

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 2009/10

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, October 19, 2009

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton, ON

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: LSHS / MNHS / NRHS / SGBO

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

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

Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.
 Section (B) : – (open 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				Mannisto, Mark	X				
Brown, Cindy					X	Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Duffus, Sarah (Student)	X					Robinson, Danielle (Student)					X
Fisher, Cindy (excused 8:15Pt)			X			Simmons, Tina		X			
Keenan, Darlene		X				Sparrow, Julie		X			
Kjellman, Kayla (Student)			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			X			
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 6.40 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board*

Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:45 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
217/09

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

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 6:45 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session
218/09

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.*

Carried

PART II: *Regular Board Meeting*

Section (B) : – (open to public): 7:06 p.m.

4.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order
219/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB September Regular meeting is called to order at 7:06 p.m.*

Carried

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

Nil

6.0 Approval of Agenda
220/09

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ *That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/09 Regular Board Meeting, September 21, 2009 be accepted and approved as amended to add Item 15.4 Face to Face Meetings and Item 16.1 OPSBA Northern Region Report.*

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 2009/09 Regular Board – September 21, 2009 221/09

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee B. Bartlett

- ✓ ***That***, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended to correct attendance of Tina Simmons on-site at Lake Superior High School,
- 2009/09 Regular Board, Monday, September 21, 2009

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

10.1 Excellence in Education

Marjorie Mills PS Teacher Angie Bolt in the company of students, Brianna Dowhanek, Alyssa Hogue and Tamarah Goupil provided a verbal report on their "Anti-Bullying Campaign" class project. The class wrote, acted and produced a video about anti-bullying. The children in the class, as actors provided perspectives of both the victim and the bully. The class is working a plan to present the video to other schools.

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto congratulated Ms. Bolt and the students on the excellent quality of the video and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Bolt. Ms' Hogue, Dowhanek and Goupil will each receive a personalized certificate.

10.2 Mathematics Facilitator Action Plan

(Verbal- Mark Cavner &

Math Facilitator Mark Cavner provided a verbal report on the Mathematics Action Plan for 2009-2010. As a one year project funded by the ministry, Mr. Cavner's focus in system classrooms is to help students develop skills in math through a constructiveness math approach. He said the prevailing pattern in North America in general is that there is a difference between procedural understanding and conceptual understanding of math. Students are aware of the mathematical operations (procedure); however understanding how to use these to solve a problem (conceptual) is the task.

10.3 Student Trustees' Update

Sarah Duffus: GCHS reported on events including the college and university information visits to senior students, the commencement of the GCHS yearbook and NWOSSA Cross Country races.

Kayla Kjellman NRHS reported on her school's sporting events, its yearbook progress and the university and college visits. She noted a concern raised by some students, i.e., certain teaching styles that are not conducive to some students' learning style. She suggested that anonymous assessments of teachers by students might provide feedback to teachers about this issue. Director Pella advised the most appropriate avenue in this regard continues to be teachers' access to information/PD on differentiated learning styles of students

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

11.1 Report No 64: 2009-2010 Strategic Plan

Director Pella reported that a draft Strategic Plan is currently being shared with stakeholders to solicit feedback for a finalized plan. The intent of the Strategic Plan is not only to provide direction for 2009-2010 goals but also to build on this toward developing the board's Operational Plan as

required by the ministry. The annualized Operational Plan must contain specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely (SMART) goals. The completed Strategic Plan will replace the former plan adopted in April 2005. The final version will be presented at the December board meeting.

11.2 Queen Elizabeth Aiming for the Top Scholarships

Director Pella reported that 13 secondary students from our system have received this award. With congratulations to all she provided their names as follows:

Geraldton Composite HS: Ryan Fillion, Lisa Marszowski and Samantha Ten Hoeve

Lake Superior HS: Laura Desaulniers and Katelyn Spadoni

Manitouwadge HS: Felicia Cain

Marathon HS: Kyle Atchison, Ryan Clancy, Brianna Draper, and Matthew Houde

Nipigon Red Rock DHS: Haillie Bearman, Benjamin Dupuis and Richard Marshall

11.3 Fall Date for Trustee Professional Development

Director Pella announced the postponement of the Fall Trustee Professional Development until a time/date could be determined that is suitable to a majority of trustees. Numerous suggestions were offered in regard to scheduling dates to ensure a face-to-face venue for PD. The topic will be revisited during the December Organizational meeting.

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education: Vacant

12.1 Report No 65: 2008-2009 Parent Involvement Committee

Director Pella noted that the report compiled by Pinky McRae, Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) proved an outline of the 2008-2009 PIC activities and expenditures.

12.2 Report No 66: E-Learning

Superintendent of Student Success Valerie provided an overview of the report Newton apologize about the report, just on the E-learning. She explained that the Board Improvement Plan noted on the agenda was a topic to be addressed at the November board meeting.

13.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

13.1 Report No.67: B.A. Parker PS Project Update

Manager of Plant Services Wayne Chiupka reviewed the report advising that information on the project would be addressed regularly at future board meetings. Work on the final drawings continues with an expectation that the job would be tendered in January 2010. A new development in the project is the Ontario Fire Marshall involvement on approval of the design concept. The concept received basic approval with some conditions, including the upgrading of hallway fire separations throughout the building.

13.2 Report No.68: Capital Project Update 2008/09

W. Chiupka reviewed the report that provides an outline of the five-year capital project plans for the Plant Services Department.

13.3 Report No.69: 2008/2009 Audit Plans

Manager of Accounting Services Cathy Tsubouchi reported that the board 2008-2009 external audit starts on October 26, 2009. The report outlines the audit plan from Deloitte for Superior-Greenstone District School Board. In addition, the completed audit by Peter Stetsko, Chartered

Accountant is included. This audit was done for the former District School Area Boards of both Nakina and Caramat. The report is included because effective September 1, 2009 these two area boards amalgamated with Superior-Greenstone DSB as per ministry directive.

14.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

14.1 Report No. 70: Disbursements – September 2009

C. Tsubouchi provided a brief overview of the report. All relative details were sent to the Chair of the Business-Negotiations Committee Jim Turner.

14.2 Report No. 71: Personnel – October 19, 2009

Director Pella referred briefly to the Personnel Report indicating inquiries by the board with regard to specific personnel were addressed during the Committee of the Whole, closed session.

15.0 New Business

15.1 Board Chair

See comments by Chair noted under Correspondence.

15.2 Correspondence:

Board Chair Mark Mannisto advised that he shared with trustees (via e-mail) a letter from Laura-Lea Carruthers and also a response from the Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne. The minister was prompted to provide a detailed summary of the grant receipts to Superior-Greenstone DSB after a meeting on September 18, 2009 with some area school council members. He noted too that a letter from the Marathon Town Council, in association with the Municipalities of Ontario was received. It outlined the municipalities' position that these groups should have an opportunity during a school accommodation review process to recommend alternative uses for school facilities facing closure.

Director Pella said she has responded that in such a situation, priority would always focus on keeping delivery of student programming at the forefront for all decisions.

15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Trustee J. Turner requested administration compile a report wherein a summary of what external community and agency resources were available in support of families affected by the economic downturn, Director Pella suggested that a report by Don Parson, Student Support Leader would be forthcoming.

16.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

Trustee Kathie Notwell provided a verbal report on the events from the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Northern Regional Conference in Sault Ste. Marie on October 15-17, 2009. Bill 177, the Student Achievement and School Board Governance Act, 2009 was among the topics addressed. Public hearings on the bill take place on October 26-27, 2009, while written submissions are accepted up to October 29.

Trustee D. Keenan advised that the expenses for Advisory Trustee Armand Giguere to attend the OPSBA Board of Directors meeting in September were covered by OPSBA.

17.0 Observer Comments

There were no observer comments at this time.

18.0 Adjournment

222/09

Moved by: *Trustee J. Turner*

Seconded by: *Trustee B. Bartlett*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/10 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, October 19, 2009 be adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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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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. 71)

(B. Draper)

2.0 Litigation

2.1 Human Rights

(P. Pella)

2.2 File 2667-54

(P. Pella)

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APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009

SECRETARY

CHAIR