



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, September 18, 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) 9:00 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		
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>	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 & Communications Officer</i>			X		
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>			x		

Land Acknowledgment

The Director of Education provided the land acknowledgement.

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting*

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

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

135/23

Moved by: *Trustee J. Nesbitt*

Second: *Trustee K. Pristanski*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2023, be called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Carried

3.0 Approval of Agenda

136/23

Moved by: *Trustee A. Jarvis*

Second: *Trustee J. Nesbitt*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2023/09 Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2023, 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 Meeting Minutes

137/23

Moved by: *Trustee J. Nesbitt*

Second: *Trustee K. Pristanski*

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

1. Regular Board Meeting 2023/08: August 28, 2023.

Carried

5.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes

5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes

138/23

Moved by: *Trustee M. Brunskill* Second: *Trustee P. Cormier*

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

1. Special Education Advisory Committee June 13, 2023.

Carried

6.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

6.1 Board Chair

6.1.1 Bill 98: Better Schools and Outcomes

The Board Chair advised that due to the significant amount of information the Director would like to share regarding Bill 98, it has been decided that a presentation will be provided at a professional development session scheduled for October 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

6.1.2 Education Service Agreements Information

The Board Chair advised that Senior Administration will prepare a report on the requested agenda item and this will be provided at an Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting.

7.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

7.1 Showcasing Learning: Beardmore Public School - Ribbon Skirt Making

The Director of Education provided an introduction to the video presentation prepared by Principal Bev Vachon. The video highlighted the learning students from grades JK-Grade 8 engaged in for the making of Ribbon Skirts, the importance of the tradition, and the meaning of the Ribbon Skirts. This work is essential in moving forward in Truth and Reconciliation at SGDSB.

- 7.2 Excellence in Education: Mental Health - Supporting Mental Health
 Manager of Mental Health, Deana Renaud, provided a detailed presentation regarding the Mental Health services and supports available within our schools. Each of the positions within the Mental Health portfolio were highlighted and celebrated. The Manager discussed the September theme that was communicated across the district through radio interviews, reports, and a ThoughtExchange question posed to families and community stakeholders.
- 7.3 Report No. 67: Student Trustee Report: September 2023
 Student Trustees Emeraude Hunter and Zoey Krause provided a review of the written report provided. They highlighted the month's activities that included meetings with Senior Admin, planning for the school year, ideas to implement mental health strategies at the Student Senate meetings and planning the social media strategy for Student Senate. The Student Trustees also discussed the follow up response received from OSTA-AECO following the July 2023 meeting. The Board Chair and Student Trustees expressed great disappointment with the OSTA-AECO leadership and have constructed a letter to advocate for change to the communication and engagement with Northern Student Trustees.

8.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

- 8.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)
- 8.1.1 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report
 Trustee Megen Brunskill provided a review of the agenda highlights from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting that was held on September 12, 2023. She noted that the meeting was very well attended, and the committee discussed the philosophy of Special Education, goals, services available within the school board, and service challenges.

9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton
 Business /Negotiations Chair: Trustee Kai Pristanski*

- 9.1 Tax Levy-By-Law No. 155
 Manager of Finance Brent Harris provided a review of the annual By-Law for the levy of taxes. There was an error in the agenda package to the title of the item, that will be corrected.

139/23

Moved by: Trustee M. Brunskill

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 155 being a bylaw to levy taxes for 2024 as per the attached.

Carried

- 9.2 Report No. 68: 2022/2023 Interim Reports No. 3
 Superintendent of Business Alex Marton and Manager of Finance Brent Harris provided a review of the 2022/2023 Interim Report that was provided for information. They advised that this report is part of a series of 4 reports presented throughout the year. The report outlined the budget comparisons from the budgeted amounts to the actual spending. The Manager of Finance highlighted the major items within the report that included items such as the enrollment increase and additional legal expenses.
- 9.3 Report No. 69: Capital Project Summary 2023-2024
 Manager of Plant Services, Gord Muir, provided a review of the Capital Project Summary for 2023-2024. The capital work for the school year is in the amount of \$8,903,874.
- 9.4 Report No. 70: Community Use of Space Fees
 Superintendent of Business Alex Marton provided a review of the report. He advised that the school board will begin enforcing the Community Use of Schools Policy for use of spaces outside of regular operating hours where additional expenses to the Board are incurred.

10.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: Nicole Morden Cormier

- 10.1 Report No. 71: Director's Monthly Report: September 2023
The Director's Monthly Report is designed to provide information regarding how the aims of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan are being realized in each of the schools. This month's report showcased the inclusive spaces and how instructional approaches meet the needs of our student.
- 10.2 Report No. 72: Multi Year Strategic Plan: Design Plan for 2023-2024
The Director provided a comprehensive review of the Multi-Year Strategic Plan design for the 2023-2024 school year. The report highlighted the stakeholder engagement that will be conducted and the framework for the activities that Future Design School will conduct as part of the proposed plan.

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. 73: SGDSB Mental Health Portfolio Report
Manager of Mental Health Deana Renaud provided a detailed review of the report provided. She outlined the successes of the Mental Health Portfolio that support mentally healthy schools and system initiatives. This work includes the Substance Use Strategy, Mental Health Profile Staffing and program updates, tier two and three services that consist of mental health workers, child and youth workers and attendance counsellors.
- 11.2 Report No. 74: SGDSB's August Leadership Conference 2023
Superintendent Eric Fredrickson provided a review of the report that highlighted the annual SGDSB August Leadership Conference. School Principals, Vice-Principals, System Leads, System Principals, Managers and Senior Administration were in attendance and engaged in multiple presentations from the Director of Education, School Effectiveness System Principal, Assistant to the Director, Superintendents of Education and Human Rights and Equity Advisor.
- 11.3 Report No. 75: 2023-2024 Student Achievement Plan
School Effectiveness System Principal Kellie Wrigley provided a detailed review of the written report. She advised that effective September 2023, School Boards are required to develop a Student Achievement Plan (SAP), which focuses on the Ministry of Education priorities of Achievement and Learning Outcomes in Core Academic Subjects (literacy and Math), Student Engagement and Well-Being, and preparation of Students for Future Success. This plan was formerly the Board Improvement and Equity Plan. Trustees requested an update regarding this work at a future meeting.

12.0 New Business

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

- 12.1 Board Chair
- 12.1.1 Update: Minister and Board Chair Teleconference
The Board Chair provided an update regarding the recent Minister and Board Chair Teleconference. The meeting agenda topics included the introduction of the new Deputy Minister, Math Lead, changes to the role of Trustees and the importance of good governance.
- 12.1.2 OPSBA Northern Conference October 13 & 14, 2023
The Board Chair and Trustee Jason Nesbitt discussed the OPSBA Northern Conference taking place in Sault Ste. Marie on October 13 & 14, 2023. Trustees are requested to contact the Executive Assistant as soon as possible to advise of your interest in attending.
- 12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards
- 12.2.1 Indigenous Trustees Council Update
Trustee Paul Cormier provided a review of the agenda topics from the August 2023 Indigenous Trustees Council (ITC) meeting. He noted that the ITC was advised that there will not be a First Nations Council meeting prior to the CSBA scheduled for 2024. The ITC

expressed their disappointment on this issue and Trustee Cormier will continue to update the Board regarding the matter.

12.2.2 OPSBA Director Update

Trustee Jason Nesbitt advised that he will be attending an OPSBA Director meeting on September 22, 2023. The meeting's agenda was shared with the Director and Board Chair. Trustee Nesbitt advised that he is unable to attend the November OPSBA Directors meeting, and therefore, will be seeking the support of the alternate OPSBA Director/voting Delegate to attend.

12.3 Trustee Activities

Nil.

12.4 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Nil.

12.5 Board Meeting Evaluation Summary August 28, 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 the year.

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) 9:00 p.m.

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

15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

140/23

Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:00 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

141/23

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee A. Jarvis

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 9:52 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 **142/23**

Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis

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 2023/08: August 28, 2023

Carried

16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

17.0 Adjournment

143/23

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee P. Cormier

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2023/09 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 18, 2023, adjourn at 9:53, p.m.

Carried

2023 - Board Meetings

Videoconference and/or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 23, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023

**Designate Site: GCHS*

Monday, December 4, 2023 (1:00 p.m.) **Designate Site: Board Office*

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2023/09

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, September 18, 2023

Videoconference and Teleconference

TOPICS

Board Chair: <i>Pinky McRae</i>	Director: <i>Nicole Morden Cormier</i>
<i>Location: Videoconference & Teleconference</i>	<i>Recorder: G. Christianson</i>

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed	<i>Section (B): In-Camera 9:00 p.m.</i>
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- 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 2023/08 August 28, 2023
- 4.0 Capital Item:
- 5.0 Personnel Item:
- 6.0 Personnel Item:

Regular Board Meeting 2023-09

Monday, September 18, 2023

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023

SECRETARY

CHAIR