



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 2026/05 M I N U T E S

Monday, April 27, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Videoconference & Teleconference

Microsoft Teams meeting
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Board Chair: Pinky McRae

Director: Will Goodman

Location: SGDSB Learning Centre, 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) TBA

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			Anthony, Miley (Student)			x		
McRae, Pinky			x			McLeod, Rylee (Student)					x
Hardy, Pam			x			Sabourin, Sam (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>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 & Communications Coordinator</i>			x		
Zeleny, Lisa: <i>Executive Assistant</i>			x		

Land Acknowledgement

Manager of People and Culture Denis Nault provided the land acknowledgement.

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**65/26**

Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee J. Michano

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, be called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Carried**3.0 Trustee Attendance****66/26**

Moved by: Trustee P. Liscomb

Second: Trustee P. Hardy

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board approves the absence of Trustee Pat Liscomb, Pam Hardy, Julie Michano, Jason Nesbitt, Pinky McRae and Megen Brunskill from the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for April 27, 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**

Agenda item 13.1.2 Correspondence from Hamilton-Wentworth DSB, was added to the agenda. Agenda Item 12.5 Experiential Learning Report will be deferred to the May 25th meeting. Report No. 38 required an adjustment, and the updated copy was circulated before the meeting.

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Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/06 Regular Board Meeting, April 27, 2026, be accepted and approved as amended.

Carried**5.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures of interest provided at this time.

6.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**6.1 Board Meeting Minutes****68/26**

✓ Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski

Second: Trustee J. Nesbitt

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

1. Special Board Meeting 02/2026: April 13, 2026;

Carried**6.2 Board Committee Meeting Minutes****6.2.1 Committee Meeting Minutes****69/26**

Moved by: Trustee P. McRae

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

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

1. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Meeting February 3, 2026

Carried**7.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

Nil.

8.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

- 8.1 **Showcasing Learning: Learning Through Community Connections - Indigenous Education**
The Director provided an introduction to the showcasing learning video presentation titled *Learning Through Community Connections*, developed by Manager of Indigenous Education Shy-Anne Bartlett. The video highlighted the meaningful community connections that support student learning across the district, with a particular focus on partnerships with First Nation communities and the powerful impact of learning through connections to land, culture, and community.
- 8.2 **Excellence in Education: Marjorie Mills Public School - Meaningful Community Connections**
A video presentation titled *Meaningful Community Connections* was shared by Marjorie Mills Public School Principal Kristan McMahon. The presentation highlighted the school's work to strengthen attendance, communication, and family engagement through meaningful community connections.
- 8.3 **Student Trustee Verbal Report: April 2026**
Student Trustee Miley Anthony provided a verbal update for the month of April, highlighting preparations for the Student Trustee Elections taking place on April 30. Miley shared that an information meeting was held for interested students, with strong interest shown in the role and positive engagement from students across the district, including elementary students participating in Student Senate activities. Appreciation was expressed to Miley for her leadership in coordinating the process and supporting the transition to incoming Student Trustees.

9.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

- 9.1 **Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)**
- 9.1.1 **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Report**
The Director provided a verbal update on the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on April 14. Discussions included continued growth in Indigenous language programming, updates on the Board Action Plan and Indigenous portfolio funding, and planning for the next meeting on May 12, which will be hosted by Education Director Pam Hardy and her team.
- 9.1.2 **Parent Engagement Committee Report: Parent Engagement Presentation – April 21, 2026**
Superintendent Flora Love Jedruch provided a verbal update on Parent Engagement Committee activities, including the third PEC meeting/ parent engagement presentation held on April 21 that focused on vaping and youth wellness. The presentation, led by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, shared evidence-based information and strategies to support safe and healthy school communities, and was recorded to allow for broader family engagement and future sharing.

10.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

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

- 10.1 **Report No. 37: 2026-2027 SEIU Staffing**
Superintendent of Business Alex Marton provided a review of the report and how the staffing needs are determined. He advised that staffing changes reflect the evaluation of school needs. A clerical error was noted in the report total that was amended.

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Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 37, 2026-2027 SEIU Staffing, approve the staffing levels for 2026-2027 as presented.

Carried

- 10.2 Report No. 38:2026-2027 OSSTF-ESS Staffing
Director of Education Will Goodman and Superintendent of Business Alex Marton provided a review of the report for the OSSTF-ESS Staffing for the 2026-2027 school year. They discussed the various roles that are within this staffing group and emphasized their support for students and school operations.

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Moved by: Trustee J. Nesbitt

Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having Received Report No. 38: OSSTF-ESS Staffing, approve the staffing levels for 2026-2027 fiscal year as presented.

Carried

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: William Goodman

- 11.1 Report No. 39: Director's Monthly Report: April 2026
Director of Education Will Goodman provided a review of the report. The activities highlighted how the schools are making a difference in communities through meaningful community connections and partnerships.
- 11.2 Update: 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
The Director advised that the 2026-2027 modified calendar has been approved by the Ministry of Education.

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. 40: 2026-2027 Finalized Elementary Staffing
Superintendent of Education Flora Love-Jedruch provided a review of the finalized Elementary Staffing report and highlighted the revisions made to the report since first presented on April 13, 2026.

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Moved by: Trustee K. Pristanski

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 40, 2026-2027 Finalized Elementary Staffing, approves the staffing levels for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as presented.

Carried

- 12.2 Report No. 41: 2026-2027 Finalized Secondary Teacher 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 13, 2026.

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Moved by: Trustee J. Michano

Second: Trustee P. Liscomb

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having Received Report No. 41, 2026-2027 Finalized Secondary Staffing, approve the Secondary staffing levels for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as presented.

Carried

- 12.3 Report No. 42: Student Achievement Plan Public Reporting
Assistant Superintendent Annick Brewster presented the Student Achievement Plan Public Report, which outlines SGDSB student achievement data in comparison to previous years and provincial results. Discussion highlighted the importance of considering local demographics and small school board context when reviewing data, while also recognizing ongoing efforts to improve attendance, EQAO outcomes, and student achievement through targeted supports such as math coaching and increased student participation.

- 12.4 Report No. 43: Culture of High Expectations & Inclusivity: Improving Attendance
Assistant Superintendent Annick Brewster presented the attendance report for information, highlighting ongoing efforts to strengthen positive relationships, improve attendance, and reduce unverified absences across the district. Improvements were noted in both elementary and secondary panels, including a reduction in unverified absences and the implementation of enhanced automated attendance calls at the secondary level. Attendance continues to be a key focus within the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, with Trustees recognizing the positive growth and continued commitment to student support.

13.0 New Business

Board Chair: P. McRae

13.1 Board Chair

13.1.1 Reminder: Regular Board Meeting May 25, 2026 – Location Manitouwadge

The Board Chair reminded Trustees that the next Board meeting will be held on May 25, 2026, at Manitouwadge High School, and noted that an attendance questionnaire will be distributed shortly to assist with hotel and meal planning. Trustees were also informed of upcoming informal sessions being planned across the district to provide community members interested in running for Trustee with an opportunity to learn more about the role and engage in conversation with current Trustees and senior administration.

13.1.2 Member Board correspondence from the Hamilton-Wentworth DSB

The correspondence was sent under separate cover from the agenda and reviewed for information.

13.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

13.2.1 OPSBA Board of Directors Update

Trustee Jason Nesbitt advised that the OPSBA Annual Meeting and Trustee gathering plans may change. He will share any future updates as they are available.

13.3 Trustee Activities

Nil.

13.4 Ministry Updates for Trustees

The Senior Administration provided Ministry updates for information.

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.

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:05 p.m.

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

16.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

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Moved by: Trustee P. Liscomb

Second: Trustee K. Pristanski

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:05 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.**

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 8:10 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 **76/26**

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

✓ **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 2026/04:February 23, 2026;

Carried

17.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Nil.

18.0 Adjournment

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

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2026/05 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 27, 2026 adjourn at 8:11, p.m.

<u>2026 - Board Meetings</u>		
Board Office or Designated Site indicated in schedule. Time 6:30 p.m.		
Monday, May 25, 2026		
*Designate Site: Manitouwadge High School		
Monday, June 22, 2026	Monday, July 13, 2026	Monday, August 24, 2026
Monday, September 21, 2026	Monday, October 19, 2026	Monday, November 9, 2026
*Designate Site: SGDSB Learning Centre		(1:00 p.m.) *Designate Site: Board Office
Monday, December 7, 2026		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2026/05

Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, April 27, 2026

Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, Ontario

T O P I C S

Board Vice- Chair: Allison Jarvis

Director: William Goodman

Location: Board Office, Videoconference & Teleconference

Recorder: G. Christianson

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 8:05 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 2026/04: February 23, 2026

Regular Board Meeting 2026-05

Monday, April 27, 2026

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APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

SECRETARY

CHAIR