



SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Our Mission:

"In SGDSB we are learners. Everything we do is designed to help all students succeed and make a difference. We build positive places for learning and working... together".

Our Vision:

"Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference".

Our Motto:

"Small schools make a difference".

Our Values:

"Character, Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking".

Regular Board Meeting 2022/07

MINUTES

Monday, June 27, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Microsoft Teams meeting
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Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Nicole Morden Cormier

VC Sites: Closed. Videoconference & Teleconference available due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

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) 8:50 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

<u>Trustees</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Cormier, Dr. Paul					x	Nesbitt, Jason			x		
Groulx, Michael			x			Jarvis, Allison			x		
Major, Christine			x			Pristanski, Kal			x		
Mannisto, Mark			x			Couture, Erin (Student)				x	
McIntyre, Margaret			x			Grace Molinski (Student)			x		
McRae, Pauline (Pinky)			x								

<u>Board Administrators</u>	<i>Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Morden Cormier, Nicole: <i>Director of Education</i>			x		
Fredrickson, Eric: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			x		
Goodman, William: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>			x		
Marton, Alex: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>			x		
Harris, Brent: <i>Manager of Financial Services</i>			x		
Muir, Gordon: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>			x		
Grecica, Jason: <i>Team Lead - Business Services</i>			x		
Dee, Christine: <i>Team Lead – Payroll 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		
Ebrahim, Mahejabeen: <i>Human Rights and Equity Advisor</i>					x
Bartlett, Shy-Anne: <i>Manager of Indigenous Education</i>			x		
Christianson, GerriLynn: <i>Executive Assistant & Communications</i>			x		

Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Pinky McRae provided a land acknowledgement for the Ancestral and Traditional Territories of the Indigenous people on whose lands we are gathering today. We recognize and honour the contributions of the Indigenous peoples for they hold the knowledge, traditions and history of the land.

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting*

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

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

Trustee Allison Jarvis advised of a scheduling conflict that required her to leave the meeting early, prior to adjournment.

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Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx

Second: Trustee M. McIntyre

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

3.0 Approval of Agenda

73/22

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2022/07 Regular Board Meeting, June 27, 2022 be accepted and approved.

Carried

4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

5.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings

5.1 Board Meetings

74/22

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Groulx

✓ **That**, the minutes of the following Board meeting be adopted:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2022/06: May 30, 2022;

Carried

5.2 Board Policy Review Committee: June 14, 2022

75/22

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the Board accepts the recommendations outlined in the Board Policy Review Committee minutes of June 14, 2022 and approves as reviewed:

- P-210 Student Trustee
- P-408 Loaning of Equipment
- P-536 Equity and Inclusive Education
- P-605 Special Education
- P-608 Computer Network Security
- P-711 Release of Employee Information
- P-902 Accidents
- P-904 Protection of Privacy

to be posted to the Board website with an implementation date of June 28, 2022, and all of which shall supersede any previous policies.

Carried

Note: Student Trustee Grace Molinski left the meeting at 6:38 p.m. due to technical issues.

6.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

6.1 Follow Up RE: Virtual Meeting Advocacy Letter to Minister

Board Chair Pinky McRae provided an update regarding the letter sent to the Minister of Education, at the support of the Board, to advocate for the continuation of virtual board and committee meetings. As noted at the previous Board meeting, the letter has been sent and, to date, a response has not been received. The Board Chair noted that at the OPSBA Annual General Meeting, she had the opportunity to speak with several other Board Chairs, Trustees and OPSBA members regarding the regulation for face to face meetings. During these discussions it was recommended that the Board pass a motion for the continuation of virtual meetings with the expectation to continue three in-person meetings each year. Upon resolution the Board can continue with the virtual meetings until the Ministry advises otherwise. She advised that should the Trustees agree, wording for a formal motion could be drafted and if carried, Policy 211 would be amended to reflect the new process. Trustees discussed the proposal in length. Discussion points included concern regarding the potential for the Province to eliminate school boards, favor for the virtual meetings with the benefit to increase attendance at committee meetings, safety and financial impacts of travel, concerns regarding having less opportunity to meet in-person and discussion about the potential months for the three in-person meetings proposed. It was suggested to revisit the matter once feedback is provided by the Ministry. A motion was put forth to table the motion to the next meeting. It was clarified that a formal motion has not been brought forward and that the item is brought forward for discussion. The Board concluded that the topic would be added to the August Board agenda for further discussion and if a formal motion is being presented, it would be added to the agenda package in advance of the meeting.

Note: Student Trustee Grace Molinski re-joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Trustee Christine Major re-joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m. and Trustee Mark Mannisto left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

7.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

7.1 Showcasing Learning: Dorion Public School - Grade 6/7/8 Class Pride Presentation

The Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier provided an introduction for the Dorion Public School Grade 6/7/8 class pride presentation. Through celebrating and recognizing pride month, students had the opportunity in class to enhance their learning in terms of what pride means.

7.2 Excellence in Education: Reimagining Manitouwadge Public School

Principal Tara Balog spoke to the presentation titled "Reimagining Manitouwadge Public School". The presentation highlighted the many ways that literacy and social, emotional learning are part of the student's education along with community connections. Students have participated in outdoor story walks with partnerships with the OPP and Public Library for community wide story walks. Next steps for the school include literacy (understanding The Right to Read report from the Ontario Human Rights Commission), continuation of MILO research and learning, and the development of a long-term outdoor learning plan that align with science, physical education and social studies learning. The school continues to develop strong community-based relationships that include land based learning and outdoor experiences for students.

7.3 Trustee Presentation

The Director of Education advised that Student Trustee Erin Couture was presented with an award to recognize her two years as Student Trustee. The presentation was provided at the Nipigon-Red Rock District High School Graduation ceremony. The Director expressed her gratitude for the dedication and passion Erin has given to her role as Student Trustee.

8.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

8.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)

8.1.1 Board Policy Review Committee (BPRC)

Trustee Margaret McIntyre expressed her gratitude for the work of the committee and the volume of policies reviewed this school year. The meeting minutes and recommended policies were discussed at the beginning of the board agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022.

8.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Margaret McIntyre and Superintendent of Education Will Goodman shared the highlights from the June 7th Special Education Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee received several presentations including updates on the MILO project and the positive impacts on schools, the special education budget presentation and multi-disciplinary team member reports. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022.

8.1.3 Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OH&SC)

Manager of Plant Services Gord Muir provided a review of the June 1st Occupational Health and Safety Committee meeting. The meeting highlights included information sharing regarding hazardous materials and a review of the annual voluntary staff survey regarding workplace violence. Staff will receive a half day professional development session on violence in the workplace. The next meeting date is to be determined and will be scheduled for September or October.

8.1.4 Report No. 53: Board Audit Committee Report June 16, 2022

Board Audit Committee Chair Kal Pristanski provided a brief review of the June 16, 2022 Board Audit Committee meeting. The Superintendent of Business Alex Marton presented the process followed for the Request for Proposal for audit services and the Audit Committee recommendation to appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors for Superior-Greenstone DSB for a period of three years for beginning with the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.

76/22

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski Second: Trustee C. Major

✓ That, That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 53: Report of the Audit Committee – Request for Proposal for Audit Services, accepts the Audit Committee recommendation that the Board appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors for Superior-Greenstone DSB for a period of three years, beginning with the audit for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022 and terminating with the audit for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024.

Carried

9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
Business /Negotiations Chair: Mark Mannisto*

Note: Trustee Allison Jarvis left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

9.1 Report No. 54: Enrollment Summary as of March 31, 2022

The Superintendent of Business presented the report that provides the enrollment summary as of March 31, 2022. He advised that there is a slight decrease of only .5% from the budgeted full-time enrollment figures. He noted that the enrollment report presented in January included a slight error that has been corrected on this report.

9.2 Report No. 55: School Board Estimates 2022-2023

The Superintendent of Business presented a detailed report of the School Board Estimates for 2022-2023 School Year. He noted that the 2022-23 Estimates have a \$142,538 surplus for compliance purposes. As outlined in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, the Board project revenues of \$49,308,540 and total expenses of \$49,035,995 for an in year accumulated Surplus of \$272,545. The 2022-2023 Estimates comply with the Ministry of Education's enveloping and accountability requirements. The report contains a detailed analysis that includes enrolment, staffing changes, special education, rural and northern education fund, multi-disciplinary team, school based discretionary spending, capital projects and COVID-19 expenditures. Due to the volume of feedback received from the Budget Survey, the report highlighted how the Board intends to respond to the needs identified by our school community and the new investments for the 2022-2023 school year.

77/22

Moved by: Trustee C. Major

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 55, School Board Estimates for 2022-2023, adopts the Estimates for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Carried

9.3 Borrowing By-Law No. 152

Manager of Financial Services Brent Harris presented the Borrowing By-Law No. 152. He advised that the annual request for borrowing is required due to the flow of funds received from the Ministry of Education. He advised that the department will continue to monitor future interest charges and will bring it forward to the attention of the Board should the matter need to be addressed with the Ministry.

78/22

Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx

Second: Trustee C. Major

✓ **That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 152 Being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of up to 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

Carried

10.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier

10.1 Report No. 56: Director's Monthly Report: June 2022

The Director provided a brief review of the report, that highlighted the many significant celebrations taking place across the school district such as graduations, retirements, Pride month, Indigenous History Month and celebrating learning.

10.2 Report No. 57: 2022 Summer Break and Board Business

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Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee C. Major

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 57: 2022 Summer Break and Board Business, cancels the Regular Board meeting scheduled on Monday, July 18, 2022, and **That**, Administration be authorized, in conjunction with available Trustees to conduct the business of the Board as the need may arise during July and August 2022.

Carried

11.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Superintendent of Education: Charlie Bishop

Superintendent of Education: Will Goodman

Superintendent of Education: Eric Fredrickson

Education Chair: Allison Jarvis

11.1 Report No. 58: Numeracy Portfolio for 2021-2022: A Focus on De-Streaming Math

System Principal/ Numeracy/MISA, Kathleen Schram, presented a report regarding the de-streaming of grade 9 math classes. She advised that de-streaming within classes at SGDSB started in February 2022 in all grade 9 math classes with the release of a new foundational math course designed for all learners. She presented the math enrollment status for 2021-2022. As the Ministry of Education's de-streaming plan moves forward to have all grade 9 and 10 classes de-streamed, the school board is creating consistent movement by engaging in a grade 10 de-streamed course using the Academic curriculum. De-streaming provides equitable access to high standards of education for all, by providing all students with the same academic curriculum.

11.2 Report No. 59: SGDSB Substance Use Strategy

Manager of Mental Health Deana Renaud presented the report regarding the Superior-Greenstone District School Board Substance Use Strategy. This is the first time our board has implemented a strategy regarding substance use. The Manager advised that as part of the strategy, the school board has communicated the expectations around substance use in schools in connection to the SGDSB Safe Schools Policy with intentional messaging around support and safety. Also, a substance use procedural guideline for school staff and principals has been

created that includes a screening tool, restorative action template and process flow chart. The strategy includes the communication of resources for students and families, as well as community partnerships they can access for support.

12.0 New Business

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

12.1 Board Chair

12.1.1 Trustee Video Presentations

Board Chair Pinky McRae and the Director presented introductions for the video presentations provided. The two videos featured Student Trustee Grace Molinski and Trustee Jason Nesbitt and are part of a video series created to help market the role of a School Board Trustee. The videos will be shared through School Board social media accounts during the Trustee nomination period and will be available on the Board website to help educate the public on the role of a Trustee.

12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

12.2.1 OPSBA AGM: June 14, 2022

Included in the agenda package was a link to the Ontario Public School Board's Association (OPSBA) website that featured an update regarding the highlights of the Annual General Meeting held on June 14, 2022. Trustees who attended expressed gratitude for the learning opportunity and the importance of networking.

12.2.2 Assisting the OPSBA Board of Directors Position

The Trustees discussed the need to provide assistance to the current and future Trustee who holds the OPSBA Board of Director role. The group requested the item be added to the September agenda to discuss ideas on how to best support the representative with advocacy items that could be brought forward to the OPSBA meetings. After the September meeting discussions, a proposed plan will be presented at the October meeting.

12.3 Trustee Activities

Nil.

12.4 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Nil.

12.5 Board Meeting Evaluation Summary: May 30, 2022

The Board Chair reminded Trustees to complete the Board Meeting Evaluation form at the end of the meeting.

13.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

14.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:50 p.m.

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

15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

80/22

Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:50 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

81/22

Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx

Second: Trustee C. Major

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:56 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

16.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

16.1 **82/22**

Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **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 2022/06: May 30, 2022

Carried

16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

17.0 Adjournment

83/22

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee C. Major

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2022/07 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 27, 2022 adjourn at 8:57, p.m.

Carried

<u>2022 - Board Meetings</u>		
Virtual Meeting - Time 6:30 p.m.		
Monday, August 29, 2022		
Monday, September 19, 2022	Monday, October 17, 2022	Monday, November 14, 2022
Monday, November 28, 2022 (1:00 p.m.)		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2022/07

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, June 27, 2022

Videoconference and Teleconference

TOPICS

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Nicole Morden Cormier

VC Sites: Closed - Videoconference & Teleconference available due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 8:50 p.m.

- 1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session

- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)

- 3.0 Update:

- 4.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting 2022-06: May 30, 2022

Regular Board Meeting 2022-07

Monday, June 27, 2022

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022

SECRETARY

CHAIR