



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

"Working together to engage students through meaningful learning and empower them to build the skills They need to be successful today and in the future".

Our Vision:

"To meet the needs of all learners while Sparking curiosity and joy in learning".

Our Motto:

"Small schools make a difference".

Our Values:

- "Positive, professional relationships & sense of team
- Kindness with expectations
- Learner mindset & dedication to ongoing innovation
- Belief that experience teaches, engages & connects".

Regular Board Meeting 2025/10 MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Microsoft Teams meeting
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Board Vice-Chair: Allison Jarvis

Director: Will Goodman

Location: Marjorie Mills Public School, Videoconference & Teleconference

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART I: Regular Board Meeting

Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:32 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

<u>Trustees</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Brunskill, Dr. Megan			x			Nesbitt, Jason	x				
Fairservice, Dan (<i>censure</i>)						Pristanski, Kal	x				
Jarvis, Allison	x					Michano, Julie			x		
Liscomb, Pat				x		Anthony, Mile (Student)			x		
McRae, Pinky					x	McLeod, Rylee (Student)	x				
Hardy, Pam			x			Indigenous Student Trustee (Vacant)					

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Goodman, William: <i>Director of Education</i>	x				
Leroux, Carole: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	x				
Love-Jedruch, Flora: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	x				
Marton, Alex: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>	x				
Balog, Tara: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	x				
Brewster, Annick: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>	x				
Harris, Brent: <i>Assistant Superintendent</i>			x		
Muir, Gordon: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>			x		
Dee, Christine: <i>Team Lead – Payroll Services</i>			x		
Chouinard, Connie: <i>Team Lead – Business Services</i>			x		
Nault, Denis: <i>Manager of Human Resources</i>			x		
Lucas, Jay: <i>Coordinator of Information Technology Services</i>			x		
Kitchener, Nick: <i>Manager of Information Technology</i>			x		
Renaud, Deana: <i>Mental Health Manager</i>			x		
Bartlett, Shy-Anne: <i>Manager of Indigenous Education</i>			x		
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Executive Assistant & Communications Coordinator</i>			x		
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>			x		

Land Acknowledgement

Payroll Coordinator, Christine Dee, provided the land acknowledgement for the ancestral and traditional territories of the Indigenous people on whose lands we gather upon. We recognize and honour the contributions of the Indigenous peoples for they hold the knowledge, traditions, and history of the land.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Vice-Chair Allison Jarvis began the meeting recognizing that on September 30th it is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day that we pause to honour the survivors of residential schools, their families, and the children who never returned home. We acknowledge the ongoing impacts of these institutions and affirm our commitment to listening, learning, and walking together on the path of reconciliation. As a Board, we recognize our responsibility to create safe, inclusive learning environments where truth is shared, Indigenous voices are respected, and reconciliation is part of our daily work. During the next week leading up to September 30th, our schools will be participating in or hosting a variety of events.

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**114/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt**Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025, be called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Carried**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Agenda item 10.5 was corrected to be noted as Tax-bylaw.

115/25*Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill**Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/10 Regular Board Meeting, September 22, 2025, be accepted and approved as amended.

Carried**4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

Nil.

5.0 Trustee Appointment: re Vacancy First Nation Trustee**5.1 First Nations Trustee Appointment****116/25***Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski**Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint Pamela Hardy as First Nations Trustee, and that her appointment be effective for the period of September 22, 2025 through November 15, 2026.

Carried**5.2 Pamela Hardy: Declaration & Oath of Office**

Trustee Pamela Hardy recited the Declaration and Oath of Office.

6.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**6.1 Board Meeting Minutes****117/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt**Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

That, the minutes of the following Board Meeting be adopted as presented:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2025/09: August 25, 2025;

Carried

7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

Nil.

8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

- 8.1 Showcasing Learning: Summer Learning - Anishinaabemowin Language Camp Learning
A video presentation was put together by Indigenous Education Manager Shy-Anne Bartlett that showcased the Anishinaabemowin Language Camp Learning.
- 8.2 Excellence in Education: Marjorie Mills Public School - Culture of High Expectations and Inclusivity
Principal Kristan McMahon provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the Marjorie Mills Public School. The school supports diverse learners through collaborative learning and by building on individual strengths. Celebrations of student achievements and increased extracurricular activities have contributed to a positive school climate.
- 8.3 Report No. 58: Student Trustee Report: September 2025
Student Trustee Miley Anthony and Rylee McLeod provided a report outlining presented the report. They discussed the planning of the fall leadership retreat that will be held in Dorion. They highlighted the work with the student senate to boost engagement and promoting student voice through initiatives. They discussed the upcoming school visits to continue to build relationships.

9.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

- 9.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)
- 9.1.1 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
The first SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) meeting of the year focused on clarifying the role of SEAC and encouraging engagement from partner organizations. Several organizations have appointed new representatives, and there is enthusiasm about collaborating to support student needs.

10.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
Assistant Superintendent: Brent Harris

- 10.1 Report No. 59: 2024/2025 Interim Report No. 03
Assistant Superintendent Brent Harris provided a detailed review of Interim Report No. 03 that provided financial data for September 2024 to June 2025.
- 10.2 Report No. 60: Capital Projects: Summary of 2024-2025
Manager of Facilities Gord Muir provided a presentation that showcased the updates made to facilities across the district in the 2024-2025 school year. Updates included barrier-free restrooms, woodshop renovations, IT office improvements, and enhanced learning spaces across multiple sites.
- 10.3 Annual Review of Policy 215 – Trustee Honorarium
The Trustee Honorarium Policy was reviewed as part of the annual requirement, which is based on student enrollment figures. Superintendent of Business Alex Marton provided a review of the minor amendments. The review aligns with Ministry of Education guidelines.

118/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves as reviewed Policy 215 – Trustee Honorarium, to be posted to the Board website with an implementation date of September 23, 2025, and shall supersede the previous policy.

Carried

10.4 Report No. 61: Release of Surplus Funds for Learning Center Roof Section

119/25

Moved by: Trustee P. Hardy

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the release of \$130,000.00 in accumulated surplus funds for use in capital projects for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

10.5 Tax Levy By-Law No. 159

120/25

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 159 being a bylaw to levy taxes for 2026 as per the attached.

Carried

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: William Goodman

11.1 Report No. 62: Director's Monthly Report: September 2025

Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the Director's Monthly Report that showcases the work happening in our schools across the district.

11.2 Report No. 63: Family/Community Engagement: Monthly Themes for 2025-2026

The Director provided a review of the monthly themes for the 2025-2026 school year that have been developed to enhance family and community engagement. He discussed the various ways this work is implemented across the district.

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Superintendent of Education: Carole Leroux

Superintendent of Education: Flora Love-Jedruch

Assistant Superintendent: Tara Balog

Assistant Superintendent: Annick Brewster

12.1 Report No. 64: Summer Learning

Assistant Superintendent Tara Balog provided a review of the report. She reviewed the data from the summer learning plan, noting a significant increase in participation, with programming offered in partnership with ABC and SNCDSB. Highlights included language development opportunities, 20 hours of paid training, certifications earned and support for future learning through reach-ahead credit programs. The program incorporated a mental health focus, responding to parent and community feedback, and expanded educator involvement.

At 7:43 p.m. Trustee Michano joined the meeting.

12.2 Report No. 65: Culture of High Expectations & Inclusivity: Improving Attendance

Assistant Superintendent Annick Brewster and Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching Principal Stacey Wallwin provided a review of the report focused on improving student attendance across the district, with support systems in place to promote positive attendance and student success. Schools are implementing targeted strategies to improve attendance, with ongoing follow-up planned throughout the year. Efforts include family education, communication, and creating inclusive environments.

13.0 New Business

Board Vice-Chair: Allison Jarvis

13.1 Board Committee Appointments

13.1.1 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

121/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Chair of IEAC be the Board's First Nation Representative, Pamela Hardy.

Carried

13.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Note: Appointments to SEAC are effective for the Term of the Board.

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| 1. | Megen Brunskill | Appointee |
| 2. | Julie Michano | Appointee |
| 3. | <u>Pam Hardy</u> | <u>First Nations Representative</u> |
| 4. | Allison Jarvis | Alternate Appointee |
| 5. | Pat Liscomb | Alternate Appointee |

122/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint First Nations Trustee Pam Hardy to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Carried

The agenda package included a committee members list. Trustee Pam Hardy expressed her wishes to be a member of the Board Policy Review Committee.

13.2 Board Chair

13.2.1 Discussion Regarding Trustee PD Planning for this Fall

The Board discussed the Trustee Professional Development opportunities for the morning of the upcoming November 17, 2025, Organizational meeting. The Director requested that Trustees submit potential learning topics to be incorporated into the morning session. Trustees expressed interest in formal advocacy training, understanding government processes, and strategies for gathering and amplifying parent and community voice. Additional discussion included reviewing new guidelines and best practices for meeting participation, such as camera use during virtual sessions.

13.2.2 Advocating for Local Trustee Voice

The Director and Chair discussed with the Trustees the current Ministry messaging and the work that OPSBA is currently doing to advocate for the role of Trustee. The Board Chair and Director have a meeting scheduled with our Superior-North MPP on October 3, 2025 to discuss the matter and garner support for School Board Trustees.

13.2.3 Reminder: OPSBA Northern Region Meeting: October 17-18, 2025

Trustee Nesbitt confirmed that he will be attending the OPSBA Northern Region Meeting. If there are any other Trustees interested in attending, please contact the Executive Assistant as soon as possible to request registration for the event.

13.3 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

13.3.1 CSBA Report

Vice-Chair Allison Jarvis provided a review of the virtual professional development sessions she attended as part of the CSBA conference. She noted that next years event is scheduled to take place in Whistler British Columbia.

13.4 Trustee Activities

Nil.

13.5 Ministry Updates for Trustees

The Director shared information regarding recent Ministry of Education updates. The group discussed the various areas where additional advocacy is recommended.

13.6 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Trustees were asked to please email the Board Chair or Director with any agenda requests for the next meeting.

14.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

15.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:32 p.m.

16.0 Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Closed)

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

123/25

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:32 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

124/25

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:36 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

17.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

17.1 125/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee J. Michano

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section B (Closed) Reports be adopted, including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2025/09: Aug 25, 2025.

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

18.0 Adjournment

126/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee J. Michano

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/10 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 22, 2025 adjourn at 8:37, p.m.

Carried

2025 - Board Meetings

Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 2025

Monday, November 17, 2024
(1:00 p.m.) *Designate Site: Board Office

Monday, December 1, 2025

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2025/10

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, September 22, 2025

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

T O P I C S

Board Vice-Chair: Allison Jarvis

Director: William Goodman

Location: Marjorie Mills Public School, Videoconference & Teleconference

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 8:32 p.m.

- 1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session
- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)
- 3.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting 2025/09: August 25, 2025

Regular Board Meeting 2025-10

Monday, September 22, 2025

M I N U T E S

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

SECRETARY

CHAIR