 10

#### **Member-At-Large (P. Mick)**

- No report this month.

#### **7. Report from the Board (Trustees)**

- Approved several policies as part of the ongoing policy review cycle.
- Introduction of the new student trustees who will begin their role in August 2026. The student trustees are now elected in February of the year that they begin, which allows for mentoring from the current student trustees.
- Approval of the 2026-2027 school year calendar
- Review of Trustee Distribution in preparation for the fall election.

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

- **Professional Development Day:** Professional Development Day took place on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Topics included classroom and school improvement planning, Behaviour Management Systems refresher training for EAs that did not complete the refresher on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and a learning session for NSL teachers. Half of the day was set aside for system-wide learning on the importance of creating supportive classrooms free of discrimination in any form to equip participants with the knowledge they need to promote and uphold human rights as required under the Ontario Human Rights Code and address discriminatory policies and practices.
- **RISE Software Training:** We are in the process of adopting a new special education software platform. RISE is described as a user-friendly and customizable cloud-based platform that streamlines the creation and management of IEP's along with all student related support services such as Medical Plans of Care, Assistive Technology management, and more. All our SSM/Central and Eastern area SERTS participated in initial training in the software platform over the past two weeks in preparation for implementation in the fall of 2026, with training upcoming for Northern area SERTS.
- **Principal's Learning Session:** As part of the monthly Principal's Learning session, the special education team provided a series of eight learning carousels on various topics of interest, including *Psychological-Educational Assessments*, *Kindergarten Transitions*, *Specialized Classes and Programs*, *Special Equipment Allocation (SEA)*, *Empower Reading*, and *Executive Function*. Principals participated in two carousels at the February meeting and will rotate through the other carousels at their April and June meetings.
- **New Special Education Special Assignment Teacher:** We are pleased to welcome Heather Coulter as our new Special Education Special Assignment Teacher. Heather began her new role during the last week of February. Welcome aboard!

#### **9. Next Meeting:** April 7th, 2026

#### **10. Motion to adjourn:** Moved by V. Simon. Seconded by C. Snider.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.**



<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 2.3</b>
Prepared By:	Associate Director Santa Maria	
Strategic Priority:	All Priorities	
Purpose:	Information Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Trustee Attendance at 2026 OPSBA Annual Meeting & Program	

<b>Rationale</b>	
As per section 169.1 of the Education Act, the Board of Trustees is responsible for student achievement and effective stewardship of resources. As such, it is encouraged that Trustees travel to participate in important professional development opportunities so they may continue to uphold these responsibilities.	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 11 Trustees will attend the 2026 OPSBA Annual Meeting &amp; Program.</li> <li>• The meeting will be held at Brookstreet Hotel in Ottawa, ON from Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</li> </ul>	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued education for our Trustees.</li> </ul>	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>
That the board approves Trustees to attend the 2026 OPSBA Annual Meeting & Program	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b>	<b>Defeated</b> Initials of Chair:      Resolution #

**SECTION 6: OPERATIONS**

**Policy 6.44: School Council Policy**

***Supporting Policies***

***Supporting Procedures***

***Procedures Supporting the Establishment and Conduct of Affairs of a School Council***

***Supporting Protocols and Guidelines***

***Supporting Templates and Forms***

***Other Resources***

*Approved by Board Resolution #92-2001 06 12*

*Amended by Board Resolution #143-2010 11 09*

*Reviewed by Board Resolution #045-2015 02 24*

*Approved by Board Resolution #*

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Successful education begins with active and positive participation of school, home and community. Local school partnerships, represented as school councils, promote and encourage academic excellence and a supportive and socially responsible learning environment in their school community. Thus, the Algoma District School Board expects each school to establish and maintain a school council (as per procedures) to act in an advisory capacity both to the school principal and to the Board. The council shall work in a collaborative manner to promote continued excellence in education with consideration of the interests and rights of all.

School councils shall operate within the [Education Act](#), regulations and all other relevant legislation, and within the policies, guidelines and procedures of the Algoma District School Board.

It is to be noted that the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC), established as per Policy 6.45, acts to support communication and consultation among school councils and between school councils.

**SECTION 6: OPERATIONS**

**Policy 6.45: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Policy**

***Supporting Policies***

***Supporting Procedures***

[Procedures Supporting the Establishment and Conduct of Affairs of the ADSB Parent Involvement Committee \(PIC\)](#)

***Supporting Protocols and Guidelines***

***Supporting Templates and Forms***

***Other Resources***

[Regulation 612/00](#)

[A Practical Handbook for Parent Involvement Committee Members \(Ministry of Education, 2012\)](#)

*Approved by Resolution #067-2021 06 15*

*Approved by Resolution #*

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As per Ontario Regulation 612/00, the purpose of a parent involvement committee (PIC) is to support, encourage and enhance parent engagement at the board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. The ADSB Parent Involvement Committee shall achieve its purpose by:

- providing information and advice on parent engagement to the board;
- communicating with and supporting school councils of schools of the board; and
- undertaking activities to help parents of pupils of the board support their children's learning at home and at school.

In establishing its by-laws to govern the conduct of the committee's affairs, the ADSB Parent Involvement Committee shall follow the relevant Regulation and Board Policies and/or Procedures.

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>	<b>Item # 3.0</b>
Topic/Issue:	<b>Senior Administration Reports/Information/Monitoring</b>



<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information Session: <b>Nurturing Algoma/Early Development Instrument (EDI)</b>; Presented by Dr. Jennifer Loo, Medical Officer of Health &amp; CEO, Algoma Public Health</li> <li>2. Election of OSPBA Delegate and Alternate Delegate (Motion)</li> </ol>

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 3.2</b>
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	All Strategic Priorities	
Purpose:	Information    Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Election of OPSBA Voting Delegate and Alternate 2026-2027	



<b>Rationale</b>	
Under the 2026 refreshed governance model of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Delegates from OPSBA Member Boards will continue to represent their Member Board at OPSBA's Annual and Special meetings of the membership and Regional Council Elections.	
<b>Key Highlights</b>	
Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates should plan to attend all Regional Council meetings (either in person or online) to ensure that their Member Board is formally represented, where applicable.	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
Delegates (or Alternate Delegates in the absence of the Delegate) are the individuals who represent their Member Boards and who are eligible to vote on behalf of their Member Board at Regional Council meetings and the Annual Meeting. The Delegate also votes for the regional chairs, work team members and President and VP.	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
It is in our best interest to elect trustees with a high level of engagement and who have availability/flexibility to attend the meetings (Annual Meeting, Regional Elections, Special Meetings).	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
Interested trustees are encouraged to review the <i>Guide to OPSBA Roles and Responsibilities</i> .	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That for 2026-2027, the Algoma District School Board appoint:	
Trustee _____ as OPSBA Delegate.	
Trustee _____ as OPSBA Alternate Delegate.	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b> <b>Defeated</b>	Initials of Chair:                      Resolution #

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 4.0</b>
Topic/Issue:	<b>Board Reports</b>	



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

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 5.0</b>
Topic/Issue:	<b>Other Business</b>	



1. N/A - no other business to address.	

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 6.0</b>
Topic/Issue:	<b>Next Meeting Dates</b>	



1. The next meeting is a <b>Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 12, 2026</b>	

<b>REPORT TO THE BOARD of 2026 04 28</b>		<b>Item # 7.0</b>
Prepared By:	Chair Johnston	
Strategic Priority:	n/a	
Purpose:	Information    Discussion <b>Motion</b>	
Topic/Issue:	Motion to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting	



<b>Rationale</b>	
Move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 04 28.	
<b>Anticipated Benefits</b>	
<b>Insights / Learning</b>	
<b>Considerations/Next Steps</b>	
<b>Motion (if applicable)</b>	
Moved by:	Seconded by:
That the Board members move to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of 2026 04 28 at _____pm.	
Motion was: <b>Carried</b> <b>Defeated</b>	Initials of Chair:                      Resolution #