

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Meeting # 3 / 2002

4 Electronic Meeting r Face –to-Face
Superior-Greenstone DSB Board Meeting Room-Marathon / Videoconference

Monday, February 25, 2002 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair: B. Bartlett

Director: H. Wilson-Boast

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustees

Bette Bartlett, Chair (OS)
Larry Fraser (OS)
Guy Champagne (OS)
Kathryn Notwell (OS)
Les Aylward (VC)
Darlene Keenan (VC)
Wendy Krystia (TC)
Lindsay Harris (VC) (*joined at 7:00 p.m.*)

Absent: Randy Krystia

Board Administration

H. Wilson-Boast, Director of Education
B. Rousseau, Superintendent of Business
P. Bailey-Pella, Superintendent of Education
B. Draper, Coordinator of Human Resource Services
C. Tsubouchi, Manager of Accounting Services

OS: On-Site

TC: Teleconference

VC: Video Conference

PART I

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

1.0 Roll Call

Chair, Bette Bartlett conducted roll call at 6:35 p.m. Members present as noted above.

2.0 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: re Closed Session

No disclosures of conflict were reported concerning the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

3.0 Committee of the Whole Board: *(In-Camera Session only- closed to the public)*

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board

40/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:36 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

41/02

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:45 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

4.0 Committee of the Whole Board: *(This portion open to the public)*

4.1.1 Process: Lake Superior High School Dual Campus Review Committee

The Lake Superior High School Dual Campus Review Committee is scheduled to address the citizens of Schreiber and Terrace Bay on February 26 and 27, 2002 respectively. On March 5, 2002 a Special Board Meeting (as per Pupil Accommodation Policy No. 905) is set for the Committee's to present its report and recommendations to the Board. Members of the public who, by Friday, March 1, 2002 at 4:30 submit in writing their interest to present to the Board will also be included on the Special Board Meeting Agenda. As well, Administration's Report to the Board will be heard. The purpose of the meeting is to present committee findings and permit the public to publish their views. The Board may ask questions for clarification only. No resolutions for debate or vote will come before the Board. At its Regular Board Meeting on Friday, March 22 as per Pupil Accommodation Policy No. 905 a final report prepared by the Director of Education will be presented to summarize all the information available and make final recommendations to the Board. The Lake Superior High School Dual Campus Review Committee will have an opportunity to make a presentation to the Board in response to Administration's final recommendations.

4.1.2 Trustee School Tours

The school tours and joint school council meetings have been set. The schedule has been established and will be forwarded to schools and school councils for information.

PART II

Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

1.0 Meeting Call to Order and Approval of In-Camera Report

Chair, B. Bartlett called the regular portion of the Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

42/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the in-camera report.

Carried

2.0 Approval of Agenda

43/02

Moved By: Trustee Notwell

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting # 3/2002 be accepted and approved with an amendment to move the French Immersion Review Committee Presentation of the Margaret Twomey Public School to the Superintendent of Education, Section 7.0 of the agenda.

Carried

3.0 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: re Open Session

No disclosures of conflict were reported concerning the Regular Board Meeting.

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Standing Committees

No Report

4.2 Board Meetings

4.2.1 Board Meeting # 2/2002: Regular Board: January 21, 2002

44/02

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the minutes from the following Board Meeting be, and are hereby declared adopted:

- #2/2002: Regular Board: January 21, 2002

Carried

4.3 Statutory Committees

No Report

4.4 Ad Hoc Committees

4.4.1 Transportation Committee: February 7, 2002

45/02

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Fraser

4 That, the minutes from the following Transportation Committee Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- Transportation Committee Meeting: February 7, 2002

Carried

5.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

5.1 Re: January 21/02 Board Minutes: Item 6.1 Safe Schools Reference Manual

The Safe Schools Reference Manual is available upon request of any Trustee who may wish to review the document at length.

6.0 Delegations, Presentation, etc

6.1 Manitouwadge High School Council: Fundraising

Manitouwadge High School Council Chair, Ed Hedderson addressed the Board with a request for a loan from the Board to cover costs related to current school council projects being undertaken at the school. These project costs will exceed the funds that the council currently has at its disposal. Thanks were extended to the school council for its active participation in the school and the programs initiatives.

7.0 Reports of the Director of Education

H. Wilson-Boast

7.1 Report No. 09 – 01/02: Board Meeting Dates

46/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 09 - 01/02: 2002 Board Meeting Dates, Proposal to Change as presented.

Carried

47/02

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the 2002 Board Meeting date changes as presented.

Carried

The Board Meeting Dates for all “electronic” meetings were rescheduled to the following dates:

Monday, April 29, 2002	Monday, August 26, 2002
Monday, May 27, 2002	Monday, October 28, 2002
Monday, July 29, 2002	Monday, November 18, 2002

The face-to face meetings remain as scheduled on:

Friday, March 22, 2002	Friday, September 20, 2002
Friday, June 21, 2002	Friday, December 6, 2002

7.2 Update: Community Care Access Centre

The new Chair of the Community Care Access Centre District of Thunder Bay Board of Directors is J. Donald Murrell. Its Interim Executive Director is Tuija Puiras. A letter concerning the withdrawal of services will not be forwarded to the Minister until an opportunity is had to determine if the modified services levels are adequate for our Board.

7.3 January 29/02-Secondary Professional Activity Day

Trustees were briefed on the various activities that were provided for the Secondary teachers on January 29 Professional Development Day at Manitouwadge High School.

7.4 Correspondence: Minister of Health-Tony Clement

Minister Clement’s response to the Board’s letter regarding its objection to new format for specialist referral for audiologist indicates that no change in the ministry’s position will be taken.

7.5 Good News

7.5.1 21st Annual Terry Fox Run in Ontario Schools

Congratulations to the following schools for their exceptional effort in the Terry Fox Run. A total of \$2,539.36 was raised by the B.A. Parker, Marjorie Mills, George O'Neill and Red Rock Public Schools.

7.5.2 OSSTF-Support Staff Appreciation Day

May 8 is Support Staff Appreciation Day and buttons provided by OSSTF will be worn in the Board Office as a gesture to acknowledge the excellent and dedicated service provided by all Board staff.

8.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Education Chair: Kathryn Notwell

Superintendent of Education: Patti Bailey-Pella

8.1 Report No: 10 - 01/02 Final Report: Review of French Immersion Program
Margaret Twomey Public School

48/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 10 - 01/02: Final Report: Review of French Immersion Program-Margaret Twomey Public School as presented.

Carried

Superintendent of Education, Patti Pella introduced the Gail Cummings and Rhonda O'Connor as the presenting members of the French Immersion Review Committee. Each provided components of the report. The comprehensive report included data compiled as a result of a survey distribution, program research, enrolment statistics, classroom organization and teacher capacity. The committee recommended that a phase-out of the program begin in the next school year. The Board remains committed to the continuing the program for those students currently enrolled (subject to adequate enrolment).

49/02

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Fraser

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the recommendations as outlined in Report No. 10 – 01/02: Final Report Review of French Immersion Program at the Margaret Twomey Public School.

Carried

As directed by the Trustees, administration will forward a letter to the Minister of Education advising that the Board deeply regrets having to adopt the Committee's recommendation to phase-out the French Immersion program due to the impact that declining enrolment has on the Ministry's funding that enables the Board's provision of the program, yet Canada is an officially bilingual country.

9.0 Reports of the Business Committee

Business Chair: Larry Fraser

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

9.1 Report No. 11 – 01/02 Board Policy Review

50/02

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No.: 11 –01 /02: Board Policy Review as presented.

Carried

The report outlined a list of Board Policy and timelines for review dates as the current schedule for review has almost 90% of the policies up for review in 2004. The schedule spreads out the policy reviews so all reviews will be given appropriate consideration.

51/02

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Fraser

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB reassigns the policy review dates to equalize the number of policies reviewed over the five-year period (approximately 15 policies per year).

Carried

9.2 Report No: 12 - 01/ 02: Boil Water Advisory: Management Guideline / Protocol

52/02

Moved By: Trustee Notwell

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No.: 12 –01 /02: Boil Water Advisory Management Guideline / Protocol as presented.

Carried

The guideline was established to provide direction to school administrators on those occasions that a boil water advisory is issued by the Medical Officer of Health.

53/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB adopt the Boil Water Advisory: Management Guideline/Protocol as Appendix I of Policy No. 518, Emergency Procedures.

Carried

9.3 Enrolment Projections: Budget Year 2002-2003

54/02

Moved By: Trustee Fraser

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Enrolment Projections: Budget Year 2002-2003 as presented for information.

Carried

Projected enrolments for the budget year 2002-2003 were shared. Preliminary estimates indicate that enrolments may be down by 164.5 FTE students at the elementary panel and 120.0 FTE at the secondary panel. Given this, it is possible the Ministry of Education Funding Grants could be reduced by up to \$2 million.

9.4 Report No. 13 – 01/02 Transportation Contracts

This report was unavailable for review.

10.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: B. Bartlett

10.1 Disbursements: December 2001

55/02

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Darlene

4 That, the following expenditures for Superior-Greenstone DSB be approved:

Disbursement for the month of December 2001 in the total amount of: \$ 2,817,573.00.

Carried

10.2 Report No. 14- 01/ 02: Final Personnel Report

56/02

Moved By: Trustee Notwell

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 14- 01/02 Final Personnel Report dated, February 25, 2002 as presented.

Carried

57/02

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Champagne

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the recommendations in Report No.: 14 - 01/02 Final Personnel Report dated, February 25, 2002 as presented.

Carried

11.0 New Business

11.1 Chair

11.2 Correspondence: Thunder Bay Catholic DSB

58/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB support the Northern Rural Medical School and that the Chair forward a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Carried

A request to forward a letter of support to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Tony Clement regarding the need to have a four-year dual campus established for the Northern Rural Medical School in both Thunder Bay and Sudbury was supported by the Board.

11.3 Update: Student Trustee

11.3.1 Nipigon-Red Rock DHS: Student Art Exhibit

Student Trustee, Lindsay Harris explained that an art exhibit in Nipigon by the students of Nipigon-Red Rock DHS was created as a tribute to the September 11, 2002 terrorist's attacks. Students had wanted the work of plaster hands representing the four tragic events of the day to be displayed in New York but the city could not accommodate. To date there has been no response from the American Embassy in Ottawa. It was suggested that the Board Office would appreciate having the art to display.

12.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

12.1 OPSBA

OPSBA has developed a template to be used by Boards in any effort they may wish to mount in regard to the funding crisis in education across Ontario.

13.0 Observer Comments

There were no observer comments offered.

14.0 Adjournment

59/02

Moved By: Trustee Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Meeting #3/2002 adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

Monday, February 25, 2002

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2002

SECRETARY

CHAIR

2002 BOARD MEETINGS

Electronic Meetings

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Monday, May 27th
Monday, July 29th
Monday, August 26th
Monday October 28th
Monday, November 18th*

***Face-to-Face Meetings**

*Friday, March 22nd
Friday, June 21st
Friday, September 20th
Friday, December 6th*

** Venue for all Face-to-Face Meetings is the Board Meeting Room in Marathon, Ontario*

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T O P I C S

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| 1.0 | Personnel | <i>H. Wilson-Boast</i> |
| 2.0 | Municipality of Terrace Bay: Land Transfer Request | <i>H. Wilson-Boast</i> |
| 2.1 | Administration to proceed with investigation | |
| 3.0 | Bus Line Contracts | |
| 3.1 | Report Unavailable | |
| 4.0 | Other | |
| 4.1 | Litigation Update | |