



## 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 2025/06 M I N U T E S

Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

### Videoconference & Teleconference

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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) 8:00 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		
Fairservice, Dan ( <i>censure</i> )						Pristanski, Kal			x		
Jarvis, Allison			x			Michano, Julie	x				
Liscomb, Pat			x			Krause, Zoey (Student)			x		
McRae, Pinky	x					Anthony, Miley (Student)			x		
<i>First Nation Trustee(Vacant)</i>						Kentner, Anna (Student)			x		

<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 &amp; Communications Coordinator</i>	x				
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>			x		

**Land Acknowledgement**

Superintendent of Education Carole Leroux 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.

**National Day of Mourning**

Today, we pause to recognize the National Day of Mourning – honouring workers who have lost their lives, suffered injury, or experienced illness on the job. We remember, reflect and we renew our commitment to safer workplaces for all.

**2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order****64/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Michano**Second: Trustee A. Jarvis*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, be called to order at 6:36 p.m.

*Carried***3.0 Approval of Agenda**

There were two additions made to the agenda.

- Item 8.1.4 Audit Committee Report and Committee Recommendation.
- Item 12.2.1 and Item 12.2.2 for the appointment of the OPSBA Board of Director and Voting Delegate for the 2025-2026 term of office.

**65/25***Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt**Second: Trustee J. Michano*

**That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/06 Regular Board Meeting, April 28, 2025, be accepted and approved as amended.

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

There were no disclosures of interest provided at this time.

**5.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings****5.1 Board Meeting Minutes****66/25***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 2025/05: March 24, 2025;
2. Special Board Meeting 01/2025: April 7, 2025.

*Carried***5.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes****5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes****67/25***Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis**Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

**That**, the minutes of the following Board Committee meetings be acknowledged as received:

1. Special Education Advisory Committee March 4, 2025
2. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee February 18, 2025

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

Nil.

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

### **7.1 Showcasing Learning: Special Education**

#### **7.1.1 Presentation Titled: Universal Design for Learning (UDL)**

Director Will Goodman provided a presentation prepared by Learning for All System Principal Erik Leroux on the *UDL Spotlight* newsletter, an internal communication celebrating the unique strengths and talents within the school community. He highlighted successes and shared stories from both staff and students.

#### **7.1.2 Presentation Titled: Learning with Milo**

A video presentation was provided on the use of MILO to support student learning and social interactions. Students engage with MILO during phonics lessons and everyday situations, including safety and fire drills, where they demonstrate increased calmness and ability to follow procedures with MILO. The skills are transferable to the classroom, supporting on-topic conversations and social development.

### **7.2 Excellence in Education: Geraldton Composite High School - Learning for All - Leveraging Universal Design for Learning**

Principal Andy McFarlane provided a review of the PowerPoint presentation highlighting current progress, future goals, and transitions at GCHS, including processes under PPM 140 and PPM 156. Community supports, inclusive programming, and creative learning environments were discussed, with a focus on student strengths and building relationships. A video showcased a student's daily journey, emphasizing hands-on learning, inclusive spaces, and modified programming to meet diverse needs. Trustees expressed appreciation for the examples shared, and a future education topic was proposed regarding provincial support for students on the autism spectrum and post-secondary pathways.

### **7.3 Report No. 34: Student Trustee Report: April 2025**

Student Trustees Zoey Krause and Miley Anthony presented a report highlighting recent activities, including the successful annual alumni panel with Emeraude and Steph Rathwell, upcoming elections with three candidates, and the importance of the role in creating future opportunities. They noted low participation rates and shared how students have been practicing land acknowledgements in a safe and supportive environment. They also shared their experience at a Calgary leadership event focused on equity, diversity, and team building, which helped inspire the launch of their Connections passion project. Miley is preparing for the OSTA-AECO AGM from May 22–25 and will provide an update in June as she transitions into her second year as a Student Trustee.

## **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**

An update was provided regarding the April 8, 2025 meeting, with the next meeting scheduled for May 6, 2025. The resource team has been focused on neurodiversity and fostering inclusive environments, with a Mental Health Fair planned for May 8. The Special Education Plan was approved for board submission, the UDL Spotlight newsletter was shared, and discussions are ongoing regarding changes to Jordan's Principle funding.

#### **8.1.2 Occupational Health and Safety Committee (OH&SC) Report**

The last meeting was held on March 26, 2025, with no formal updates to report. Alex highlighted a shift to sharing all incident reports with the committee, marking a significant step toward increased transparency.

#### 8.1.3 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Report

The last meeting was held on April 22, 2025, with quorum confirmed. Trustee Allison Jarvis shared that it was her first IEAC meeting and that it was a valuable learning experience, featuring updates from the Manager of Indigenous Education and Director, and a presentation from Lisa MacLeod on the Indigenous Skilled Trades Program. The meeting highlighted strong community engagement, resource sharing, and regional learning practices; a special meeting will be held to further discuss Jordan's Principle. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2025, at the Band Office in AZA.

#### 8.1.4 Audit Committee Report

Trustee Pristanski provided a review of the meeting agenda. He advised that the Manager of Finance provided an update on the internal review, which focused on cash handling and the retention of student records, noting that medical and identity information must be removed from files and follow-up will occur with school secretaries. The internal auditors also presented last year's Wellbeing and Health audit, which included three recommendations currently being addressed by management. The appointment of external auditors was discussed, with the current term ending and an option to extend at no additional cost.

##### 8.1.4.1 External Audit Services

**68/25**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski                      Second: Trustee J. Michano  
That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, having received Board Report No. 38:  
External Audit Services, appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors for Superior-  
Greenstone DSB for two-years for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years.*

Carried

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

*Superintendent of Business: Alex Marton*

Nil.

#### **10.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*Director of Education: William Goodman*

##### 10.1 Report No. 35: Director's Monthly Report: April 2025

Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the report. The activities highlighted the culture of high expectations and inclusivity across the school district.

##### 10.2 Update: 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

The Director advised that the 2025-2026 modified calendar has been approved by the Ministry of Education.

#### **11.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

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

##### 11.1 Report No. 36: 2025-2026 Finalized Elementary Staffing

Superintendent of Education Flora Love-Jedruch provided a review of the finalized Elementary Teaching Staffing and Organization for September 2025. There were no revisions made to the report since last presented on April 7, 2025.

**69/25**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski                      Second: Trustee P. Liscomb  
That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 36, 2025-2026 Finalized  
Elementary Staffing, approves the staffing as presented.*

Carried

##### 11.2 Report No. 37: 2025-2026 Finalized Secondary Staffing

Superintendent of Education Carole Leroux provided a review of the finalized Secondary Staffing report and highlighted the minor revisions made to the report since first presented on April 7, 2025.

**70/25**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano*

*Second: Trustee A. Jarvis*

***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having Received Report No. 37, 2025-2026 Finalized Secondary Staffing, approves the Secondary staffing as presented.***

*Carried*

11.3 Update: Ontario's New Restrictions for Cell Phones in Schools

The Superintendent of Education Carole Leroux reported that the implementation of Ontario's new cell phone restrictions under PPM 128 has gone smoothly. The updated provincial and school codes of conduct now ban cell phone use during instructional time. There has been no increase in formal discipline, and no suspensions related to the policy have been issued in the board's high schools.

**12.0 New Business**

*Board Chair: Pinky McRae*

12.1 Board Chair

12.1.1 Resignation: Anna Kentner (Indigenous Student Trustee)

Indigenous Student Trustee Anna Kentner has submitted her resignation as she will be moving in the near future. The board expressed their deep gratitude for her contributions and commitment to her position.

**71/25**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano*

*Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the resignation of Indigenous Student Trustee Anna Kentner, effective June 25, 2025 with regret.***

*Carried*

12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

As per the new OPSBA General By-Law, appointments to the OPSBA Board of Directors are for the term of office, beginning at the OPSBA Organizational Board meeting in June of each year, until the subsequent OPSBA Annual meeting. Therefore, in April 2025 the Board must appoint the OPSBA Board of Director, Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the 2025-2026 OPSBA term of office, May 2025 – May 2026.

12.2.1 Trustee Appointments for OPSBA Director/Voting Delegate

**72/25**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano*

*Second: Trustee K. Pristanski*

✓ ***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint Trustee Jason Nesbitt to serve as its Director and Voting Delegate to OPSBA effective for the 2025-2026 Term of Office.***

*Carried*

12.2.2 Trustee Appointment for OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate

**73/25**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano*

*Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt*

✓ ***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint Trustee Allison Jarvis to serve as its Alternate Voting Delegate to OPSBA for the 2025-2026 Term of Office.***

*Carried*

12.3 Trustee Activities

Allison reported attending the charity basketball game at NRHS, noting strong community partner involvement and a valuable opportunity for engagement. Kal informed the committee about new Trustee training sessions, which have begun and consist of six reading modules to be completed by the end of August, with no testing requirement. Jason recognized Zoey and Anna for organizing a successful bottle drive, raising over \$3,000 along with an additional \$500 in donations.

12.4 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.

**12.5 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items**

The next meeting is being held at the SGDSB Learning Centre in Red Rock. Please watch for an email from the Executive Assistant requesting your attendance confirmation and travel needs so that she may finalize booking the accommodations and meals. Prior to the meeting at 3:00 p.m., a tour of the school will be provided. Dinner will be provided at the learning centre and the Director's Performance Review meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m., prior to the Regular Board meeting.

**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) 8:00 p.m.

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

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

**74/25**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

**That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:00 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.**

Carried

**15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session**

**75/25**

Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski

Second: Trustee J. Michano

**That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:03 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 76/25**

Moved by: Trustee A. Jarvis

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

**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 2025/05: March 24, 2025;

Carried

**16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session**

Nil.

**17.0 Adjournment**

**77/25**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

**That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2025/06 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 28, 2025 adjourn at 8:04, p.m.**

Carried

<b><u>2025 - Board Meetings</u></b>		
<i>Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
Monday, May 26, 2025 <i>*Designate Site: SGDSB Learning Centre</i>		
Monday, June 30, 2025	Monday, July 14, 2025	Monday, August 25, 2025
Monday, September 22, 2025 <i>*Designate Site: B.A. Parker Public School</i>	Monday, October 20, 2025	Monday, November 17, 20245 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office</i>
Monday, December 1, 2025		

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2025/06**

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, April 28, 2024

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

**T O P I C S**

**Board Chair:** Pinky McRae

**Director:** William Goodman

**Location:** Videoconference & Teleconference

**Recorder:** G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

*Section (B): In-Camera 8:00 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 2025/05: March 24, 2025

**Regular Board Meeting 2025-06**

Monday, April 28, 2025

**M I N U T E S**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR