

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes

Committee of the Whole Board and Regular Board Meeting # 5 / 2003

4 Electronic Meeting r Face –to-Face

Superior-Greenstone DSB Board Meeting Room
Convened at Nipigon-Red Rock DHS, Red Rock Ontario
And via Videoconference

Monday, April 28, 2003 – 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: H. Wilson-Boast

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustees

Bette Bartlett (VC)
Darlene Keenan (VC)
Kathryn Notwell (VC)
Les Aylward (VC)
Wendy Krystia (VC)
Randy Krystia (VC)

Laura Rydberg (OS-joined at 7:05 p.m.)

Regrets:

Guy Champagne
Larry Fraser

Absent:

Randy Krystia

Board Administration

H. Wilson-Boast, Director of Education (VC)
B. Rousseau, Superintendent of Business (OS)
P. Bailey-Pella, Superintendent of Education (OS)
Cathy Tsubouchi, Manager of Accounting Services (VC)
Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services (OS)
Barb Draper, Co-ordinator of Human Resources (OS)
Brad Ross, Co-ordinator of Information Technology (OS)
RM. Joannette, Administrative Assistant/Transportation

OS: On-Site TC: Teleconference VC: Video Conference

Note: Due to special circumstances, this Regular Board Meeting was convened from the Nipigon-Red Rock District High School (Board / Videoconference Room), located in Red Rock, Ontario. The Board Chair, at least one additional member of the Board and the Director of Education will attend to conduct the proceedings. This change of venue from the head office of the Board is permitted under Board Bylaws Section 4.0, Regular Meetings of the Board, Part 4.4 Meeting Location. All other videoconference sites of the Board were functional to facilitate electronic attendance by Board Members.

Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: H. Wilson-Boast

Part 1 Section (A): *(This portion closed to the public)*

Committee of the Whole 6:35 p.m.

1.0 Roll Call

Board 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

There was no disclosure of conflict of interest declared regarding the closed session.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board (Closed)

111/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

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

Carried

112/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-camera session) at 6 55 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

Part I-Section (B) *(Open to the public)*

Committee of the Whole 6:55 p.m.

1.0 Committee of the Whole Board (Open)

1.1 Report No. 24: Draft Policies re Criminal Background Check-Employees & Service Providers

As part of the safe schools initiative, on January 1, 2002, Regulation 521/01, the "Collection of Personal Information" Regulation came into force. The Regulation requires school boards to collect a criminal background check from all employees and from service providers who have direct and regular contact with students.

113/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 24: Draft Policy No. TBA Criminal Background Check for Service Providers and Policy No. TBA Criminal Background Check for Employees for information.

Carried

114/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (open session) at 6:58 p.m., and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

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

115/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole (In-camera) report.

Carried

2.0 Approval of Agenda

116/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee W. Krystia

4 That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting # 5/2003 be accepted and approved as amended with the following addition: Addition under Item 7.4 Good News Items: Confederation College Math Competition.

Carried

3.0 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: re Open Session

Board Chair, B. Bartlett declared a conflict of interest regarding Agenda Item 9.5 re School User Groups.

4.0 Minutes

4.1 Standing Committees
No Report

4.2 Board Meetings

4.2.1 Board Meetings:

4/2003: Regular Board – March 21, 2003

117/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

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

- # 4/2003 Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2003

Carried

4.3 Statutory Committees
No Report

4.4 Ad Hoc Committees
No Report

5.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

6.0 Delegations, Presentation, etc

- 6.1 Margaret Twomey PS Student Presentation re New Youth Criminal Justice Act
Superintendent of Education Patti Pella provided a brief synopsis of the changes newly incorporated in the Youth Criminal Justice Act prior to a presentation by Margaret Twomey PS students, Meaghan Didier and Jonathan Hollway. The new Youth Criminal Justice Act was implemented on April 1, 2003. Ms. Didier and Mr. Hollway showed a their classroom unit entitled Getting a Job developed as a slide show to provide an overview of the implications of the new act on young persons seeking work and the requirements under the law for disclosure of information to employers.

7.0 Reports of the Director of Education

H. Wilson-Boast

- 7.1. Report No. 25: At Risk Students Initiatives

118/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee W. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 25: At Risk Students Initiative as presented for information.

Carried

The Ministry of Education has announced \$50 million funding for this initiative. The program supports Grade 7-12 students in need of extra help to succeed in school and prepare for transition from school to the workplace and post-secondary education and training. The permanent program is to commence in September 2003. A Students-at-Risk Committee is to be established to implement the program in our Board.

- 7.2 Report No. 26: Education Week: April 28-May 2/03

119/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 26: Education Week as presented for information.

Carried

Education Week is April 28 through May 2, 2003. The theme this year is "Improved Student Learning, Improved Student Success. A special thanks was extended to schools, staff and students for the special initiatives going on this week as well as throughout the whole school year.

- 7.3 Report No. 27: Employee (10 & 25-Year) Service Recognition Awards

120/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 27: Employee (10 and 25-Year) Service Recognition Awards as presented for information.

Carried

This year, seven employees are to be honoured for 25 years of service, while three staff members have reached the 10-year service milestone. An organized event within the employees' school will take place for the presentation of a 10-year silver Board Logo Pin. A luncheon will be held in the communities of staff members with 25 years and a gold Board logo pin will be presented.

7.4 Good News Items

7.4.1 Geraldton Composite HS

Students Tiffany Brown, Kyle Cloutier, Michelle Dzijacky have won the regional Marion Drysdale Award for their submission of a drug awareness video. They also placed provincially in the Royal Purple Order of Canada drug awareness video categories. Kara Ten Hoeve a student in Gloria Simoniatis' class placed third provincially for her essay submitted on drug awareness. Congratulations to all students and their teachers.

7.4.2 Manitouwadge Public School

Grade 7 student, Jared Turner took third place in the Northwestern Ontario Regional Math Olympics held at Confederation College in Thunder Bay on April 26th. Also in Grade 7, Jenna Hedderson took third place in the girl's section. Congratulation on these excellent results.

7.4.3 Schreiber Public School

Students in literacy teacher, Maria Dicaire's class have produced a limited edition storybook entitled "Hope for the Cariboo". The story idea, script and artwork created by the students was produced as an entry into the Scholastic's, book-writing contest. School support staff, Ruth Lepp and Marlene McParland helped students with photography, editing and bookbinding. The book can be viewed at the Schreiber PS Library, public library and the Tourist Information Bureau.

7.5 Other

7.5.1 Indian and Northern Affairs Commission

A brief update was provided in regard to a Ministry of Education's meeting with Northwestern Ontario directors held April 28, 2003. Legislation has been developed for the establishment of the Anishinabek's Nation's jurisdiction over its own educational systems. Their focus is on maintaining the language and culture while also meeting all the provincial standards.

8.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Education Chair: Kathryn Notwell

Superintendent of Education: Patti Bailey-Pella

8.1 Report No. 28: Draft Elementary Staffing Proposal 2003-2004

121/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 28: Draft Elementary Staffing Proposal 2003-2004 for information.

Carried

The draft elementary staffing proposal was presented for board review. A special board meeting on May 12, 2003 is scheduled for the presentation of the final staffing complement for 2003-2004 school year.

8.2 Report No. 29: Draft Secondary Staffing Proposal 2003-2004

122/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 29: Draft Secondary Staffing Proposal 2003-2004 for information.

Carried

The draft elementary staffing proposal was presented for board review. A special board meeting on May 12, 2003 is scheduled for the presentation of the final staffing complement for 2003-2004 school year.

8.3 Report No. 30: Expulsion Committee

123/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee W. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 30: Expulsion Committee as presented.

Carried

Under the Safe Schools Act, mandatory and limited expulsions can be enforced in cases where grave misconduct of students (as defined by the act) is indicated. The parent, guardian or student of legal age may appeal such an expulsion, therefore an Expulsion Hearing Committee of the Board is to be established to hear such appeals if required.

124/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB establish an Expulsion Hearing Committee as per regulation 311 (3), which states:

"The board shall hear and determine an appeal from a decision of a principal to expel a pupil and, for that purpose, the board has the powers and duties set out in its policy. The decisions of the board are final; and regulation 311 (4): The board may delegate its powers and duties under subsection (3) to a committee of the board, and may impose conditions and restrictions on the committee as per the Safe Schools Act, 2000."

Carried

8.4 Report No. 31: Board Improvement Plan

125/03

Moved By: Trustee Notwell

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 31: Board Improvement Plan as presented.

Carried

As per Ministry directive, the Board Improvement Plan targets three areas in our board, including school environment, curriculum and communication strategies. Yearly goals are developed through consultation with all members of our educational community and are established to continually demonstrate improvement. A comprehensive review of EQAO Grade 3 and 6 Student Assessment results in reading, writing and mathematics from 1998 to 2002 was provided. In addition, goals and performance targets for improvements set for this school year in the three areas identified by the Ministry were outlined for the Board.

8.5 Board Policy Approvals: re Information Technology

126/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee W. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the policy and management guidelines as presented in Report No. 21 dated March 21, 2003 with respect to revisions for: Policy No. 602 Acceptable Use of the Internet.

Carried

127/03

Moved By: Trustee Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the policy and management guidelines as presented in Report No. 21 dated March 21, 2003 with respect to new policies: Policy No. 607 Electronic Communications Policy No. 608 Systems and Computer Network Security.

Carried

8.6 Report No.32: Alternative Education Program: Marathon High School

128/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 32: Alternative Education Program Marathon High School as presented.

Carried

John Robart, Principal of Marathon High School provided a review of the Alternative Education Pilot Project at the school this year. Twenty-five clients were served; with a near even split between clients under and over age 21-years. Twelve students upgraded to the level of potential graduation level. Viewed as a success for its flexibility for the learners who cannot attend in a traditional classroom setting, the program utilizes the Independent Learning Courses for credit. With the new curriculum and change to four-year secondary school diploma program, next year, ILC courses are limited as these are not yet produced or approved by the ministry. The ministry will be contacted to explore options that would assist in continuing the program.

129/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB refer this item to administration for further action.

Carried

9.0 Reports of the Business Committee

Business Chair: Randy Krystia

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

9.1 General Legislative Grants: Technical Briefing

A brief overview of the 2003/2004 General Legislative Grant regulations released on April 11, 2003 by the Ministry was provided. Enhancements and changes to the student focused funding model for 2003-04 addresses numerous recommendations proposed in the Education Equality Task Force Report by Dr. Rozanski. . Projected total allocation for school boards in 2003/04 is \$15.3 billion. The Ministry committed to multi-year (three-years) base funding targets and an increase in funding to at least \$16.2 by 2005-06.

9.2 Report No. 33: Transportation Contracts

130/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee W. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 33: Transportation Contracts 2002-2003 as presented.

Carried

131/03

Moved By: Trustee Notwell

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That the bus contracts for the 2002-2003 school year be renewed as follows by the Superior-Greenstone DSB (plus applicable GST).

- Copp Bus Lines \$301,614.00
- Ball Bus Service \$231,846.00
- Beaulieu Bus Lines \$191,150.00

- Greenstone Transfer \$310,640.00
- Trottier Bus Lines \$703,374.00
- A & M Hardy Bus Lines \$ 12,000.00

Carried

9.3 Report No. 34: Nipigon Red Rock DHS Heat Plant and Hallway Renovations

132/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 34: Nipigon Red Rock DHS Heat Plant and Hallway Renovations as presented for information.

Carried

A brief report outlining the repairs and renovations at the high school were provided. Some new lockers, display cases and hallway benches have been installed in the older section of the school.

9.4 Report No. 35: Dorion PS Playground Equipment

133/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 35: Dorion PS Playground Equipment Replacement as presented.

Carried

Reserve funds in the amount of \$40,000 were approved for the purchase of playground equipment for Dorion PS. This installation provides the school with a playground facility consistent with the Board's current practice of ensuring "basic level" structures throughout our system's elementary schools.

134/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the use of Reserves of up to \$40,000 to purchase playground equipment for Dorion Public School.

Carried

9.5 School User Groups

For information, it was noted that the following agencies are user groups in our areas schools:
 Contact North is housed at George O'Neill Public School
 Superior Greenstone Association for Community Living is housed at Nipigon Red Rock DHS
 Early Years Centre is housed at Terrace Bay Public School

As this was an information item only, Chair, B. Bartlett who had declared a conflict of interest regarding this item, did not leave the room.

10.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: B. Bartlett

10.1 Disbursements: February 2003

135/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the following expenditures for Superior-Greenstone DSB be approved: Disbursements for the month of February 2003 in the total amount of \$ 4,587,673.53.

Carried

10.2 Report No. 36: Personnel

136/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Notwell

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 36: Personnel dated April 28, 2003 as presented.

Carried

137/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee R. Krystia

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the recommendations in Report No.36: Personnel dated, April 28, 2003 as presented.

Carried

11.0 Deferred Matters

There were no deferred items.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Chair

12.1.1 CSBA Congress 2003: Northern Boards Forum

138/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the registration and travel arrangements for Trustees, D. Keenan, K. Notwell, L. Aylward and B. Bartlett to attend the Canadian School Boards' Association, Congress 2003 Northern Boards Forum in Winnipeg July 3 to 5, 2003.

Carried

12.2 Correspondence

12.2.1 Larry Fraser: March 28/03

Trustee, L. Fraser has advised he is unable to attend the next two Board Meetings and requested the Board authorize his absence.

139/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB authorize the absence of Trustee Larry Fraser from the Regular Board Meeting today, April 28 2003 and May 26, 2003.

Carried

12.3 Update: Student Trustee

Student Trustee, Laura Rydberg reported on a variety of sporting events with badminton and soccer events filling up most sporting cards at the schools. Student Council elections are being held at Nip-Rock DHS. Plan for Spring Prom and graduation committee work in all schools is continues. Marathon HS drama club is in play rehearsals for "Into the Woods" set to run on May 29-31.

12.4 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

Voting on Motions re Robert's Rules of Order

13.0 Notices of Motion

There was no notice of motions.

14.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

14.1 OPSBA

14.1.1 Update

OPSBA Director's Meeting: Feb. 28-Mar. 2, 2003

OPSBA Director's Meeting: Apr. 25-26, 2003

Trustee D. Keenan provided an overview of meetings and information provided at the two director's meetings she attended. OPSBA fee increases are to be implemented for members. With the newest membership of York Region DSB, all Ontario public school boards now belong to the association. A motion is to go to the June Annual General Meeting calling for a general practice to make Trustee Travel Insurance available to all public school board trustees. Premier Ernie Eves is said to be setting up a task force to study Rural School Funding. OPSBA is lobbying Enbridge and Union Gas for reduction of rates to 14% from 16%. As well, a report entitled Community Use of Schools is available through OPSBA.

14.1.2 Scholarship re OPSBA Labour Relations Symposium

At the OPSBA Labour Relations Networking meeting, a \$500 Scholarship was made available for award to a deserving Superior-Greenstone DSB, 2003 graduating student.

14.1.3 OPSBA-AGM: June 12-15/03

140/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the registration and travel arrangements for Trustees, B. Bartlett, D. Keenan, K. Notwell and L. Aylward to attend the OPSBA June Annual General Meeting in Niagara Falls June 12-15, 2003.

Carried

14.1.4 OPSBA: Nomination for Vice-President: Northern Region Executive Council

141/03

Moved By: Trustee Aylward

Seconded By: Trustee Keenan

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB nominate Bette Bartlett for re-election as Vice-President for the Ontario Public School Boards' Association Executive Council to nominate Bette for Vice President for Northern Boards.

Carried

14.2 Other Boards

Janet Wilkinson as been appointed as the Director of Education for the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board.

15.0 Information and Miscellaneous

Nil

16.0 Observer Comments

No observer comments were presented.

17.0 Adjournment

142/03

Moved By: Trustee R. Krystia

Seconded By: Trustee Aylward

4 That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting #5/2003 adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Carried

2003
Future Board Meetings

Electronic (Videoconference): Committee of the Whole (6:30 p.m.) / Regular Board (7:00 p.m.)

Monday, May 26
Monday, July 28
Monday, August 25
Monday, October 27
Monday, November 17

Face-to-Face Meeting: Committee of the Whole (11:00 a.m.) / Regular Board (11:30 a.m.)
All meetings convene at the Board Administration Office-Marathon

Friday, June 20
Friday, September 19
Friday, December 5

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Monday, April 28, 2003 – 6:30 p.m.

Electronic

TOPICS

Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: H. Wilson-Boast

Part I-Section (A): Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) Session 1

(This portion closed to the public)

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| 1.0 | Personnel | <i>H. Wilson-Boast</i> |
| 2.0 | School Renewals | |
| | 2.1 CSD de Grand Nord de l'Ontario | |
| 3.0 | 2002-2003 Transportation Contracts | <i>R.M. Joannette</i> |
| 4.0 | Update: Litigation-Discovery Hearing | |
| | Update: GCHS | |

Committee of the Whole Board / Regular Board Meeting

#5/2003

Monday, April 28, 2003

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003

SECRETARY

CHAIR