



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 2026/02 M I N U T E S

Monday, December 01, 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
PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.
Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 7:25 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, Miley (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		
Kashak, Doug: <i>Manager of Mental Health</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>Team Lead - Information Technology Services</i>			x		
Kitchener, Nick: <i>Manager of Information Technology</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		

Welcome to Doug Kashak

The Board welcomed new Manager of Mental Health Doug Kashak to the School Board.

Land Acknowledgement

Manager of IT Services Nick Kitchener provided the land acknowledgement.

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

12/26

Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill Second: Trustee J. Michano

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

3.0 Trustee Attendance

13/26

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

That, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board approves the absence of Trustee A. Jarvis, P. Liscombe, J. Nesbitt, K. Pristanski and P. Hardy from the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for December 1, 2025, and that the Trustee be recorded as “excused with approval of the Board,” in accordance with Section 228(1)(d) and Regulation 313/24 of the Education Act.

Carried

4.0 Approval of Agenda

14/26

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

That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/02 Regular Board Meeting, December 1, 2025, be accepted and approved.

Carried

5.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

6.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**6.1 Board Meeting Minutes**

15/26

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

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

1. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/01: November 17, 2025;

Carried

7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**7.1 2026 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)**

Note: Appointments are in effect until November 2026.

The appointment of Trustee Pam Hardy as the Chair of IEAC was deferred to the next meeting.

16/26

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

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint the following trustees as IEAC members:

1. Allison Jarvis Appointee
2. Kal Pristanski Appointee

Carried

8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**8.1 Showcasing Learning: Ensuring Growth for Every Learner - Embedding the Assessment of Basic Language & Learning Skills within the Kindergarten Program**

A video presentation was put together by Melissa Bianco and Wanda Edwards and introduced by the Director. The presentation highlighted how the school board is embedding the assessment of basic language and learning skills within the kindergarten program. The presentation demonstrated the student learning that is taking place.

8.2 Excellence in Education: Dorion Public School - Learning for All

A video presentation was prepared by Vice-Principal Jennifer Rissanen, the video featured Dorion Public School Students engaging in their learning.

8.3 Report No. 05: Student Trustee Report: November 2025

The Student Trustees Miley Anthony and Rylee McLeod provided an update, emphasizing the importance of ensuring all students have a voice in discussions related to the request for information process. The November Student Senate meeting was postponed to December due to weather and will include planning on goal setting. Student Trustees will be traveling to Toronto in January to attend PES. An update was also provided on the Indigenous Youth Council, with elections underway and a representative expected in the coming weeks.

9.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

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

9.1.1 Board Policy Review Committee Report

The Board Policy Review Committee meeting was scheduled for November 25th. Quorum could not be reached; therefore, the meeting is rescheduled to December 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. A new agenda package will be sent to Trustees in the coming days.

10.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
Assistant Superintendent: Brent Harris*

Nil.

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: William Goodman

11.1 Report No. 06: Director's Monthly Report: November 2025

Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the Director's Monthly Report that showcases the work happening in schools across the district. The report highlighted the continued growth of trades opportunities for skilled workers and meaningful community connections and partnerships.

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. 07: SGDSB Special Education Report

Learning for All System Principal Erik Leroux provided an overview of the Special Education Report. He discussed the statistics outlined in the report and noted that the number of students with an IEP but no exceptionality has decreased by 4%, reflecting improved alignment between identification and programming. Highlights included ongoing IPRC audits to strengthen processes, continued implementation of universal design for learning, review of summer transition programming, and increasing support requests from schools, with 8 of 15 sites seeking additional assistance. Erik also noted progress integrating Indigenous and Western knowledge within IEPs, the use of Ages and Stages tools in Kindergarten, and continued collaboration with community partners to support culturally safe identification practices and transitions, including those from federal and Catholic school systems.

- 12.2 Report No. 08: Indigenous Skilled Trades Training Program Report
Superintendent of Business Carole Leroux presented an overview of the Indigenous Skilled Trades Training Program, noting its strong alignment with the Multi-Year Strategic Plan through innovative, inclusive, and community-focused learning opportunities. The program currently supports approximately 75 Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, offering 4–6 credits through hands-on community development projects and supported by \$800,000 in external funding. Efforts continue to expand outreach, strengthen partnerships, and increase program visibility, with early trades exploration now reaching students in Grades 4–6. Recent accomplishments include the completion of a community home in Ginoogaming with an accessible deck built by GCHS students, with the next build planned for Aroland. Trustees expressed enthusiasm for the program’s impact and growth.

13.0 New Business

Board Chair: P. McRae

13.1 Board Chair

13.1.1 Report No. 09: Trustee Board Meeting Evaluation Summary 2025

Trustees discussed whether it is effective to continue the evaluation process at this time, given current participation levels. It was suggested that the matter be revisited at the inaugural meeting of the next Board. The Board meeting evaluation for 2026 will be deferred for discussion at the November inaugural/ Organizational Board meeting in November 2026.

13.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

13.2.1 OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting

Trustee Jason Nesbitt reported on the recent OPSBA meeting, highlighting proposed governance changes that would reduce the Board of Directors from 50 to 12, with one representative each for the North, Northeast, and Northwest. He noted ongoing advocacy for two northern representatives to maintain strong regional voice. Additional amendments may be brought forward before the vote on December 18. The Board Chair and Director attended an information session and confirmed no new updates. Trustee Nesbitt will continue regional advocacy.

13.3 Trustee Activities

Nil.

13.4 Ministry Updates for Trustees

Nil.

13.5 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) 7:25 p.m.

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

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

17/26

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee A. Jarvis

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 7:25 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

18/26

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee M. Brunskill
That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 7:27p.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 **19/26**

Moved by: Trustee P. Liscomb Second: Trustee M. Brunskill
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. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/01:November 17, 2025;

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session
 Nil.

18.0 Adjournment

20/26

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt Second: Trustee J. Michano
That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/02 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 1, 2025 adjourn at 7:28, p.m.

Carried

<u>2026 - Board Meetings</u>		
<i>Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, January 26, 2026	Monday, February 23, 2026	Monday, March 30, 2026
Monday, April 1, 2026 <i>*Special Board Meeting</i>	Monday, April 27, 2026	Monday, May 25, 2026 <i>*Designate Site: Manitouwadge High School</i>
Monday, June 22, 2026	Monday, July 13, 2026	Monday, August 24, 2026
Monday, September 21, 2026 <i>*Designate Site: SGDSB Learning Centre</i>	Monday, October 19, 2026	Monday, November 9, 2026 <i>(1:00 p.m.) *Designate Site: Board Office</i>
Monday, December 7, 2026		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2026/02

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, December 01, 2025

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

TOPICS

Board Chair: *Pinky McRae*

Director: William Goodman

Location: Board Office, Videoconference & Teleconference

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 7:25 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. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/01: November 17, 2025

Regular Board Meeting 2026-02

Monday, December 1, 2025

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

SECRETARY

CHAIR