

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2026

Public Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees:	Members:
T. Lloyd K. McGregor	Present: A. Martin, Member-at-Large (Queen's University) K. Hill, Member-at-Large E. Clow, Member-at-Large L. Clouthier, Easter Seals Ontario H. Clark, Autism Ontario Regrets: G. Eaton-Smith, Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston J. Barker, Lennox & Addington Resources for Children Z. Rogers, Community Living Kingston
Invitees:	Staff:
	Present: S. Gillam, Superintendent of Education W. Fisher, Educational Services and Safe Schools Lead C. Snider, Special Education Program Coordinator M. Aylsworth, Special Education Program Coordinator M. West, Special Education Program Coordinator L. Conboy, Mental Health Lead A. Todd, Vice-Principal of Educational Services J. Lalonde, Special Education Program Coordinator S. Labbett, Special Education Program Coordinator Regrets: D. Thompson, Principal of Educational Services M. Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Education
Recorder:	Guests:
J. Senior, Administrative Assistant	P. Carson, Financial Services Manager R. Richard, Acting Superintendent of Corporate and Staff Services

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1. WELCOME

Chair McGregor called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair McGregor read the Acknowledgement of Territory:

“The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit, and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land.”

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY: Member-at-Large Erin Clow that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY: Member-at-Large Andrea Martin that the May 27, 2026, Minutes be approved. Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None at this time.

6. SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET PRESENTATION

6.1 Special Education Budget – Financial Services Manager Paula Carson and Acting Superintendent of Corporate and Staff Services Roger Richard provided a detailed presentation on the 2026-2027 Special Education Budget. An electronic copy of the presentation was shared with SEAC members following the meeting at their request.

7. EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

7.1 Summer Supports – Special Education and Mental Health – Vice-Principal Alison Todd and Mental Health Lead Laura Conboy provided an update on Ministry funding that will support summer mental health and special education programming. Summer mental health initiatives will include Adolescent Care Worker (ACW) support for students attending summer school, implementation of the *Kids Have Stress Too* program at selected Camp Read-A-Lot sites and continued psychiatric consultation through Kingston Health Sciences Centre. Professional learning opportunities will also support mental health literacy and implementation of the Ministry’s substance use and digital safety modules. The Board will continue to support student engagement initiatives and partnerships related to mental health and experiential learning

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Summer Special Education supports will include Educational Assistant (EA) support for literacy camps, programming support for students with special education needs attending summer school, continued educational programming at Sundance Youth Facility, and transition supports for students entering or returning to school in September. Students who may benefit from transition supports are identified through established transition planning processes, and parents and caregivers may discuss potential support needs with school administration.

7.2 Special Education Update June 17, 2026, Board Meeting – Superintendent Scot Gillam provided an update on the ongoing review of the Elementary special education model. Staff have analyzed information collected through surveys of special education staff, administrators, classroom educators, Educational Assistants (EAs), Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), and Education Services staff, in addition to service delivery and operational data.

Preliminary findings indicated that effective Intensive Support Teachers (ISTs) play a critical role in identifying student needs, developing support plans, and providing responsive supports. Schools with strong IST processes reported more positive experiences with the model, while schools experiencing challenges often identified communication and implementation concerns. Staff noted that the needs-based model has increased access to supports for students without requiring a formal diagnosis or exceptionality.

Future work will focus on strengthening IST practices, enhancing communication regarding the model, expanding Tier 1 supports for classroom staff, and providing targeted professional learning for staff involved in Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions.

7.3 Special Education Plan Consultation Update – Superintendent Scot Gillam provided an update regarding revisions to the Limestone District School Board Special Education Plan to ensure compliance with Ministry requirements for consultation. A consultation process and feedback form have been added to the Special Education Plan website to allow parents, caregivers, and community members to provide feedback. While school-level concerns are encouraged to be addressed directly with schools, broader feedback may be submitted through the online form. Feedback will be collected and reviewed annually, and the revised Special Education Plan will be submitted to the Ministry by the end of July. The updated plan will be brought forward to SEAC in the fall for review and approval.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Bluewater District School Board – Letter to Minister of Education regarding Funding Support for Students with Special Education and Mental Health Needs, dated June 1, 2026. Provided for information in the Agenda Package.

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9. ASSOCIATION UPDATES

None at this time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Administrative Report: Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Scot Gillam provided an overview of the Superintendent's Report, which was included in the Agenda Package.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 9, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Trustee Tiffany Lloyd that the meeting adjourn. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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