



# 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 2026/03 M I N U T E S

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

**Videoconference & Teleconference**  
 Microsoft Teams meeting  
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<b>Board Chair:</b> Pinky McRae	<b>Director:</b> 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) 8:22 p.m.

**1.0 Roll Call**

<b><u>Trustees</u></b>	<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		
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			Sabourin, Sam (Student)			x		

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

**Land Acknowledgement**

Director of Education Will Goodman provided the land acknowledgement.

**2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order****21/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried**3.0 Trustee Attendance****22/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board approves the absence of Trustees Megan Brunskill, Pat Liscomb, Pam Hardy, Jason Nesbitt, Kal Pristanski, and Allison Jarvis, from the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for January 26, 2026, 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****23/26**

Moved by: Trustee P. Liscomb

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/03 Regular Board Meeting, January 26, 2026, 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****24/26**

Moved by: Trustee P. Hardy

Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

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

1. Organizational/ Regular Board Meeting 2026/02: December 1, 2025.

Carried**5.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes****5.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes****25/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee J. Michano

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

1. Board Audit Committee October 2, 2025.

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

Board Chair Pinky McRae noted that as Trustee Pam Hardy was not in attendance at the last board meeting, therefore this item was deferred.

The Board Chair also advised that due to clerical error at the last meeting the appointment of an alternate Trustee member was missed for the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. The two appointed members were completed at the December board meeting, therefore only the Alternate appointee must be completed.

**26/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee M. Brunskill

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Chair of IEAC be the Board's First Nation Representative, Pam Hardy.

Carried

**27/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee P. Hardy

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB appoint the following trustee as IEAC alternate member:

1. Allison Jarvis

Appointee

2. Kal Pristanski

Appointee

3. Pat Liscomb

Alternate Appointee

Carried

## **8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

- 8.1 Showcasing Learning: Manitouswadge Public School - Creativity and Innovation at MNPS  
The Director of Education provided an introduction of the video presentation that was prepared by Vice-Principal Andrew Linklator that highlights the creativity and innovative learning at Manitouswadge Public School.
- 8.2 Excellence in Education: George O'Neill Public School - Joy in Learning and Teaching  
Vice-Principal Aleysha Williams prepared a video presentation that celebrated the Joy in Learning and Teaching at George O'Neill Public School this school year and emphasized the multiple ways the school is implementing the Multi-Year Strategic Plan.
- 8.3 Report No. 10: Student Trustee Report: January 2026  
The Student Trustees Miley Anthony and Rylee McLeod provided an update

## **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 meeting took place on December 10, 2025. The policies have been posted for stakeholder feedback. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- 9.1.2 Special Education Advisory Committee Report  
The Committee last met on December 9, 2025 and January 13, 2026. The Director provided a review of the agenda topics discussed and presentation received.
- 9.1.3 Board Audit Committee Report (K. Pristanski/ A. Marton)
- 9.1.2.1 Report No. 11: Report of the Audit Committee – 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements  
Assistant Superintendent Brent Harris provided a detailed review of the Audited Financial Statements for 2024-2025. He advised that the board is compliant with Ministry standards. Additional reports on compliance and Trust Funds Administered were reviewed and provided for information.

**28/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, having received Report No. 11: Report of the Audit Committee – 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements:

- Approve the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements.
- Received additional financial reports for information.

Carried

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

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

- 10.1 Report No. 12: 2025-2026 Interim Financial Report No. 01  
The Board received the 2025–2026 Interim Financial Report No. 01 from Assistant Superintendent Brent Harris and Superintendent of Business Alex Marton, outlining revisions to Ministry funding, enrolment updates, and compliance reporting. Administration confirmed the Board remains in a strong financial position, with strategic reallocations supporting priority areas including Indigenous Education, literacy, instructional supplies, professional development, and school-based needs. Trustees were also informed of staffing updates and minor variances in pupil accommodation and amortization.
- 10.2 Report No. 13: Enrolment Summary - October 2025  
Superintendent of Business A. Marton presented the enrollment summary as of October 31, 2025. The report outlined the minimal change from the projected enrollment to the actual enrollment. The Administration team is working closely with schools to continually monitor enrollment across the board.

## **11.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*Director of Education: William Goodman*

- 11.1 Report No. 14: Director's Monthly Report: January 2026  
Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the Director's Monthly Report that showcases the work happening in schools across the district.
- 11.2 2025 – 2027 Indigenous Student Trustee Appointment  
**29/26**  
*Moved by: Trustee J. Michano                      Second: Trustee P. Hardy*  
*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the Appointment of Samuel Sabourin from Marathon High School to serve as the 2025-2027 Indigenous Student Trustee, effective for the period January 26, 2026, to July 31, 2027.*  

Carried
- 11.3 Student Trustee Declaration & Oath of Office - Samuel Sabourin: (Marathon High School)  
Indigenous Student Trustee Sam Sabourin completed the Declaration and Oath of Office. The Board welcomed the Trustee to the Board.

## **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. 15: EQAO Report  
Assistant Superintendent Annick Brewster provided the Board with a presentation on the EQAO results in reading, writing, and mathematics, noting that EQAO is one source of data alongside classroom and school-based evidence used to monitor student achievement and identify areas of need. The Board's goal of reducing the gap between provincial results and SGDSB was achieved, with the discrepancy narrowing by 10–22% and improvements seen in several areas. Continued focus will be placed on OSSLT participation and Grade 9 mathematics through targeted interventions and supports. Trustees discussed provincial comparisons, data interpretation, and contextual factors impacting small northern boards, and requested that publicly available provincial comparator data be shared electronically.
- 12.2 Report No. 16: National Day and Week of Truth and Reconciliation  
Manager of Indigenous Education Shy-Anne Bartlett presented the report on National Day and Week for Truth and Reconciliation, highlighting district-wide engagement in learning aligned with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, including Calls 6–12, 57, 62, 66, 79–86, and 92. Trustees were advised of classroom-based learning, community partnerships, student-led initiatives, and ongoing professional development, with an emphasis on transparency, relationship-building, and continued growth in collaboration with Indigenous communities.
- 12.3 Report No. 17: Student Success Portfolio: MYSP Update from Metrics

The Board received a Student Success Portfolio update related to the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) metrics. Trustees were advised that the portfolio has evolved over the past year to better reflect locally developed priorities and to demonstrate alignment between monitored initiatives and strategic goals under the High Expectations pillar. Key focus areas include land-based learning, Zello implementation, and strengthened community connections. Currently, 54% of students have participated in land-based learning opportunities, and 19% have accessed Zello, with growth anticipated following its delayed relaunch. Administration noted that this was the third MYSP progress report presented this year and affirmed that progress indicates the Board is on track to meet its strategic commitments.

### **13.0 New Business**

*Board Chair: P. McRae*

#### **13.1 Board Chair**

##### **13.1.1 Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Whistler, BC July 5-8, 2026**

Trustees were advised that the Director and his team have submitted a proposal to present at the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) Congress in Whistler, BC, July 5–8, 2026. Positive feedback has been received regarding the presentation provided at the OPSBA Public Education Symposium. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **13.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

##### **13.2.1 Public Education Symposium January 23-24, 2026**

Trustees received an update on the Public Education Symposium held January 23–24, 2026. It was noted that this marked the first time students attended the Symposium, and their presence was celebrated and well received. Trustees also shared positive feedback regarding the Board's presentation and engaging panel discussions.

##### **13.2.2 OPSBA Board of Directors**

Trustee Jason Nesbitt provided an update from the OPSBA Board of Directors, noting that a meeting will be held at the end of February via conference call. It was further reported that in the second week of March, OPSBA will move forward with the implementation of the new Board structure.

#### **13.3 Trustee Activities**

Under Trustee Activities, Chair Pinky McRae shared that she was invited to attend the Margaret Twomey Public School Holiday Family Day celebration, where she participated in afternoon activities alongside families and students. The event featured various interactive stations, and she expressed appreciation for the opportunity to take part.

#### **13.4 Ministry Updates for Trustees**

The Director of Education shared information regarding recent Ministry of Education updates. The group discussed the various areas where additional advocacy is recommended.

#### **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.

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

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

**30/26**

Moved by: *Trustee P. Liscomb* Second: *Trustee P. Hardy*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:22 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**31/26**

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:37 p.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 **32/26**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Nesbitt* 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 2026/02:December 1, 2025.

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

**33/26**

Moved by: *Trustee P. Hardy* Second: *Trustee J. Michano*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, having received Report No. IC-03-26 approves the updated requested carryover of unused 2025 vacation days for Senior Administration.

Carried

**18.0 Adjournment**

**34/26**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Nesbitt* Second: *Trustee M. Brunskill*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/03 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 26, 2026 adjourn at 8:38, p.m.

Carried

<b><u>2026 - Board Meetings</u></b>		
<i>Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.</i>		
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 (1:00 p.m.) <i>*Designate Site: Board Office</i>
	Monday, December 7, 2026	

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2026/03**

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, January 26, 2026

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

**T O P I C S**

**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 8:22 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 2026/02: December 1, 2025*
- 4.0 Report No. IC-03-26
- 5.0 Legal Item:

**Regular Board Meeting 2026-03**

Monday, January 26, 2026

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR