



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 2025/09 M I N U T E S

Monday, August 25, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Microsoft Teams meeting
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Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Will Goodman

Location: Board Office, 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) 7:19 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>)					x	Pristanski, Kal			x		
Jarvis, Allison					x	Michano, Julie			x		
Liscomb, Pat			x			Anthony, Miley (Student)					x
McRae, Pinky	x					McLeod, Rylee (Student)			x		
Hardy, Pam					x	<i>Vacant</i> (Indigenous Student Trustee)					

<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>Manager of Financial Services</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

Assistant Superintendent, Tara Balog, 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.

2.0 Oath of Office

- 2.1 2025-2027 Student Trustee: Rylee McLeod: (Lake Superior High School)
The Trustees welcomed Rilee McLeod to the school board. Rylee read the oath of office out loud.

3.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**105/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Michano**Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 25, 2025, be called to order at 6:42 p.m.

Carried

4.0 Approval of Agenda**106/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Michano**Second: Trustee P. Liscomb*

That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/09 Regular Board Meeting, August 25, 2025, be accepted and approved as amended.

Carried

5.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures of interest provided at this time.

6.0 Trustee Appointment: re Vacancy First Nation Trustee

- 6.1 First Nations Trustee Appointment
Deferred.
- 6.2 Pamela Hardy: Declaration & Oath of Office
Deferred.

7.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings

- 7.1 Board Meeting Minutes

107/25*Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski**Second: Trustee P. Liscomb*

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

1. Regular Board Meeting 2025/08: June 23, 2025;

Carried

8.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

- 8.1 Notice of Amendment/Addition to Superior-Greenstone DSB Procedural Bylaw Report No. 55: Trustee Code of Conduct Compliance with Regulatory Amendments

In accordance with Superior –Greenstone DSB Procedural Bylaws, wherein amendments made to appendices of the Board's Bylaws must be preceded by notice. As such, notice is given to amend Appendix E, Code of Conduct for Members of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.

108/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having Received Report No. 55, Trustee Code of Conduct Compliance with Regulatory Amendments, approve the amendments and additions to the Superior-Greenstone District School Board Code of Conduct as presented.

Carried

9.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

9.1 Showcasing Learning: Summer Learning - SGDSB Summer Learning Program and Anishinaabemowin Immersion Camps

The Director provided an introduction to the video that was prepared by Tara Balog and highlighted the summer learning program that took place during the summer at multiple locations across the school district.

10.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

Nil.

11.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton

11.1 Borrowing By-Law No. 158

109/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

That, Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 158 Being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of up to 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

Carried

11.2 Report No. 56: Financial Services Restructuring

Superintendent of Business, Alex Marton, presented a review of the report. He noted that the Central Department is facing growing demands from the Ministry, changes and expansions across school boards, and staffing pressures. To address these challenges, stronger leadership capacity is required. The proposed restructuring plan is designed to strengthen succession planning and retention and will be implemented over two years.

12.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: William Goodman

12.1 Report No. 57: Student Census at SGDSB

Human Rights and Equity Advisor Anthony Jeethan provided a detailed review of the report outlining the Student Census work that was completed in June 2025.

13.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Superintendent of Education: Carole Leroux
Superintendent of Education: Flora Love-Jedruch
Assistant Superintendent: Tara Balog
Assistant Superintendent: Annick Brewster

Nil.

14.0 New Business

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

14.1 Board Committee Appointments

14.1.1 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Deferred.

14.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Deferred.

14.2 Board Chair

14.2.1 Reminder: Policy 211 – Electronic Meetings & Meeting Attendance

The Board Chair Pinky McRae issued a reminder to Trustees of the changes to electronic and meeting attendance that are in effect as of September 1, 2025. There attendance responses will be recorded on a new chart where the reason for electronic attendance is required. She noted that to achieve quorum, the Director, the Chair and one other trustee must be physically in the meeting room. If you cannot come in person, then you must send the Board Chair an email with the reason specified. Select from the reasons in Policy 211.

14.2.2 Correspondence: Trustee Learning Program Report

A detailed report was provided to Trustees by email regarding Trustee Fairservice' s requirement to complete the Trustee Learning Program as outlined in a Board resolution. The program was not completed; therefore, the resolution remains in effect. It was agreed that outreach will occur every 4–6 weeks to determine if there are opportunities to consider a new learning plan. Until that time, the censure will remain status quo as per the resolution.

14.3 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

14.3.1 CSBA Report

Trustee Allison Jarvis was able to attend the CSBA virtually. We will defer this item to the next meeting so that she may provide an update at that time.

14.4 Trustee Activities

Trustees were reminded that the mandatory modules are to be completed by August 30th. Links were provided by email earlier in the month.

Trustees were also reminded of the OPSBA Northern Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on October 17–18, with return on October 19. Trustees are encouraged to attend and are asked to contact GerriLynn to arrange accommodation and register. It was noted that Trustees Pinky and Allison are unavailable to attend.

Pinky attended breakfast at the August Leadership event at the Marathon High School, where she welcomed staff on behalf of the Board of Trustees. She noted the opportunity to meet new staff and guest speaker Sara Prevette from Future Design School.

This year marked the first time the August Leadership session was hosted in a different community. Moving the event across the district allows funds to be spent locally and reduces costs by holding it in school facilities.

14.5 Ministry Updates for Trustees

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

14.6 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

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

15.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

16.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

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

17.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

110/25

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 7:16 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

17.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

111/25

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

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 7:19 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

18.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

18.1 **112/25**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

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 2025/08: June 23, 2025;

Carried

18.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

19.0 Adjournment

113/25

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

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/09 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 25, 2025 adjourn at 7:20, p.m.

Carried

<u>2025 - Board Meetings</u>		
Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.		
Monday, September 22, 2025 *Designate Site: Marjorie Mills Public School	Monday, October 20, 2025	Monday, November 17, 20245 (1:00 p.m.) *Designate Site: Board Office
Monday, December 1, 2025		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2025/09

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, August 25, 2025

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

T O P I C S

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

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Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 7:16 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 2025/08: June 23, 2025*

Regular Board Meeting 2025-09

Monday, August 25, 2025

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APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

SECRETARY

CHAIR