



# 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 2024/03

### MINUTES

Monday, January 29, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

**Videoconference & Teleconference**

Microsoft Teams meeting  
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**Board Chair:** Pinky McRae

**Director:** Nicole Morden Cormier

Location: 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) 9:04 p.m.

### **1.0 Roll Call**

<u><b>Trustees</b></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. Megen			x			Nesbitt, Jason			x		
Cormier, Dr. Paul			x			Pristanski, Kal			x		
Jarvis, Allison			x			Michano, Julie			x		
Liscomb, Pat			x			Hunter, Emeraude (Student)			x		
McRae, Pauline (Pinky)			x			Krause, Zoey (Student)			x		

<u><b>Board Administrators</b></u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	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		
Leroux, Carole: <i>Assistant to the Director</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 &amp; Communications Officer</i>			x		
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>					x

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Superintendent of Education Will Goodman provided a land acknowledgement for the Ancestral and Traditional Territories of the Indigenous people on whose lands we are gathering. 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**

**26/24**

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 29, 2024, be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

### **3.0 Approval of Agenda**

**27/24**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Pristanski*                      Second: *Trustee A. Jarvis*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2024/03 Regular Board Meeting, January 29, 2024, be accepted and approved.

Carried

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

There were no disclosures of interest.

### **5.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**

#### **5.1 Board Meeting Minutes**

**28/24**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Michano*                      Second: *Trustee A. Jarvis*

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

1. Regular Board Meeting 2024/02: December 4, 2023;

Carried

#### **5.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes**

##### **5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**29/24**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Pristanski*                      Second: *Trustee P. Liscomb*

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

1. Special Education Advisory Committee November 14, 2023
2. Special Education Advisory Committee December 12, 2023
3. Board Audit Committee October 5, 2023

Carried

### **6.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **7.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

7.1 Showcasing Learning: Nipigon-Red Rock District High School - Alternative Education Learning  
N. Morden Cormier provided an introduction to the video. She discussed how the school has moved away from providing traditional education model to look at how to best serve students and designed the Alternative Education Learning course around the student's areas of interest.

7.2 Excellence in Education: B.A. Parker Public School - Essential Transitions at BAPS  
Principal Heidi Cloutier provided a review of the PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the work of the B.A. Parker Public School to support all students during essential transitions.

### 7.3 Student Trustee Year End Report

Student Trustees Emeraude Hunter and Zoey Krause provided a review of their year end report that outlined the challenges and successes they have had. The Trustees and Director expressed their gratitude to the Student Trustees for their dedication and hard work.

## **8.0 Reports and Matters for Decision**

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

#### 8.1.1 Board Audit Committee Report

Trustee Pristanski provided a verbal update on the December 14, 2023 Board Audit Committee meeting.

##### 8.1.1.1 Report No. 10: Report of the Audit Committee: External Member Appointment **30/24**

*Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis*

*Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, having received Report No. 10: Report of the Audit Committee External Member Appointment, approve the appointment of Kevin Green, as an External Member of the Audit Committee for a period of three years.

*Carried*

##### 8.1.1.2 Report No. 11: Report of the Audit Committee – 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements

Manager of Financial Services Brent Harris provided a detailed review of the Audited Financial Statements for 2022-2023. He advised that the board is compliant with Ministry standards. Additional reports of compliance and Trust Funds Administered were reviewed and provided for information.

**31/24**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano*

*Second: Trustee M. Brunskill*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, having received Report No. 11: Report of the Audit Committee – 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements:

- *Approve the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements.*
- *Received additional financial reports for information.*

*Carried*

#### 8.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report

Trustee Megen Brunskill provided a verbal report on the January 16, 2024 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting. The Committee received a presentation regarding the results of the OurSchool Survey and the development of a Mental Health Strategy based on the data collected. Presentations were provided from the Community Living program and the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

#### 8.1.3 Occupational Health and Safety Committee Report

Trustee Allison Jarvis provided a review of the meeting and highlighted the workplace violence form, the work to simplify resources and forms and the development of the redevelopment of the Health and Safety Manual. The Committee received a presentation on safety planning from System Principal Annick Brewster.

#### 8.1.4 Parent Engagement Committee Report

Trustee A. Jarvis provided highlights from the January 23, 2024 meeting. The committee received several presentations, discussed the school year calendar and the Feast and Feedback session.

## **9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee**

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton*

- 9.1 Report No. 12: 2023-2024 Interim Financial Report No. 01  
 Manager of Financial Services Brent Harris provided a review of the 2023-2024 Interim Report No. 01. He discussed the enrollment numbers and the projected surplus of funds as outlined within the report.
- 9.2 Report No. 13: Enrolment Summary - October 2023  
 Superintendent of Business A. Marton presented the enrollment summary as of October 31, 2023. The report outlined the decrease in enrollment from what was projected. The Administration team is working closely with schools to determine the level of impact community economic changes may have on schools for September 2024.
- 9.3 Report No. 14: Release of Surplus Funds 2023-2024 No. 02  
 The Superintendent of Business provided a review of the request for release of surplus funds to support the capital work required that is not covered by the Ministry of Education as part of the regular budget.

**32/24**

*Moved by: Trustee P. Cormier                      Second: Trustee A. Jarvis*  
*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, approve for Release \$350,000 in accumulated surplus funds for use in capital projects for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.*

Carried

**10.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier*

- 10.1 Report No. 15: Director's Monthly Report: January 2024  
 The Director Nicole Morden Cormier presented the monthly report that highlighted the monthly theme of supporting essential student transitions.
- 10.2 Report No. 16: Educational Leadership Restructuring  
 The Director reviewed the report that highlighted the educational leadership restructuring that will take place to support schools and students. She advised that there are no financial implications with the leadership changes outlined in the report.

**11.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*Superintendent of Education: Will Goodman*  
*Superintendent of Education: Eric Fredrickson*  
*Assistant to the Director: Carole Leroux*

- 11.1 Report No. 17: Student Success Portfolio Update 2023-2024  
 Student Success Principal Kyle Thomson provided an overview of the submitted report. He highlighted that under this portfolio, work is completed to support Principals, to enhance community relationships, community engagement and improved graduation rates.
- 11.2 Report No. 18: Special Education  
 System Principal Annick Brewster provided a review of the updates within Special Education. She noted that the work is focused on developing responsive plans and program needs. The report included information regarding the school board's current statistics and the work the school board is doing to support all students with exceptionalities and their varying level of need.
- 11.3 Report No. 19: Positive Behaviour Support  
 Positive Behaviour Support Melissa Bianco shared details about her work within the portfolio that is grounded in compassionate practice, with student dignity in the forefront. She outlined the increased number of students with complex needs and the work the school board is doing to provide the necessary level of support and the expansion of the Positive Behaviour Support team to meet these needs.
- 11.4 Report No. 20: Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning: LÜ Interactive Playground  
 Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching Principal/District e-learning Contact Stacey Wallwin provided a short video presentation to accompany the written report. The video showcased the variety of ways that students are engaged in learning with the LÜ Interactive Playground. The audio-visual system designed to provide interactive physical and emotional learning for students has been used to help improve focus, learning, emotional regulation, and collaborative play.

## **12.0 New Business**

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

### 12.1 Board Chair

#### 12.1.1 Update: Minister and Board Chair Teleconference

The Board Chair Pinky McRae advised that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024, therefore at this time, there is nothing to report.

#### 12.1.2 Report No. 21: Professional Development Sanction: Trustee Learning Support Program

**33/24**

Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 21, Professional Development Sanction: Trustee Learning Support Program Terms and Conditions, approve the Trustee Learning Support Program Terms and Conditions as presented.**

Carried

### 12.2 Report No. 22: Board Meeting Yearly Evaluation

The Director presented the proposed Board Meeting Yearly Evaluation form that has been developed from the request to move from a monthly meeting evaluation to an annual process. Trustees are requested to provide any additional feedback that they may have. The form will be made into an electronic version and distributed in June 2024 for completion.

### 12.3 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

#### 12.2.1 OPSBA Public Education Symposium January 25-26 Verbal Report

Trustees who attended the Public Education Symposium discussed the event and shared information regarding the workshops attended. Trustees appreciated the opportunity to connect with Senior Administration, and fellow Trustees while learning at the event.

### 12.4 Trustee Activities

Nil.

### 12.5 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Nil.

## **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) 9:04 p.m.

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

### 15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

**34/24**

Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill

Second: Trustee J. Michano

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:04 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.**

Carried

### 15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**35/24**

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:46 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     **36/24**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano                      Second: Trustee A. Jarvis

✓ **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 2024/02: December 4, 2023

Carried

16.2     Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

*Nil.*

**17.0 Adjournment**

**37/24**

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2024/03 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 29, 2024 adjourn at 9:50, p.m.

Carried

<b><u>2024 - Board Meetings</u></b>		
<i>Videoconference and/or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, February 26, 2024		Monday, March 25, 2024
Monday, April 8, 2024 <i>*Special Board Meeting</i>	Monday, April 29, 2024	Monday, May 27, 2024 <i>*Designate Site: Dorion Public School</i>
Monday, June 24, 2024	Monday, July 15, 2024	Monday, August 26, 2024
Monday, September 16, 2024 <i>*Designate Site: Lake Superior High School</i>	Monday, October 21, 2024	Monday, November 18, 2024 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office</i>
Monday, December 2, 2024		

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2024/03**

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, January 29, 2024

Videoconference and Teleconference

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** *Pinky McRae*

**Director:** *Nicole Morden Cormier*

*Location: Videoconference & Teleconference*

*Recorder: G. Christianson*

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

*Section (B): In-Camera 9:04 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 2024/02 December 4, 2023
  
- 4.0 Personnel Item A:
  
- 5.0 Legal Matter A:
  
- 6.0 Legal Matter B:
  
- 7.0 Personnel Item B:
  
- 8.0 Personnel Item C:

**Regular Board Meeting 2024-03**

Monday, January 29, 2024

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR