

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 2010/02

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 18, 2010

Designated Site: Board Meeting Room, Marathon, ON

Board Chair: Julie Sparrow

Director: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: GCHS / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

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

Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:33 p.m.
Section (B) : – (open to public): 6:49 p.m.
Section (C) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:55 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 (Student) Left at 8:30 p.m.			X			Robinson, Danielle (Student)	X				
Fisher, Cindy	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					
Tamblyn, David: Assistant to the Director 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

Board Chair Julie Sparrow conducted roll call. Trustees present are 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 reported.

3.0 Committee of the Whole Board

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

✓ **31/10**

Moved by: *Trustee Notwell*

Second: *Trustee Fisher*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

32/10

Moved by: *Trustee Brown*

Second: *Trustee Keenan*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:47 p.m, and that this portion be open to the public.*

Carried

PART II: *Regular Board Meeting*

Section (B) : – (open to public): 6:49 p.m.

4.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

33/10

Moved by: *Trustee Brown*

Second: *Trustee Keenan*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 18, 2010 be called to order at 6:49 p.m.*

Carried

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

5.1 34/10

Moved by: *Trustee Brown*

Second: *Trustee Keenan*

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

Carried

6.0 Approval of Agenda

35/10

Moved by: *Trustee Brown*

Second: *Trustee Keenan*

✓ *That, the agenda for Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting 2010/02 Monday, January 18, 2010 be accepted and approved.*

Carried

7.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures reported.

8.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Committee Meetings

36/10

Moved by: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Keenan

✓ **That**, the minutes from the following Board Meetings be adopted:

- 2010/01 Organizational/Regular Board, Monday, December 7, 2009
- 01.1/2010 Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 2009
- 01/2010 Special Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

10.1 Excellence in Education: MTPS: Single-Gender Classrooms

Greg McIlwain, Grade 5/6 Teacher at Margaret Twomey Public School provided a verbal report regarding the experience of the single gender (male) classroom, as a project pilot at the school. He explained that the pilot was undertaken with a goal toward reducing the disruptive classroom behavior demonstrated by a significant number of male students in a traditional mixed-gender classroom. Though disruptive, the male students were also thought to have potential for improving academic and social skills. Mr. McIlwain reports that the project has returned positive results. He noted that although there is not a lot of hard data on the success of the all-male classroom, there has been significant improvement in student behaviour, a heightened sense of accountability among them and an improved work ethic. Homework assignments are done regularly and he says there is a genuine feeling of success from every student in the class.

Director of Education Patti Pella added that some data that is available to support the positive outcomes thus far in the pilot is that student suspensions in the group have been reduced to zero.

10.2 Student Trustees' Update

10.2.1 Sarah Duffus reported that plans for the graduation have begun at Geraldton Composite HS. The student also raised \$2784.00 for the Plan Canada, Gifts of Hope.

10.2.2 Kayla Kjellman reported on feedback from some students at NRHS with regard to assignment deadlines. She said students are concerned that late assignments are being handed in and marked with no consequence on the students' mark. She explained that students felt it was unfair for one group to hand in assignments on time, but others who had not were generally granted extensions with no consequence. Student work ethics that are not tested now does not bode well for these students to meet their goals in future.

10.2.3 Danielle Robinson reported on the student social events at both Marathon and Manitouwadge HS.

11.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: D. Keenan)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

11.1 Report No. 08: Update: B.A. Parker Public School Project

Manager of Plant Services Wayne Chiupka reviewed Report No. 8, advising that the timelines set for the project continue to apply. He anticipates that by February, some drawings and specification books will be submitted to the plant department for review.

11.2 Report No.09: BAPS - Old Building Disposal

W. Chiupka explained that his report follows an inquiry from the Municipality of Greenstone with regard to the intended disposition of the BAPS building once the school has been established as a new facility the GCHS. Based on the project schedule, the BAPS building will continue in full use by BAPS until September 2011. He reviewed the issues and factors that would have a bearing on the board's process upon vacating the BAPS. Correspondence in that regard will be forwarded the Municipality of Greenstone.

Note: At 7:35 p.m., the videoconference reception to GCHS was lost. Student Trustee Sarah Duffus reconnected to the board office via teleconference/

11.3 Report No. 10: 2009-2010 Internal Audit Proposal

37/10

Moved by: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Keenan

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Report No. 10: 2009-2010 Internal Audit Proposal as presented.

Carried

Manager of Accounting Services Cathy Tsubouchi reported that in accordance with Board Policy 305, an internal audit would take place at the Beardmore PS, Margaret Twomey PS and Marathon HS. The findings will be reported to the board in June.

11.4 Report No. 11: Disbursements – November & December 2009

C. Tsubouchi reviewed this report, advising that cheque registers were sent to Business/Negotiation Committee chair, Darlene Keenan.

12.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

12.1 Report No. 12: 2010 Board Meeting Rotation

Director of Education Patti Pella reviewed the report with the three options listed from feedback submitted by trustees on the issue of board rotation. Trustees chose option three with amendments as noted in the motion below.

38/10

Moved by: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Keenan

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Regular Board Meetings schedule outlined as Option No. 3 in Report No. 12: 2010 as amended to schedule the Board Inaugural Meeting in December on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., and that the board meetings in April and June be designated as face to face meetings in Marathon.

Carried

12.2 2010-2011 School Year Calendar

P. Pella provided a verbal report regarding the development of the school year calendar for next year. She outlined the ministry requirement under Regulation 304 and advised that widespread consultation on the calendar had begun with board staff, union, parent councils and coterminous boards. Three draft models have been posted on the board website and all stakeholders have been encouraged to review and vote for the calendar of their choice. The survey closes on February 8, 2010 and feedback submitted will be considered at a meeting with the coterminous boards to finalize the calendar.

12.3 Correspondence

12.3.1 January 4, 2010 Minister K. Wynne: Consultation Grant for Student Needs

P. Pella advised that correspondence for Minister Wynne contained an invitation to the boards to take part in the annual Grant for Student Needs consultation. Trustee

associations are asked to submit their comments to the ministry by February 15, 2010. Individual boards are invited to do the same.

- 12.3.2 Lakehead District School Board: Regional Environmental Education Lead
P. Pella advised this correspondence was for information as the Environmental Education Lead at Lakehead DSB provides direction to the Thunder Bay Region boards in implementing *Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow, A Policy Framework* to create a structure within the region and province to build and maintain comprehensive environmental education efforts and leadership capacity.

13.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Assistant to the Director of Education: David Tamblyn

- 13.1 Update: Early Years Program
Assistant to the Director of Education David Tamblyn provided a verbal update on the program's rollout. Margaret Twomey PS is the one school in our system where the ministry will implement the preschool and afterschool programs that accompany this ministry initiative. He advised that the current model is not one that can work board-wide for us because of the very low community numbers in the daycare programs now. A dialogue continues with the ministry about how with the enrolment statistics throughout our board, the program can work for us.
- 13.2 Report No. 13: Learning Partnership in E-learning
Superintendent of Student Success Valerie Newton reviewed her written report advising that through e-Learning senior level students in the board will have access to expanded course offerings. Superior-Greenstone has entered into partnership with a group of northern boards, through which each board involved will provide places or seats in e-Learning courses for students from other boards. There will be no fee charged to the board for enrolling our students in an e-Learning course with this group of northern boards.
- 13.3 Report No. 14: Technology: The Past, Present and Future
Coordinator of Information Technology Brad Ross provided highlights of the report that outlined the plans for future development and implementation of technology support for curriculum and administrative issues.

14.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: J. Sparrow

- 14.1 Report No. 15: Personnel – January 18, 2010
Discussion and/or inquiries concerning personnel took place during the closed session.

15.0 New Business

Nil

PART III: *Committee of the Whole Board*

Section (C) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 8:55 p.m.

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

(Attachment)

- 16.1 **39/10**
Moved by: Trustee Brown *Second: Trustee Keenan*
✓ **That**, he Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Section C) at 8:55 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

16.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

40/10

Moved by: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Section C) at 9:18 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

17.0 Adjournment

41/10

Moved by: Trustee Brown

Second: Trustee Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2010/02 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 18, 2010 be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Carried

2010 Board Meeting Schedule

2010 Dates	Time	Location		2009 Dates	Time	Location
Tuesday, February 16	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office (SGB0)		Monday , August 23	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office (SGB0)
Monday, March 22	6:30 p.m.	SGB0		Monday, September 20	6:30 p.m.	SGB0
Monday , April 19	6:30 p.m.	SGB0		Monday, October 18	6:30 p.m.	SGB0
Monday, May 17	6:30 p.m.	SGB0		Monday, November 15	6:30 p.m.	SGB0
Monday, June 21	6:30 p.m.	SGB0		Monday, December 6	12:00 p.m.	SGB0
Monday, July 19	6:30 p.m.	SGB0				

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TOPICS

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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. 15

(B. Draper)

2.0 Litigation: Two Items

(P. Pella)

PART III: Committee of Whole Board

Section (C): In-Camera – (closed to public) 8:55 p.m.

1.0 Personal Service Contract: Director of Education

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APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010

SECRETARY

CHAIR