

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Mission Statement

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address individual students' needs by providing:  
a diverse education that prepares for and honours their chosen path for success,  
avenues that foster a love of learning, and  
the means to honour varied learning styles.*



### Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board ... (SGDSB) ..... 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
 Manitouwadge High School ..... (MNHS) ..... 200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, ON  
 Marathon High School ..... (MRHS) ..... 14 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
 Lake Superior High School ..... (LSHS) ..... Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON  
 Nipigon-Red Rock District High School ..... (NRHS) ..... 20 Frost Street, Red Rock, ON  
 Geraldton Composite High School ..... (GCHS) ..... 500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

### Regular Board Meeting 2009/02

Committee of Whole Board In-Camera  
 (Closed to Public) 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)  
 Follows conclusion of In-Camera

### MINUTES

Monday, January 19, 2009

Designated Site: Marathon Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board  
 PART II: Committee of Whole Board  
 PART III: Regular Board Meeting  
 PART IV: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.  
 Section (B) In-Committee: – (open to public): TBA  
 Section (C): – (open to public): TBA  
 Section (D) In Camera: – (closed to public): TBA

### Attendance

<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
Bartlett, Bette		X				Marszowski, Lisa-Student			X		
Brown, Cindy (in / 6:44P)	X					Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Fisher, Cindy	X					Richard, Kayla-Student (out/ 8:50P)	X				
Keenan, Darlene (in / 6:40P)		X				Simmons, Tina			X		
Kjellman, Kayla-Student					X	Sparrow, Julie (out / 9:30P)	X				
Mannisto, Mark	X					Turner, Jim			X		

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)					
	OS	TC	VC	A	R	
Patti Pella: Director of Education	X					
Rousseau, Bruce: Superintendent of Business	X					
Kappel, Colleen: Superintendent of Education	X					
Newton, Valerie: Student Success Coordinator			X			
Tsubouchi, Cathy: Manager of Accounting Services	X					
Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation	X					
Paris, Marc: Coordinator of Maintenance					X	
Draper, Barb: Coordinator of Human Resources Services	X					
Ross, Brad: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology	X					
Joannette, Rose-Marie: Administrative Assistant / Communications	X					

**1.0 Roll Call**

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.33 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board*

*Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.*

**2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session**

Tere were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

**26/09**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:32 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**27/09**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.*

Carried

PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board*

*Section (B) In-Committee: – (open to public): TBA*

**4.0 Committee of Whole Board: Section B**

No Reports

PART III: *Regular Board Meeting*

*Section (C) : – (open to public): TBA*

**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Board Chair M. Mannisto called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**6.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed) Report**

**28/09**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session Report.*

Carried

**7.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole (Open) Report**

No Report

## **8.0 Approval of Agenda**

**29/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ ***That***, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/02 Regular Board Meeting, January 19, 2009 be accepted and approved as amended to change presenter for Item 12.1 to Marlene Stefak and add Item 12.4 Presentation by Wayne Gates on Defibrillators in Schools.

Carried

## **9.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

Trustee J. Sparrow declared in reference to the presentation by Wayne Gates regarding Item 12.4 Defibrillators in Schools.

## **10.0 Minutes**

### **10.1 Board Meetings:**

#### **10.1.1 2009/01 Organizational and Regular Board – December 1, 2009**

**30/09**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ ***That*** the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2009/01 Regular Board, Monday, December 1, 2008

Carried

### **10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings**

No Report

### **10.3 Standing Committee Meetings**

No Reports

## **11.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

### **12.1 Excellence in Education: MTPS: Math-PLC (Junior/Intermediate Division)**

**31/09**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report by Teacher Marlene Stefak regarding the Math Professional Learning Community (Junior / Intermediate Division) at Margaret Twomey Public School.

Carried

Teacher Marlene Stefak provided a detailed report regarding the Math Professional Learning Community at Margaret Twomey Public School. She explained how a new approach to problem solving is having a positive impact on students. The concept of Bansho is a mathematics instructional strategy borrowed from the Japanese that provokes students' mathematical thinking. Students solve problems through the organization, illustration and discussion of everyone's work. This inclusionary approach shows more student engagement as the input from all students wherever their point of entry in solving the problem may be included and considered.

12.2 Pathway Framework: GOPS: Big Idea - Kindness and Compassion

**32/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report, Framework Pathways from Nicole Morden-Cormier.

Carried

School Effectiveness Leader, Nicole Morden-Cormier provided an update on Framework Pathways and the success of a recent theme in George O'Neill, Red Rock and Dorion Public School where a classroom program was entitled Big Ideas-Kindness and Compassion. Students were well engaged in the program which saw an integration of the math, social studies and literacy areas.

12.3 Update: Student Trustees

**33/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal reports from Student Trustees, Lisa Marszowski and Kayla Richard.

Carried

Student Trustees provided an update on their respective school activities.

12.4 Public Access Defibrillators: Superior North EMS: Wayne Gates

Note: As per her declaration, Trustee J. Sparrow elected to leave the Board Meeting Room during this presentation.

In a presentation to the Board, Superior North Emergency Medical Services (EMS) manager of quality, assurance and training, Wayne Gates provided information and demonstration regarding the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) Program.

He reported that PAD equipment in municipal, school and recreational facilities makes it possible for lay-people to respond to sudden cardiac arrest. This type of intervention saves lives if defibrillation is administered within 5 to 7 minutes of onset. He explained that given road conditions and traffic, EMS often found their minimum response time was generally 10 minutes or more, which translates into more casualties.

A partnership between Superior North EMS, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the Paterson Foundation, the Andrew's Foundation and the Rotary Club of Thunder raised funds for the placement of PAD in 78 schools around Thunder Bay. Gates said that once installed, the main obligation for facility owners is to ensure that annual inspections take place and the device is maintained for such things as battery replacement.

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives the verbal report from Wayne Gates, of Superior North Emergency Medical Services and that, the Board approves the installation of the Public Access Defibrillators in all board facilities.

Carried

### **13.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*(Director: Patti Pella)*

#### **13.1 Report No 05: Governance Review Committee** **35/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 05: Ontario School Board Governance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Consultation Paper as presented.

Carried

Director Patti Pella reported that on February 6, 2009 in Thunder Bay ministry consultations will take place with board chairs, parent involvement committees and directors of education as it begins work to update the Education Act. The goal is to have this legislation addresses more accountability for student achievement by Boards and Director. School board governance, notably lack of clarity regarding the roles and responsibilities of trustees and directors of education, clarifying the relationship between trustees and directors and training for effective governance by trustees are some of the main subjects for which the ministry will be gathering feedback.

Trustees may forward their comments to Board Chair M. Mannisto who will attend and bring their topics to the discussions.

P. Pella indicated that Superior-Greenstone DSB would also provide a written submission to the panel prior to the February 28, 2009 closing date for comments.

#### **36/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB prepare a written submission to the Ontario School Board Governance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Consultation Committee.

Carried

#### **13.2 Good News**

##### **13.2.1 It's About Time: NRHS**

#### **37/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives the verbal report, "It's About Time" as information presented by Patti Pella.

Carried

P. Pella reported that the Ontario Teachers' Federation has accepted a proposal from Nipigon Red Rock DHS Teacher Colleen Rose who applied for a grant to develop a differentiated instruction art-history component for senior student art courses. P. Pella extended congratulations to Ms. Rose who will begin work shortly on the project entitled It's About Time

### **14.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

*Superintendent of Education:*

#### **14.1 Report No 06: Supports for Student Learning** **38/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 06: Supports for Student Learning.

Carried

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel provided an overview of eleven initiatives that are in place or in the development stage at Superior-Greenstone DSB. These programs support staff members and are aimed at improving student achievement and engagement. A discussion concerning PLC and student success ensued particularly about the strategies for student engagement with the new full-day JK program beginning in September 2009.

Trustee K. Notwell advised that she intended to go to the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario Reggio Association Conference on February 28 in Toronto. Given its relation to the student achievement, she requested board consideration to approve her attendance at the conference with expenses paid as per board policy.

14.1.1 Canadian Association for Young Children

Trustee K. Notwell requested permission to attend this conference,

**39/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett*

**✓ That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the attendance of Trustee K. Notwell at the Canadian Association for Young Children, Ontario Reggio Association Conference on February 28 in Toronto and that her expenses be paid according to board policy.

Carried

14.1.2 Board Policy re Trustee Attendance at Conferences

Trustee B. Bartlett noted that the policy concerning this issue requires review as per discussion at the December board meeting. Director P. Pella advised that as the Board directed, a review is scheduled for the Trustees' Spring Professional Development Session in April.

Vice-Chair Cindy Brown requested feedback on this subject from all trustees. The input submitted by trustee stakeholders to C. Brown will go to the Board Policy Review Committee (BPRC) at its next meeting. Thereafter, all the feedback offered by trustees would be vetted by the board during its spring session. The results then are routed back to the BPRC to be processed in the same way that all board policies and reviews are treated.

14.2 Report No 07: Native Studies and Language

**40/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**✓ That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No 07: Special Funding for Native Language and Native Studies Courses as presented.

Carried

Valerie Newton, Student Success Leader provided an overview of the report. She reported that sufficient enrolment projections exist in three high schools for Semester II, whereby with funding available, additional sections could be added to schools' timetables for Native Studies and Native Language courses.

**41/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

**✓ That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB, approve five additional sections, in total, for Geraldton Composite High School, Lake Superior High School and Nipigon Red Rock District High School to provide five Native Language and Native Studies courses, in total, for Semester II of the current school year, pending proof of minimum student enrollment.

Carried

## **15.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

*Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau*

### **15.1 Report No 08: Revised Estimates 2008-2009**

**42/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No 08: Revised Estimates-2008-2009 as presented.

*Carried*

Bruce Rousseau reported that the revised estimates were done because actual enrolment has turned out to be 14.25 FTE students above projections for September 2009. As well, due to the provincial discussion table related to teacher and support staff labour agreements a revised estimate is necessary.

**43/09**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

**✓ That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board adopt the Revised Estimates for 2008-2009 as presented.

*Carried*

### **15.2 Report No 09: Update: B.A. Parker PS Replacement Project**

**44/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 09: B.A. Parker PS Project Update (January 2009).

Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services provided an overview of the report. He noted that after a meeting on January 13, 2009, the BAPS Design Steering Committee requested follow-up work be done on the 2R Schematic presented. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on February 12, 2009.

### **15.3 Report No 10: Internal Audit Proposal**

**45/09**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 10: Internal Audit Proposal.

*Carried*

Cathy Tsubouchi, Manager of Accounting Services advised that this year's internal school audit takes place at the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Public Schools, as well as the Lake Superior High School.

**46/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*      *Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Report No. 10: 2008-2009 Internal Audit Proposal as presented.

*Carried*

### **15.4 Report No 11: Unorganized Taxes Update**

**47/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 11: Unorganized Taxes Update.

*Carried*

C. Tsubouchi reported that the Government of Ontario is in the final stages of Provincial Land Tax reform. As a result, effective January 1, 2009, we no longer collect taxes in our unorganized area.

#### **16.0 Matters for Decision**

*Board Chair: M. Mannisto*

##### **16.1 Report No.: 12: Disbursements – November 2008 & December 2008**

**48/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ ***That***, Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 11: Disbursements for November and December 2008.

*Carried*

##### **16.2 Report No.: 13: Personnel – January 29, 2009**

**49/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No 13: Personnel dated January 19, 2009.

*Carried*

#### **17.0 New Business**

##### **17.1 Board Chair**

No Report.

##### **17.2 Correspondence:**

No Report.

##### **17.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items**

B. Bartlett requested continuing discussion regarding policy for Trustees Attending Conferences.  
J. Turner requested discussion regarding plastic water bottles in schools.

##### **17.4 Miscellaneous**

No Report.

#### **18.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

##### **18.1 OPSBA**

Trustee D. Keenan noted that a Northern Director's meeting is scheduled concurrent with the OPSBA Public Education Symposium on January 29-31, 2009 in Toronto.

#### **19.0 Observer Comments**

There were no observers to comment.

#### **20.0 Adjournment**

**50/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/02 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 19, 2009 be adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

*Carried*



2009 Board Meeting Schedule

<b>2009 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>		<b>2009 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location (TBA</b>
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office		July 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		August 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS		September 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon Red Rock DHS		October 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS		November 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		December 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS

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**Regular Board Meeting 2009/02**

Committee of the Whole Board: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 19, 2009

Designated Site: Marathon Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: GCHS / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m

- 1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 13) (B. Draper)
- 2.0 Update: Legal – Arbitration Issue (P. Pella)
- 3.0 Update: Tentative - Negotiations: OSSTF (B. Rousseau)

**Regular Board Meeting 2009/02**

Monday, January 19, 2009

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR