



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 2023/08

MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2023 – 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) 8:43 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
Brunskill, Dr. Megan					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>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		
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 & Communications</i>			x		

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Board Vice-Chair Allison Jarvis provided a land acknowledgement to open the meeting. The Chair discussed the opportunity to rotate the role of providing the land acknowledgement amongst the Trustees so that there is equal opportunity.

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting*

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

2.0 Oath of Office: 2023-2025 Student Trustee

2.1 Zoey Krause: (Lake Superior High School)

Zoey Krause, appointed to fill the Student Trustee role for the 2023-2025 term, recited the Declaration of Office and took her seat as a member of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.

3.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

126/23

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee J. Michano

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 28, 2023, be called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Carried

4.0 Approval of Agenda

127/23

Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis

Second: Trustee P. Cormier

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2023/08 Regular Board Meeting, August 28, 2023, be accepted and approved as amended.

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

128/23

Moved by: Trustee P. Liscomb

Second: Trustee J. Michano

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

1. Regular Board Meeting 2023/07: June 26, 2023;
2. Special Board Meeting 04-2023: July 10, 2023;

Carried

7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

Nil.

8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

8.1 Excellence in Education: Summer Learning 2023

Summer Learning Principal Jennifer Mikus provided a presentation regarding the Summer Learning Program. The program provided students an opportunity to build bird feeders, build upon key learning concepts that they may have missed in the school year and multiple hands-on learning experiences. Students were provided with learning kits so that they had all the materials to engage in the activities. The Reach Ahead Program had 16 students participate in the program.

8.2 Report No. 58: Student Trustee Report: August 2023

Student Trustees Emeraude Hunter and Zoey Krause provided a review of the written report provided.

9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
Business /Negotiations Chair: Trustee Kal Pristanski

9.1 Borrowing By-Law No. 154

Manager of Finance Brent Harris presented the annual Borrowing By-Law required for operation cash flow. The Trustees requested information regarding the interest charged by the bank due to the Ministry funding delays. The Manager of Finance advised that the delayed grant amount is recorded and will be reported on during future presentations.

129/23

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee A. Jarvis

✓ *That*, Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 154 Being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of up to 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

Carried

9.2 Report No. 59: Financial Report for Code of Conduct Investigation No. 01

Superintendent of Business Alex Marton provided a review of the financial report of costs incurred to date regarding the Code of Conduct Investigation. The costs presented are to the end of July 2023.

10.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier

10.1 Report No. 60: Family Engagement: Themes for 2023-2024

The Director provided a review of the Family Engagement Report. The School Board will be focusing on themes each month throughout the 2023-2024 school year. These themes were developed based on the feedback received from the two feast and feedback sessions.

The Director advised that this year's feast and feedback session will be held in the First Nations communities who are willing to host the event.

10.2 Report No. 61: Multi Year Strategic Plan: Final Evaluation of Impact (Graduation Rates)

The Director provided a review of the report that highlighted the graduation rates data.

10.3 Report No. 62: Multi-Year Strategic Plan: 2023 Evaluation of Stewardship

The Superintendent of Business provided a review of the report that highlighted our Stewardship pillar responsibilities.

10.4 Report No. 63: Multi-Year Strategic Plan: 2023 Evaluation of Well-Being

The Superintendent of Education Eric Fredrickson provided a review of the report that outlined how the well-being pillar is foundational for student success.

10.5 Report No. 64: Multi-Year Strategic Plan: 2023 Evaluation of Learning

The Superintendents of Education, Will Goodman and Eric Fredrickson, provided a review of the Evaluation of Learning report.

10.6 Report No. 65: Multi-Year Strategic Plan: 2023 Evaluation of Relationships

Superintendent Will Goodman provided a review of the Evaluation of Relationships report.

Trustee K. Pristanski joined the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

11.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Superintendent of Education: Will Goodman
Superintendent of Education: Eric Fredrickson
Education Chair: Trustee Dan Fairservice

11.1 Report No. 66: Summer Learning

Summer Learning Principal Jennifer Mikus presented the written report that discussed the details of the Summer Learning program.

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 Minister canceled the meeting, therefore there are no updates at this time.

12.1.2 OSTA-AECO Meeting Update

Board Chair P. McRae provided an update regarding the July 4, 2023, meeting with OSTA-AECO representatives regarding the communication concerns. She noted that it was a positive meeting and Student Trustees had the opportunity to discuss the disadvantages that Northern Ontario Student Trustees face in actively participating in OSTA-AECO.

12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

12.2.1 OPSBA Director Update

OPSBA Director Trustee Jason Nesbitt advised that he will be in attendance at the OPSBA meeting on September 22-23, 2023. The OPSBA Northern Region meeting will be held on October 13-14, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie. The Board will discuss attendance at a future meeting.

The Board Chair reminded Trustees that the October 23, 2023 Regular Board meeting is scheduled as an on-site meeting at the Geraldton Composite High School. Attendance is strongly encouraged so that Trustees are in compliance with the Ministry requirements for three onsite meetings per year.

12.2.2 Indigenous Trustees Council (ITC) Update

Trustee Paul Cormier provided a report regarding the annual ITC planning meeting he attended in August. He noted that the Indigenous Trustees Council received a presentation regarding the GSN and the Native Language Curriculum. The Ministry has begun the process of redeveloping the curriculum and the ITC provided feedback on how they may design the process. Due to schedule constraints, Trustee Cormier withdrew his membership on the Education Program Working Group. He advised that the CSBA will be held in Ontario next year. The Trustee offered to put a panel together of the Director, Superintendent, Board Chair and himself to potentially present at the conference.

12.3 Trustee Activities

Nil.

12.4 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

The Board Chair reminded Trustees to please provide any future agenda items to the Director or Board Chair in advance of the next meeting. A request was received for a report regarding Bill 98. A request was received for a report of the ESA agreement's structure and what we are accountable to. Trustee Cormier explained that other school boards are interested in knowing about what is happening in our area.

12.5 Board Meeting Evaluation Summary June 26, 2023

The Board Chair reminded Trustees to please complete the Board Meeting Evaluation form at the end of the meeting. Responses will be evaluated before the end of this term.

13.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

14.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

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

15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

130/23

Moved by: *Trustee K. Pristanski*

Second: *Trustee J. Michano*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:43 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

131/23

Moved by: *Trustee J. Michano*

Second: *Trustee J. Nesbitt*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:30 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 **132/23**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Michano*

Second: *Trustee K. Pristanski*

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

1. Regular Board 2023/07: June 26, 2023

Carried

16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

133/23

Moved by: *Trustee K. Pristanski*

Second: *Trustee J. Michano*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. IC-12-23, approve the wage increase for the 0.5 FTE Communications Officer position, and that the salary be retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Carried

17.0 Adjournment

134/23

Moved by: *Trustee P. Liscomb*

Second: *Trustee J. Nesbitt*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2023/08 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2023 adjourn at 9:31, p.m.

Carried

2023 - Board Meetings		
<i>Videoconference and/or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, September 18, 2023	Monday, October 23, 2023 <i>*Designate Site: GCHS</i>	Monday, November 20, 2023
Monday, December 4, 2023 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office</i>		

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Regular Board Meeting 2023/08

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, August 28, 2023

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 8:43 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 2023/07 June 26, 2023
- 4.0 Personnel Item A:
- 5.0 Personnel Item B:
- 6.0 Report No. IC-12-23:
- 7.0 Report No. IC-13-23:
- 8.0 Personnel Item C:

Regular Board Meeting 2023-08

Monday, August 28, 2023

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

SECRETARY

CHAIR