SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting No.: 10/2004

Monday, October 18, 2004

Convened at SGDSB Board Meeting Room With Videoconference Sites at: MNHS / LSHS / NRRDHS / GCHS

Board Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: H. Wilson-Boast

Committee of the Whole Board: 6:34 p.m.
Section (A): In-Camera Session 1 – (closed to public)
Section (B): In-Committee (open to public): 7:01p.m.

PART II

Regular Board Meeting (open to the public): 7:40 p.m.

Attendance:

Trustees	Attendance Mode:On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
11401000	OS	TC	VC	Α	R		os	TC	VC	Α	R
Aylward Les				✓		Mannisto, Mark			✓		
Bartlett, Bette	✓					Notwell, Kathryn					✓
Champagne, Guy	✓					Sparrow, Julie	✓				
Keenan, Darlene			✓			Turner, Jim			✓		

Board Administrators	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)						
		,	os	TC	VC	Α	R
Heather Wilson-Boast: Director of Education	✓						
Bruce Rousseau: Superintendent of Business							
Patti Pella: Superintendent of Education		✓					
John Robart: Assistant to Superintendent of (Ed	✓						
Cathy Tsubouchi: Manager of Accounting Services							
Wayne Chiupka: Manager of Plant Services							
Barb Draper: Coordinator of Human Resources Services							
Brad Ross: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology							
Rose-Marie Joanette: Transportation Manager/ Administrative Assistant							

1.0 Roll Call

Board Chair B. Bartlett conducted roll call at 6:33 p.m. Members present as noted above. Trustee, D. Keenan was excused from the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session

There was no disclosure of interest regarding the closed session.

PART I: Committee of the Whole Board Section (A)

In-Camera Session 1: - (Closed to Public); 6:34 p.m.

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

(Go to Committee of Whole Closed)

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board

215/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-

Camera Session) at 6.34 p.m., and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

216/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 7:00 p.m., and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

PART I: Committee of the Whole Board Section (B)

(Open to Public): 7:01 p.m.

4.0 See Committee of Whole: Section B (Open Session)

(Go to Committee of Whole Open)

4.1 Report No. 69: Update - Strategic Direction Plan

217/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 69: Update-Strategic Direction Plan as presented for information.

Carried

Phase I, School Community Consultations will be complete this week. Phase II Regional Consultations are scheduled in four regions October 25 through 28th. Over 350 letters of invitation have gone out encouraging participation. The Strategic Direction Retreat is planned for a full weekend at the end of November. An implementation plan will be presented to the Board in January 2005.

4.2 Report No. 70: Good School Initiatives

218/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ **That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No.: 70: Good School Initiatives as presented.

Carried

In September, the Ministry announced the Good Schools Open Initiative grant to enhance learning for students in small rural schools. Elementary and secondary staffing was

augmented for needs immediately identified as a result of increased enrolment above projections. The ministry has placed conditions on utilizing funds; however flexibility with regard to the project developments is anticipated. Investigation of upgrades to videoconference equipment for consistent program course delivery is underway with a comprehensive report to follow in November. Issues related to facilities and plant, transportation and technology in the classroom were among those cited by trustees as warranting study. Immediate implementation was sought for a 0.17 FTE teaching staff at Nipigon Red Rock DHS.

219/04

Moved By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB study the above proposals and administration be directed to report to the Board on the feasibility and cost of each item at the November Board Meeting.

Carried

Seconded By: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded By: Trustee J. Turner

4.3 **Articulation Agreement**

Confederation College wants to develop closer educational partnerships with area high schools to better prepare students for entry into college so more students may choose to enter post-secondary studies. Board administration will meet shortly with Confederation College to work on an agreement.

4.4 Rise and Report from Open Session

220/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (Open Session) at 7:40 p.m., and that this portion be open to the public.

221/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee D. Keenan √ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve an additional 0.17 FTE teaching staff for

the Nipigon Red Rock District High School.

Carried

PART II: Regular Board Meeting

(Open to Public): 7:40 p.m.

5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order and Approval of In-Camera Report

222/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee D. Keenan

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

Carried

6.0 Approval of Agenda

223/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

√ That the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting #10/2004 be accepted and approved.

Carried

7.0 Disclosure of Interest re: Open Session

There was no disclosure made in regard to the open session.

8.0 Minutes

8.1 Board Meetings:

8.1.1 # 9/2004: Regular – 09/17/04 & No 01/2004 Special – 09/27/04

224/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee J. Turner

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

- 9/2004 Regular Board Meeting September 17, 2004
- No. 01/2004 Special Board September 27, 2004

Carried

8.2 <u>Standing Committees</u>

8.2.1 Board Policy Committee – 09/27/04

225/04

Moved By: Trustee M. Mannisto

Seconded By: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ That, the minutes from the Board Policy Committee be acknowledged as received:

Monday, September 27, 2004

Carried

226/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the recommendations as outlined in the Board Policy Committee minutes dated September 27, 2004, and approve for posting to the Board Website, the following policies as reviewed:

- Policy 516 Safe Arrivals
- Policy 706 Health and Safety

And, approve for posting, the new Anaphylaxis Policy as developed, the Anaphylaxis Handbook and the Anaphylaxis Handbook Companion

- Policy TBA Anaphylaxis
- Policy TBA Anaphylaxis Handbook (Working Draft)
- Policy TBA Anaphylaxis Handbook Companion

And, declare redundant and revoke:

Policy 206 Distribution of Policy Books

And, that all of the above noted policy changes be dated October 19, 2004 and in effect shall supersede any previous policies and procedures of the Superior-Greenstone DSB.

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

9.1 <u>Update: Terrace Bay Public School-Facility Paint</u>

W. Chiupka reported that this facility underwent a major renovation in 1988.

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

10.1 School Profile: Marathon High School

Principal Leslie Ransom and Vice Principal Martin Kling presented a PowerPoint review of the Marathon High School, its program, and students.

11.0 Reports of the Director of Education

11.1 E-Learning Stakeholder Public Meeting

E-Learning and its development within boards is a major strategy that the Ministry of Education is the dedicating considerable time and money to develop. The government goal is to have one comprehensive E-learning strategy for all Ontario students.

11.2 Correspondence: NOSP Strike

The Board Chair will write a letter to both the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Health and Long-Term to urge a settlement of the current labour dispute, which is having a detrimental effect on SGDSB students whose access to special services are pre-empted by the work stoppage.

227/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB write a letter to both funding ministries for the North of Superior Programs encouraging an end to the labour dispute and carbon copy the local members of parliament.

Carried

11.3 Good News Glances

11.3.1 Aiming for the Top Scholarship Awards

Thirteen graduates of Superior-Greenstone DSB area high schools were awarded the Aiming for the Top Scholarships to continue on in their post-secondary education. A press release was forwarded to local/regional media outlets on October 4, 2004.

12.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education: P. Pella

12.1 Report No. 71: EQAO: Grade 9 Math and Refinements to Assessments 228/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 71: EQAO-Grade 9 Math and Refinements to Assessments as presented for information.

Carried

Details on preliminary school results which are available for school and board use at this time were reviewed. Grade 9 results are embargoes until November 25, 2004. However, steady increases are demonstrated in the results. EQAO has announced enhancements and refinements to its assessments process and these are viewable on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

13.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: L. Aylward)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

13.1 Report No. 72: Offer to Purchase

229/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 72: Offer to Purchase as presented.

Carried

230/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the sale of the Board house at 30 Superior Avenue, Terrace Bay, in "as is" condition, to Barbara Maine, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

Carried

13.2 Report No. 73: Demolition-Old Marathon Public School

231/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 73: Demolition- Old Marathon Public School as presented.

Carried

Trustee J. Turner raised a concern about the utilization of reserves for demolition purposes for an unused property in the light of the conditions that exist in some of the current operating facilities. Trustees voted on an amended recommendation that the cost of this work be funded from reserves "as necessary". The motion was defeated.

232/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✗ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the demolition of the old Marathon Public School in 2005, and that the cost of this work be funded from reserves as necessary.
Opposes

<u>Opposed</u>

Opposed

Trustee M. Mannisto's recommendation to instruct administration to further study the Marathon Public School demolition was lost with no other Board Member seconding the motion.

The original recommendation submitted for a vote. Trustees J. Sparrow and G. Champagne requested a recorded vote. The motion was defeated in the recorded vote as follows.

233/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✗ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the demolition of the old Marathon Public

School in 2005, and that the cost of this work be funded from reserves.

Recorded Vote
J. Sparrow: Yes M. Mannisto: No
G. Champagne: Yes J. Turner: No

B. Bartlett: No

13.3 Update: Science Lab Renovations

W. Chiupka reported that the labs renovations at GCHS, NRRDHS and LSHS are near completion, with the final work being done without obstruction of the science program for students.

13.4 Report No. 74: Enrolments-September 30, 2004

234/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 74: Enrolments-September 30, 2004 as presented for information.

Carried

Overall enrolment statistics taken from both elementary and secondary panels show a net enrolment increase of 23 students.

13.5 Report No. 77: 2003-2004 System-Wide Attendance

237/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 77: 2003-2004 System-Wide Attendance as presented for information.

Carried

This report was presented for information only.

14.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: B. Bartlett

14.1 Disbursements

14.1.1 Report No. 75 Disbursements-September 2004

235/04

Moved By: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded By: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No 75: Disbursements-

September 2004 as presented for information.

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14.2 Report No.: 76: Personnel-October 18, 2004

236/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 76: Personnel dated October 18, 2004 as presented for information.

Carried

15.0 New Business

15.1 Chair

The Ministry is convening a session on proposed changes to the process for Native Representation on school board. She, P. Pella and J. Robart will attend October 21-22, 2004.

15.2 Correspondence

The Moosonee Catholic DSB copied this Board on its letter to lobby the Ministry of Education to review the criteria for ESL funding. It notes that native students whose first language is not English should be eligible for this funding. Indications from recent meetings with Ministry staff suggests that a focus on native funding is planned but, not through the ESL Learning Opportunities Grant

15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

There were no future meeting agenda items noted.

15.4 Update: Student Trustee

D. Blanchard advised that he is sending out a survey to all area high school student council to assist him in gaining a sense of the issues unique to each of the schools and will collate the feedback for a future report.

16.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

16.1 OPSBA

B. Bartlett advised that D. Keenan would report back regarding the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting (September 30-October 1/04) at next board meeting.

17.0 Observer Comments

Bev Serafin, a reporter with the Geraldton Times Star Name introduced herself from the Geraldton videoconference site. She commented on the interesting proceedings of the meeting relative to the discussions on the recommendations to demolish the old Marathon Public School. She also complimented Trustees, J. Turner and M. Mannisto for the good work they do on behalf of the Superior-Greenstone DSB students.

18.0 Adjournment

238/04

Moved By: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded By: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting #10/2004 adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Carried

2004: Future Board Meetings

Electronic (videoconference) Meetings are held on Mondays

Committee of the Whole (closed session) (6:30 p.m.) Regular Board (open session) (7:00 p.m.)

November 15th

Face-to-Face Meetings are held on Fridays

Committee of the Whole (closed session) (11:00 a.m.) Regular Board (open session) (11:30 a.m.)

December 3rd Meeting Room of the Board at Marathon Administration Offices

	SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL B	OARD					
✓	Regular Board Meeting # 10/2004 Electronic Meeting Committee of the Whole Board Monday, October 18, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.	☐ Face-to-Face					
	Videoconference						
	TOPICS						
Board	Chair: Bette Bartlett	Director: H. Wilson-Boast					
PART	I, Section (A): Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera) Session 1	(This portion closed to public): 6:30 p.m.					
1.0	Personnel	(H. Wilson-Boast					
2.0	Update: Negotiations 2.1 OSSTF 2.2 ETFO	(B. Rousseau)					
3.0	Property Matter: Terrace Bay						
4.0	Property Matter: Marathon						
PART	I, Section (B): Committee of the Whole Board	(This portion open to public): TBA					
1.0	Report No. 69: Update: Strategic Direction Planning See notes at Item 4.1						
2.0	Report No. 70: Good Schools Initiative See notes at Item 4.2						
3.0	Articulation Agreement See notes at Item 4.3						
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CHAIR