

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 2009/09

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, September 21, 2009

Designated Site: Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay, ON

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director Designate: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: GCHS / MNHS / NRHS / SGBO

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board
 PART II: Regular Board Meeting
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Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.
 Section (B) : – (open to public): 7:55 p.m.
 Section (C) : – (closed to public): 8:44 p.m.

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					Mannisto, Mark	X				
Brown, Cindy			X			Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Duffus, Sarah <i>(Student)</i>			X			Robinson, Danielle <i>(Student)</i>			X		
Fisher, Cindy	X					Simmons, Tina	X				
Keenan, Darlene		X				Sparrow, Julie	X				
Kjellman, Kayla <i>(Student)</i>			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			
Vacant: Superintendent of Education						
Newton, Valerie: Superintendent Student Success					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 6.29 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

There 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
195/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:30p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session
196/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:54 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

PART II: *Regular Board Meeting*

Section (B) – (open to public): 6:55

4.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order
197/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB September Regular meeting is called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Carried

The Board Chair M. Mannisto called the regular meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

5.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed) Report
198/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

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

Carried

6.0 Approval of Agenda
199/09

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ ***That***, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/09 Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2009 be accepted and approved.

Carried

7.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures regarding the open session.

8.0 Minutes

8.1 Board Meetings:

8.1.1 2009/08 Regular Board – August 24, 2009
200/09

(Attach.)

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

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

- 2009/08 Regular Board, Monday, August 24, 2009

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

10.1 Excellence in Education: Celebrating Success at Lake Superior High School **201/09**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the report Celebrating Success at Lake Superior High School from Stacey Wallwin and Jack Gurney.

Carried

Lake Superior High School Teachers Stacey Wallwin and Jack Gurney, in a shared presentation provided highlights from their written report. In addition, Ms. Wallwin paid tribute to Principal Sharon Mackenzie as a consistent leader whose focus on teamwork contributes significantly to their shared goal of student achievement and success.

10.2 Student Trustees' Update **202/09**

Moved by: Trustee B. Bartlett

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal reports from Student Trustees, S. Duffus, K. Kjellman and D. Robinson.

Carried

S. Duffus reported a busy month at Geraldton Composite HS as follows:

- A Welcome Back Dance was held
- Student Council provided funding for start up of a gaming club where students could participate in games such as chess the objective being to provide in-school clubs apart from the athletic teams
- Outers Club has had the first of two fall trips where outdoor skill-building could be honed
- Knightline programming has started
- Sports team is prepared for their first field trip to play against Nipigon-Red Rock DHS

K. Kjellman reported on the following at Nipigon-Red Rock DHS:

- Welcome Week activities have included a dance, scavenger hunt and a root beer float contest.
- The Senior's Mentor Program is underway for grade 9 in groups
- A Student Trustee Bulletin Board has been installed where board meeting updates can be posted as well as promotional material about the role and responsibility of a student trustee. As the time draws near information on how to apply for a student seat on the board will be posted to help with recruitment for the 2010-2011 student trustee.
- Ms. Kjellman will make contact with Lake Superior HS Student Council so that news from this school can be included in her monthly reports.

D. Robinson reported on events at Marathon HS

- Student Council is in place with a goal set to promote school spirit. The council is exploring the option of ordering shirts for sports days
- A Welcome Back BBQ is planned for September 24, 2009 and an open invite is extended to trustee and board office staff.
- The first sports day is scheduled in Wawa
- Yearbook planning is off to slow start. Yearbook for 2008-2009 is still under production.

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

11.1 Report No 57: 2009-2010 Additional Elementary Staffing 203/09

Moved by: Trustee B. Bartlett

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 57: 2009-2010 Additional Elementary Staffing as presented.

Carried

Director Pella said this report addresses the need for an additional 0.5 FTE teaching at George O'Neill PS. The Grade 3/4 class has 26 students. The additional staff would allow the morning focus to do math and literacy.

204/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve an addition of 0.5 FTE Teacher for the George O'Neill Public School.

Carried

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education: Vacant

12.1 Report No 58: Blended Learning Project 205/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 58: Blended Learning Project.

Carried

Director Pella reported that the ministry has approved a joint submission by Lakehead DSB and Superior-Greenstone DSB for a blended learning project for the 2009-2010. Blended learning incorporates the use of on-line resources and materials in a traditional classroom setting. The grade 7 and 8 mathematics teachers at the George O'Neill, Dorion and Red Rock PS are participating as well as the grade 9 and 10 applied math teachers at the Nipigon Red Rock DHS. The goal of the project is to facilitate teacher use of on-line learning opportunities and to enhance both student engagement and student achievement in Mathematics. Teachers involved in the project will have full use of all of eLearning Ontario resources and tools.

12.2 Report No 59: EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment Results 206/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 59: EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment Results.

Carried

Director Pella reviewed the Grade 9 EQAO math results noting that the statistics indicate a decreased performance as compared with the provincial levels. Girls' performance levels have fallen behind the level for boys. This is a concern because past results have always had the girls outperforming the boys. The reports outlines "next steps" in light of the current results and Director Pella also noted that the ministry's Mathematics Facilitator initiative at the elementary level might well have a positive impact on the secondary level testing.

13.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

13.1 Report No.60: Enrolment as at September 14, 2009

207/09

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ ***That***, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives as information Report No. 60: Enrolment as of September 14, 2009.

Carried

Enrolments at the elementary panel decreased by 18.50 FTE students, while the experience in the secondary panel is an increase of 18.50 FTE students. These numbers coincide exactly with the 2009-2010 projections.

13.2 Report No.61: Signing Officers of the Board

208/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 61: Signing Officers of the Board as presented.

Carried

Cathy Tsubouchi reported that because of the amalgamation with the Caramat and the Nakina Areas District School Board a resolution is required to restate the signing officers for the benefit of the bank with which the board has its accounts.

209/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ ***That***, effective September 1, 2009, signing officers for Superior-Greenstone District School Board, including the amalgamating District School Area Boards of Caramat and Nakina, be any two of the following:

- *Patti Pella, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board*
- *Bruce Rousseau, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer*
- *Cathy Tsubouchi, Manager of Accounting Services.*

Carried

14.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

14.1 Report No. 62 Disbursements – August 2009

210/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

✓ ***That***, Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 62: Disbursements for August 2009.

Carried

14.2 Report No. 63: Personnel – September 21, 2009

211/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 63: Personnel dated September 21, 2009.

Carried

15.0 New Business

15.1 Board Chair

Chairman Mark Mannisto advised he was in receipt of a draft letter from the Chair of the Lakehead District School Board wherein the ministry is requested to make transition funding available for the attendance at OPSBA by the former chair of the newly amalgamated area district school boards. At this time, Chairman Mannisto invited former Caramat Area District School Board Chair Armand Gigeure to address the board. Mr. Gigeure provided a verbal report on the various meetings and events held since the ministry announced the amalgamation plans in June 2009. Formerly, Caramat did have representation as an isolate board at OPSBA director meeting, but no longer has board sponsorship. To attend the OPSBA Director's meeting on September 25, 2009 Mr. Gigeure is amenable to having Superior-Greenstone DSB take the example set at the Lakehead DSB and request ministry transition funding to apply toward the expenses he would incur to go to the OPSBA meeting.

212/09

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB write a letter of support to enable Armand Giguere to attend the OPSBA Director's meeting.

Carried

213/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB petition Ontario Public School Boards' Association to cover the expenses of Armand Giguere to attend the September 26, 2009 OPSBA meeting as per their request at the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Carried

15.2 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

15.2.1 Trustee Professional Development

Director Pella will forward tentative dates to board members and report outcome at the October meeting.

15.3 Miscellaneous

15.3.1 B.A. Parker Public School

Trustee J. Turner inquired about the timelines for BAPS Project. Plant Manager Wayne Chiupka reported that the timelines noted at the BAPS Design Steering Committee on June 24, 2009 remained in place. Project is likely to go to tender in January 2010.

15.3.2 Nakina Public School Videoconferencing

Chairman M. Mannisto inquired about setting up videoconference bridge for community of the Nakina Public School. Information Technology Coordinator B. Ross advised that although the school does have videoconference equipment the available bandwidth presents a problem for broadcast of board meetings in that locale.

16.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

16.1 OPSBA Director Meeting: September 25, 2009

Trustee D. Keenan reported that Director's meeting agenda includes a final report by A. Gigeure regarding the former Caramat Area District School Board and Bill 177 School Board Governance. She also reported that at the OPSBA Northern Regional meetings it is expected that the northern director would bring forward an itemized report on videoconferencing as a means to cost effectively convene more than four meetings annually.

17.0 Observer Comments

(Members of the public limited to 2-minute address)

PART III: *Committee of Whole Board*

Section (C) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 9:05 p.m.

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

18.1 Committee of the Whole Board, Section (C) - Closed **214/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (C) closed Session at 8:44 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

18.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session **215/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (C) Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

19.0 Adjournment **216/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/09 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2009 be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Carried

2009 Board Meeting Schedule

2009 Dates	Time	Location		2009 Dates	Time	Location (TBA)
January 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office		July 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
February 17 th	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		August 24 th	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
March 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS		September 21 st	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS
April 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon Red Rock DHS		October 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS
May 19 th	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS		November 16 th	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
June 15 th	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		December 7 th	2:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS

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

Monday, September 21, 2009

Designated Site: Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay, ON

TOPICS

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director Designate: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: GCHS / MNHS / NRHS / SGBO

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joanne

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. 63) (B. Draper)
- 2.0 Litigation
- 2.1 Judicial Review (P. Pella)
- 2.2 Labour Relations Section 69 Application (B. Rousseau)

PART III: *Committee of Whole Board*

Section (C): In-Camera – (closed to public) 8:44 p.m.

- 1.0 Personnel Report No. 63 (P. Pella)

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MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

SECRETARY

CHAIR