

# 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 2010/03

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

Tuesday, February 16, 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) 6:35 p.m.  
 Section (B) : – (open to public): 6:48 p.m.  
 Section (C) : – (closed to public): 8:48 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				
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) 6:35 p.m.*

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

There were no disclosures of interest reported.

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

*(Attached)*

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed  
**60/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**61/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ *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): 6:48 p.m.*

**4.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

**62/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 be called to order at 6:48 p.m.*

Carried

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

5.1 **63/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

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

Carried

**6.0 Approval of Agenda**

**64/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ *That, the agenda for Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting 2010/03 Tuesday, February 16, 2010 be accepted and approved.*

Carried

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

There were no disclosures of interest reported.

## **8.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings**

**65/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

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

- Special Board Meeting – January 13, 2010
- Regular Board Meeting – January 18, 2010
- Special Board Meeting – January 27, 2010
- Special Board Meeting – January 30, 2010

Carried

**66/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

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

- Special Education Advisory Committee – January 7, 2010
- Board Policy Review Committee – January 25, 2010

Carried

**67/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the recommendations outlined in the BPRC minutes of January 25, 2010 and approve as reviewed:

- P-301 Student Transportation
- MG-301 Student Transportation
- P-404 Building/Grounds and Equipment
- P-406 Snow Removal and Ice Control
- P-410 Lock and Keying
- MG-410 Lock and Keying
- P-517: Early Identification
- MG-520: Police and Schools Protocol
- P-708: Community Service
- P-905 Pupil Accommodation

to be posted to the Board website with an implementation date of February 17, 2010 and same shall supersede any previous policies and management guidelines.

Carried

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

### **10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

#### **10.1 Excellence in Education: Marathon HS-School Support Student Success Initiative**

Marathon High School Principal Brenda Wiskin provided a verbal report regarding the School Support Student Success Initiative. This is a pilot project at both Marathon High School (MRHS). Thirty-two schools around the province have been identified to take part in the pilot this year; the ministry selecting MRHS as a school with a low to medium student success rate in the applied sections. She explained that the pilot is in place to address credit accumulation rates where the ministry has set the minimum student credit goal of 16 by 16-years of age, generally the grade 9 and 10 level. A **SMART** (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely) goal for this initiative is to raise the grade 9 student achievement rate from 69% pass rate to 94%.

#### **10.2 Student Trustees' Update**

- 10.2.1 Sarah Duffus (GCHS): sent regrets but provided the Chair, Julie Sparrow with a written report as follows:
- Grads have been very busy fundraising for their ceremony in June
  - Donations were received from the community to run a Valentine's Day raffle
  - A Spaghetti Supper will be held on February 26 in the GCHS Cafeteria
  - Auditions will be held this week for a new play by Mr. Haslam. It will be performed across schools in our region and the topic is bullying.
  - Badminton tryouts have begun and our curling teams are preparing for NSSSAA next weekend.
- 10.2.2 Kayla Kjellman (NRHS): provided a verbal report for LSHS and NRHS
- At Lake Superior HS, a Valentine Day fundraiser raising money for the Canadian Foundation for Aids Research and for a new LSHS sign
  - At NRHS, Steven Ray carried the torch in the Olympic Torch Relay
  - Senior girls and boys basketball team played for tie-breaker to go to NSSSAA
  - There are student concerns about E-Learning courses, that is students who experience problems find it difficult to contact teachers for extra help once online session concludes
  - In response, Director Pella suggested that as this is a pilot program a helpful arrangement might be to set up a resource link on the Board website
  - Superintendent of Student Success Val Newton will be contacted for follow up on this issue.
- 10.2.3 Danielle Robinson (MRHS): provided a verbal report for MNHS and MRHS.
- Manitouwadge HS Student Council President Keisha Drapeau advised that MNSH is hosting NSSSAA boys' senior basketball this week.
  - Grad committee is fund-raising
  - Spring Fling Dance is scheduled in April
  - MRHS boys senior basketball succeeded to the NSSSAA finals in Manitouwadge
  - Student council fundraising underway with valentine week events
  - Fundraising is happening for the Heart and Stroke Foundation awareness
  - Two MRHS students, including Danielle will attend a Student Sustainability Conference (Feb.25-26). They will present on the impact of peak oil on our community and assist with making a local action plan to reduce this impact. Peak oil refers to the point at which oil production reaches its peak in the world and begins its decline.
  - Student Council has Haiti Relief fund raising underway. A block C challenge is underway to collect students' loose change. Danielle invited the board office staff to take part as well.

## **11.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: D. Keenan)*

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

- 11.1 Report No. 16: Update: B.A. Parker Public School Project  
Plant Manager Wayne Chiupka advised the BA Parker PS project plans continue to be on target. Project drawings are expected shortly and will be posted to the board website as soon as possible.
- 11.2 Report No. 17: Authorization to Participate in OMERS  
Coordinator of Human Resources Barbara Draper explained that a resolution is required to authorize participation in OMERS Pension Plan by the employees from both the Caramat and Nakina District Area School Boards, which as of 2009-2010 school year was amalgamated with Superior-Greenstone DSB.

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the Board Resolution to authorize participation in OMERS as presented in Report No 17.

Carried

11.3 Report No. 18: Quarterly Report for September to November 2009

Manager of Accounting Services Cathy Tsubouchi noted that as part of the Operational Reviews conducted in school boards by the Ministry, the review team found that there was the need to enhance Interim Financial Reporting in school boards. The interim financial report provides management and trustees with a clear understanding of the status of the current year's budget versus actual expenditures to date, and an outlook for the remainder of the year.

11.4 Report No. 19: January 2010

C. Tsubouchi advised that agenda item should read January 2010 disbursement. The report summarizes spending for the month of January.

11.5 Report No.20: Summary of Travel-PD Expenditures of Trustees & Student Trustees

Superintendent of Business Bruce Rousseau explained the report was compiled in response to trustees' inquiry on the status of trustee budget line, given requests for trustee travel for professional development were submitted in late January.

11.6 Report No. 21: Ontario Labour Relations Board

B. Rousseau advised the report outlines the process taken to have the support staff of the former Nakina and Caramat District Area School Board now amalgamated with Superior-Greenstone DSB taken into the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Education Support Staff bargaining unit.

11.7 Report No. 22: Determination and Distribution Process for 2010 Election

B. Rousseau provided a brief explanation of the process that boards/ municipalities are required to follow in preparation for the 2010 Municipal Elections. Boards have until March 15, 2010 to apply to the minister for an increase in trustee seats.

Trustee Mannisto requested a recorded vote with support from Trustee Brown on the following motion.

**69/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto Second: Trustee Brown

✓ **That**, Superior-Greenstone District School Board not request the Minister of Education increase the number of elected board members from eight (8) to reflect the increase in jurisdiction resulting from the 2009 amalgamation with Nakina District School Area Board and Caramat District School Area Board.

Recorded Vote

Yes	No
C. Brown	B. Bartlett
D. Keenan	T. Simmons
M. Mannisto	
K. Notwell	
J. Sparrow	
J. Turner	

Carried

**12.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

(Director: Patti Pella)

12.1 Report No. 23: 2010-2011 School Year Calendar

Director of Education Patti Pella reported on the process for developing the calendar for 2010-2011 including a board-wide invitation to participate in a survey to select one of three models prepared in consultation with the coterminous boards.

**70/10**

*Moved by: Trustee Mannisto Second: Trustee Brown*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept Calendar Model A as the final draft for the 2010-2011 School Year Calendar and that Administration be directed to forward this draft to the Ministry of Education for approval.*

*Carried*

**12.2** Haiti Relief Fundraising

P. Pella congratulated the Caramat Public School (CAPS) fundraising effort that saw \$1363.00 raised with a spaghetti supper. She noted that most board schools had fund-raising efforts underway or completed, however the CAPS serving a community population of about 50 people has turned out an amazing contribution.

Trustee Bette Bartlett also reported that George O'Neill Public School raised over \$1000 in its rally for Haiti Relief.

**13.0** **Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

*Assistant to the Director of Education: David Tamblyn*

**13.1** Report No 24: Restorative Practices-An Alternative Approach to Student Discipline

Superintendent of Student Success Valerie Newton provided a brief verbal summary of this report indicating that this alternative approach to student discipline is timely given that Bill 157, the Education Amendment Act (Keeping Our Kids Safe at School) came into force on February 1, 2010. The board requested that the report be brought forward at March board meeting for additional discussion.

**14.0** **Matters for Decision**

*Board Chair: J. Sparrow*

**14.1** Report No. 25: Personnel – February 16, 2010

Discussion and/or inquiries concerning personnel took place during the closed session.

**15.0** **New Business**

**15.1** Board Chair

No new business.

**15.2** Correspondence:

Nil

**15.3** Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

**15.3.1** Board By-laws - Notice of Motion

P. Pella advised that a Notice of Motion is required for March board meeting agenda because the main subject for the Trustee Spring Professional Development is to proceed with a major review of the Board Bylaws. Section 1.3 of the Board bylaw states that bylaws may be amended provided a Notice of Intention to introduce amendment(s) be given in writing at a previous regular Board meeting.

**15.4** Miscellaneous

**15.4.1** Trustee Spring Professional Development

P. Pella planning is underway to have this session Friday, April 30 – Saturday, May 1, 2010 in Rosspoint.

Friday, April 30

- School tours planned for trustees who can attend (Trustees-Notwell, Mannisto, Simmons and possibly, Bartlett, Keenan, Brown and Fisher)
- Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Rossport.

Saturday, May 1

- 9:00 a.m. Review of Board Bylaws

15.4.2 Board Internal Audit-Administrative Expenses

Coverage of this subject will be included with the Internal Audit Report scheduled to happen in June.

**16.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

OPSBA Labour Relation Conference is scheduled March 24-27. Trustees Bartlett, Keenan and Fisher will attend.

**17.0 Observer Comments**

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

There were no observer comments.

PART III: *Committee of Whole Board*

Section (C): – (closed to public): 8:48 p.m.

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

(Attached)

18.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

**71/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (C) Closed Session at 8:48 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

18.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**72/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (C) Closed Session at 9:03 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

**19.0 Adjournment**

**73/10**

Moved by: Trustee Mannisto

Second: Trustee Brown

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2010/03 Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 16, 2010 be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carried

2010 Board Meeting Schedule

2010 Dates	Time	Location		2009 Dates	Time	Location
Monday, March 22	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office (SGB0)		Monday, August 23	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office (SGB0)
Monday, April 19	6:30 p.m.	SGB0		Monday, September 20	6:30 p.m.	SGB0

<i>Monday, May 17</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>		<i>Monday, October 18</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>
<i>Monday, June 21</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>		<i>Monday, November 15</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>
<i>Monday, July 19</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>		<i>Monday, December 6</i>	<i>12:00 p.m.</i>	<i>SGB0</i>



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

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Designated Site: Board Meeting Room, Marathon, ON

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** Julie Sparrow

**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) 6:35 p.m.*

1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 25)

(B. Draper)

2.0 Litigation: Two Items

(P. Pella)

PART III: *Committee of Whole Board*

*Section (C): In-Camera – (closed to public) 8:48 p.m.*

1.0 Director Personal Service Contract

**Regular Board Meeting 2010/03**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR