

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Our Mission: "Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"
Our Vision: "We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities"
Our Values: "Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation"
Our Motto: "Small schools make a difference"

Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board(SGDSB)12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON
 Manitowadge High School(MNHS)200 Manitowadge Road W., Manitowadge, 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 2014/03

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

Monday, February 24, 2014

Designated Site: Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting Room 12, Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

Board Designate Chair: M. Mannisto

Director: David Tamblyn

VC Sites: GCHS / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: C. Tsubouchi

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

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

PART II: Regular Board Meeting

Section (B) :- (open to public) TBA

PART III: Committee of Whole Board (2nd In-Camera Event IF Required)

Section (C) In-Camera :- (closed to public): TBA

1.0 Roll Call

<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				Manitowadge Ward (Vacant)					
Brown, Cindy	X					Mannisto, Mark	X				
Figliomeni, Kim		X				McRae, Pauline (Pinky)		X			
First Nation (Vacant)						Simonaitis, Fred		X			
Fisher, Matthew		X				Visintin, Maria (Student)				X	

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)					
	OS	TC	VC	A	R	
Tamblyn, David: Director of Education	X					
Petrick, Nancy: Superintendent of Education	X					
Tsubouchi, Cathy: Superintendent of Business	X					
Williams, Dianne: Manager of Accounting Services	X					
Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation	X					
Morden-Cormier, Nicole: School Effectiveness Leader		X				
Willcocks, Barb: Student Success Leader			X			
Paris, Marc: Coordinator of Maintenance					X	
Draper, Barb: Coordinator of Human Resources Services					X	
.....: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology						
Hooper, Corinne: Secretary	X					

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

2.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

39/14

Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown*

Second: *Trustee K. Figliomeni*

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

Carried

2.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

40/14

Moved by: *Trustee K. Figliomeni*

Second: *Trustee F. Simonaitis*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section A (Closed Session) at 6:43 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

3.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

41/14

Moved by: *Trustee P. McRae*

Second: *Trustee K. Figliomeni*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2014 be called to order at 6:46 p.m.

4.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section A

4.1 **42/14**

Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown*

Second: *Trustee P. McRae*

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

Reports be adopted including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2014-03 – January 27, 2014

Carried

43/14

Moved by: *Trustee F. Simonaitis*

Second: *Trustee P. McRae*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB support Aaron MacGregor to the vacant trustee position in Manitowadge.

Carried

5.0 Approval of Agenda

44/14

Moved by: *Trustee P. McRae*

Second: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2014/03 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2014 be accepted and approved.

Carried

6.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures of interest reported at this time.

7.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings

7.1 **45/14**

Moved by: Trustee K. Figliomeni

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ **That**, the minutes of the following Board meetings be adopted:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2014-02 – January 27, 2014
2. Special Board Meeting 2014-01 – February 3, 2014

Carried

8.0 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)

8.1 Parent Involvement Committee

- A meeting was held on February 12, 2014. D. Tamblyn advised that Pearl Cooper has been appointed as PIC Chair. At their recent meeting a summary of the Teachers Mental Health Survey was presented. Also highlighted were results of the Students Mental Health Survey. The Committee also voiced their desire to continue with the annual production of the calendar highlighting student work. The Committee is looking into conducting a parent survey similar to the student 'Tell Them for Me' survey. Their hope is that the parent version will be ready for release in the coming weeks. The next meeting is on April 9, 2014.

8.2 Special Education Advisory Committee

- A meeting was held on February 11, 2014. Quorum was not established therefore informational notes were taken. SE Coordinator, Kathleen Schram, presented her report highlighting the January 28, 2014 session that the SGDSB Mental Health Team together with guidance counsellors and administrators attended at Lakehead Public Schools to hear author Dr. Michael Ungar speak on the topic of *Systematic Approaches to Nurturing Resilience among Children, Youth and Families with Complex Needs*. Mental Health Lead, George Drazenovich, Behavioural Specialist, Melissa Bianco and, Teacher Diagnostician, Hillary Freeburn provided an update of work in their respective areas. The Building Capacity Document was briefly reviewed, and it was noted that the document is falling in line with the current book study with Principals and Special Education Resource Teachers – *Neurodiversity in the Classroom: Strength Based Strategies to Help Students with Special Needs Succeed in School and Life*. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014.

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: Margaret Twomey Public School

Kris Skworchinski, Teacher at MTPS, Dwayne Oldford, Teacher at MRHS and Greg Speziale, student teacher candidate from Lakehead University provided an insightful PowerPoint presentation, which focused on their collaborative efforts to prepare and assist Grade 8 students to transition to the secondary panel. They lead the board through the conception of this collaborative idea, its goals, areas of focus, and anticipated outcomes. Trustee C. Brown invited the men to return at a later date in the year to share the outcomes of the strategies presented during the presentation, which include but are not limited to the Mastery Approach (re-write option), development of a buddy system, and a dry run of the OSSLT in June. Queries from the members confirmed that this model could be replicated in our other schools, and that the process is modified to meet the needs of IEP'd students.

10.2 Update: Student Trustee

There was no report from the Student Trustee.

11.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

(Business/Negotiations Chair: F. Simonaitis)

Superintendent of Business: C. Tsubouchi

11.1 Bylaw 133 - Debenture

C. Tsubouchi advised that the presented Debenture would allow the Board to obtain funding for two demolition projects (BAPS and MNHS).

46/14

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Bylaw No. 133: a Bylaw to Authorize a Loan from the Ontario Financing Authority as attached.

Carried

47/14

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve Bylaw No. 133: a Bylaw to Authorize a Loan from the Ontario Financing Authority.

Carried

12.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: David Tamblyn

12.1 Report No. 17

Director's Monthly Report-February 2014

Director David Tamblyn provided an overview of Report No. 17. Although not part of the report, he added that a NEAC meeting is taking place on February 28, 2014 and that work on the Cultural Handbook will be continued at this meeting. A question regarding the progress of obtaining a Native Representative was posed, to which Director Tamblyn advised that sadly this position remains open. Trustee Mannisto added that he had been informed that a number of boards rotate their First Nation trustees through the treaties, and that this might be a solution. Two treaties, Robinson-Superior and Treaty Nine, cover our area and that although the organizations meet provincially, they do not meet locally. Trustee C. Brown inquired if it was possible for the Board to have two First Nation Trustees. Director Tamblyn advised that if the population attains a specific level we can move to a second trustee; however, it is unknown what those numbers are. The next NEAC meeting is taking place on February 28, 2014 and that work on the Cultural Handbook would continue at this meeting.

12.2 Report No. 18

2014-2015 Proposal for 2013-2014 School Year Calendar

Director Tamblyn advised that there was little feedback from stakeholders with regards to the proposed 2014/2015 School Year Calendar. Trustee C. Brown indicated that in the past three options to the calendar were provided. Director Tamblyn advised that in consultation with the coterminous boards that there was unanimous agreement on the one proposal and no other options were presented.

48/14

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Second: Trustee K. Figliomeni

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive and approve Report No. 18: 2014-2015 School Year Calendar as attached.

Carried

13.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: Matt Fisher)

Superintendent of Education: Nancy Petrick

13.1 No Report.

14.0 Reports from Human Resources

(Board Chair: PinkyMcRae)

14.1 Report No. 19

Personnel – February 24, 2014

Due to regrets from Human Resources Coordinator, Barbara Draper, Superintendent of Business, Cathy Tsubouchi addressed inquiries from the board during the closed session.

15.0 New Business

(P. McRae)

15.1 Board Chair

Letter to the Minister from Renfrew County DSB

- Discussions ensued regarding the inequity in funding. SGDSB receives approximately \$750 per pupil as opposed to our coterminous boards who receive approximately \$1,500 per pupil. Upon reviewing the figures, Cathy Tsubouchi advised if SGDSB were to receive the same level of funding that this translates into a difference of \$529,574. These additional monies could be directed towards the classroom and special education. The current funding formula has been in place for over 10 years and it is felt that boards serving the same district should not see a difference in funding. Trustee M. Mannisto will be bringing this issue up at OPSBA. It was identified that a letter needs to be drafted, under the signature of the Chair, to bring this issue to the attention of the Ministry. It was noted that the letter needs to make note that there is a difference in funding between the north versus the south, which is not addressed in the Renfrew letter. Director Tamblyn also encouraged the trustees to raise this issue in other venues aside from the letter.

49/14

Moved by: Trustee P. McRae

Second: Trustee C. Brown

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB prepare a letter to the Ministry of Education addressing concerns of dissimilar funding regarding Special Education needs.*

Carried

15.2 Trustees' Reports: Constituent Concerns

- Trustee B. Bartlett received a concerned call regarding the absence of cable being unavailable in one of the area public schools and that students were unable to watch Olympic game events. Also of concern was that of the five white boards available in the school, video streaming of the events were only available on one board. She asked what could be done for future events to allow more students to have viewing access. It was noted that many of the schools no longer use cable service. Director Tamblyn will look into the white board problem, but it is anticipated that the issue may have been due to server congestion. The Director will follow up with the Principals and Vice Principals.
- Trustee M. Mannisto received a concerned call regarding the Addictions Centre being located across the street from MMPS. Director Tamblyn will look into this further.

15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Nil.

15.4 Miscellaneous

Nil.

16.0 Notice of Motion

Nil.

17.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

17.1 OPSBA

Trustee K. Figliomeni advised that she enjoyed attending her first Public Education Symposium session in Toronto from January 30 to February 1, 2014. She most especially the caucus sessions for the northern trustees and the discussions of the unique challenges faced by the

boards. Trustee M. Mannisto indicated that it was a well-attended 'three solid days of good speakers', commenting specifically on the Bill 122 discussions, Trustee and First Nation and Métis and Inuit Education sessions, and how things are moving forward. Trustee Mannisto will be attending the Board of Directors' Meeting to be held February 28 to March 1, 2014.

Additional upcoming OPSA meetings include the 2014 Labour Relations Conference from March 20 to 22, 2014 in Toronto, and the 2014 AGM concurrent with the CSBA Congress from July 3 to 5, 2014 in Niagara Falls.

18.0 Observer Comments

Nil.

<i>PART III: Committee of the Whole Board</i>	<i>Section (C) In-Camera: – (closed to public) TBA.</i>
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19.0 Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Closed)

No Reports

21.0 Adjournment

50/14

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Second: Trustee P. McRae

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2014/03 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2014 adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Carried

<u>2014 - Board Meeting Schedule</u>	
<i>All meetings convened at Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting Room, Marathon, ON (6:30 p.m.)</i>	
Monday, March 24	Monday, September 22
Monday, April 28	Monday, October 27
Monday, May 26 <i>Face-to-Face, Marathon</i>	Monday, November 17
Monday, June 23 <i>Face-to-Face, Marathon</i>	Friday, December 5: <i>Inaugural Face-to-Face At Marathon Board Office (Time @ 11:00 a.m.)</i>
Monday, July 21	

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A G E N D A

Board Chair: *P. McRae*

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Teleconference Moderator: *C. Tsubouchi*

PART I: Committee of Whole Board – Closed

Section (B): In-Camera 6:30 p.m.

- 1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session *(P. McRae)*

- 2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed) *(P. McRae)*

- 3.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 19) *(B. Draper)*

- 4.0 Trustee Vacancy – Manitouwadge Ward *(D. Tamblyn)*

- 5.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting 2014-02 – January 27, 2014 *(Attached)*

PART III: *Committee of the Whole Board*

Section (C) In-Camera: – (closed to public) TBA

THE BOARD MAY USE THIS SECTION FOR A SECOND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION IF REQUIRED