

# 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 2006/11

6:30 p.m. (*Committee of Whole Board*)

7:00 p.m. (*Regular Board Meeting*)

## MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2006

Designated Site: Lake Superior High School, Terrace Bay, ON

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

Board Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: Patti Pella

PART I Committee of Whole Board  
 PART II Committee of Whole Board  
 PART III

*Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 7:00 p.m.*  
*Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): No Report*  
*Regular Board Meeting – (open to public): 7:40 p.m.*

## Attendance

<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>												
<u>Trustees</u>	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R	
Aylward Les	X					Mannisto, Mark	X					
Bartlett, Bette	X					Notwell, Kathryn	X					
Champagne, Guy	X					Sparrow, Julie			X			
Fisher, Cindy	X					Turner, Jim	X					
Keenan, Darlene		X				Marissa Asperian (Student)			X			

<u>Board Administrators</u>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Patti Pella: <i>Director of Education</i>	X				
Bruce Rousseau: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>			X		
Colleen Kappel: <i>Superintendent of Education</i>	X				
John Robart: <i>Assistant to Superintendent of Education</i>					X
Cathy Tsubouchi: <i>Manager of Accounting Services</i>					X
Wayne Chiupka: <i>Manager of Plant Services/Transportation</i>			X		
Mark Paris: <i>Coordinator of Maintenance</i>			X		
Barb Draper: <i>Coordinator of Human Resources Services</i>			X		
Brad Ross: <i>Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology</i>			X		
Rose-Marie Joannette: <i>Administrative Assistant / Communications</i>			X		

**1.0 Roll Call**

Board Chair, B. Bartlett, conducted roll call at 6.58 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

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PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board Section (A)*

*In-Camera Session 1: (Closed to Public): 7:00 p.m.*

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

There were no disclosures of interest offered.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board

**270/06**

Moved by: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ ***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 7:00 p.m., and that this portion is closed to the public.***

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**271/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ ***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 7:31 p.m. and that this portion is open to the public.***

Carried

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PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board Section (B)*

*(Open to Public)*

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**4.0 See Committee of Whole: Section B**

4.1 Rise and Report from Open Session

No Report

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PART III: *Regular Board Meeting*

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

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**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Board Chair, B. Bartlett called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

**272/06**

Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

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

Carried

**7.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole (Open) Report**

No Report

## **8.0 Approval of Agenda**

**273/06**

Moved by: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2006/11 Regular Board Meeting, November 20, 2006 be accepted and approved as amended to address Item 12.1 before Item 11.1.1.

Carried

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

There were no disclosures of interest offered regarding the open session.

## **10.0 Minutes**

### **10.1 Board Meetings:**

#### **10.1.1 2006/10 Regular Board – October 16, 2006**

**274/06**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be and are hereby declared adopted:

- 2006/10 Regular Board, October 16, 2006

Carried

#### **10.1.2 2006/05 Special Board – October 30, 2006**

**275/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting be and are hereby declared adopted:

- 2006/05 Special Board, October 30, 2006

Carried

### **10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings**

#### **10.2.1 SEAC: October 24, 2006**

**276/06**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the informational minutes from the SEAC Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- SEAC Meeting – October 24, 2006

Carried

### **10.3 Standing Committee Meetings**

#### **10.3.1 Board Policy Committee: October 23, 2006**

**277/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

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

Board Policy Committee – October 23, 2006

Carried

**278/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward J. Turner

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the recommendations as outlined in the Board Policy Committee minutes dated October 23, 2006, and approve as reviewed:

- Policy 706 – Health and Safety
- Policy 713 – Legal Representation

for posting to the Board Website, and that the implementation of these policy reviews and management guidelines be dated November 21, 2006, and that said shall supersede any previous policies and procedures of the board.

Carried

- 10.4 Ad Hoc Committee Meetings  
Nil

## **11.0 Delegations and/or Presentations (Part I)**

### **11.1 Report No. 78: Early Literacy Portal Team Space**

Note: This agenda item was originally scheduled as 12.1 under Delegations and Presentations. It was taken out of sequence to facilitate presentation. Upon concluding this item, the agenda reverted to scheduled sequence

**279/06**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**✓ That Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives Report No. 78: Early Literacy Portal Team Space as presented for information.**

Carried

To officially launch the Early Literacy Portal Team Space the board was given an interactive demonstration of the team space provided through the board's website. System Lead Literacy/Intervention Teacher Carol Vien and Brad Ross, Co-ordinator of Information Technology showed how access to the portal is beneficial to the early literacy team teachers as it provides a means for collaborative communication. Harmonization of resources, live discussions, team meetings and ability to archive can all be facilitated through the portal.

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

### **12.1 Board Minutes: October 16, 2006 re Item 4.1 Board Meeting Rotation**

#### **12.1.1 Report No.: 77: Trustee Attendance at Board Meetings**

**280/06**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No. 77 Trustee Attendance at Board Meetings as presented.**

Carried

Director Patti Pella reviewed the report which addressed trustee attendance at board meeting via videoconference; the effectiveness of the current practice of school tours and joint school council meetings, community participation at board meetings and professional development for trustees. The board's practice is compliant with the Education Act as it relates to trustee attendance recording. Although public feedback suggests the rotation of board meetings is well-received, attendance has not increased. Board rotation also facilitates school tours and joint school council meetings on the same day, but the itinerary is extremely full with travel time consuming much of the day. Good discussions may often be pre-empted by the demand to stay on schedule. The board requested a proposal be brought forward to continue board meeting rotations, however planning should incorporate separate time lines wherein the board can network with school communities and participate in professional development in a retreat-type format.

**281/06**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB maintain the current practice with regards to Regulation 229 (1) "In person attendance required" as per the Education Act, SGDSB By-Laws, OPSBA, Ministry of Education and SGDSB legal advice.**

Carried

**282/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive this report for information and refer it to the newly appointed / elected Board on December 4, 2006 at the Inaugural Board Meeting for its consideration in setting the new board meeting schedule.

Carried

- 12.2 Special Board Minutes: October 30/06 re Item 4.1  
– Trustee Honoraria Draft Letter to Minister of Education

**283/06**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior Greenstone DSB receives the draft Letter to Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne as presented for review.

Carried

P. Pella reviewed a draft letter to the Minister that outlines the board's view that an inequity exists in the new regulation regarding Trustee Honoraria. The main issue is around the lack of equity between boards with large numbers of pupils versus boards with small numbers of pupils. Trustee's suggestions on content will be incorporated with a goal toward presenting a revised draft for board consideration in December.

### **13.0 Delegations and/or Presentations (Part II)**

- 13.1 Excellence in Education: LSHS Newsletter

Lake Superior High School Principal Sharon Mackenzie provided a comprehensive report on the school life at LSHS. The LSHS Fall 2006 Newsletter set for November 24, 2006 publication formed the basis for her report. Student achievement, school events and contributions from a wide-group of teachers and support staff as outlined in the newsletter were reviewed.

- 13.2 Student Trustee: Superior-Greenstone DSB

Student Trustee, Marissa Asperjan provided a report to trustees on the Ministry sponsored Character Development Workshop that she attended in October along with the senior board administration, a school council representative and Board Chair B. Bartlett. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to attend the recent Barbara Coloroso workshop. She suggested that the information on bullying and mentorship while helpful to her may have greater impact on students if presented in an activity-based format.

### **14.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

(Director: P Pella)

- 14.1 Approval: Revised 2006-2007 School Year Calendar

P. Pella advised that the school year calendar with the revision to add two more professional activity days has been approved by the ministry. A printed calendar will be made available to all schools once the new board concludes its inaugural meeting in December and the board executive has been determined.

- 14.2 Retirement Gratuity / ERIP

At this time, Board Chair B. Bartlett followed up on an issue coming out of an in-camera discussion.

**284/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee G. Champagne

✓ **That**, the ERIP and Retirement Gratuity Payment of Lois Kitchkeesick-Wynn, Teacher at B.A. Parker Public School be paid as follows:

- ERIP – Payable in January 2007
- Retirement Gratuity – Payable in January 2008.

Carried

## **15.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

*Superintendent of Education:*

### **15.1 Report No. 79: Program Projects & PD Opportunities** **285/06**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 79: Program Projects and Professional Development Opportunities as presented for information.**

**Carried**

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel provided a report updating the Board on program and professional development activities that are part of the plan to improve student achievement. She shared information in regard to the Ministry of Education's provision for additional grants to purchase materials that support literacy and numeracy programs in grades 4-6 in the amount of \$10,618.00 and funding for the New Teacher Induction Program in the amount of \$61,944.00.

## **16.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

*Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau*

### **16.1 Report No.80: Enrolments- October 31, 2006** **286/06**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee G. Champagne*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 80: Enrolment October 31, 2006 as presented.**

**Carried**

Bruce Rousseau provided a summary of October 31, 2006 actual enrolment count. Overall, the projections at the elementary panel were accurate. At the secondary panel enrolment is down from budget by 45.25 FTE students.

### **16.2 Report No.81: Good Place to Learn Grant Update** **287/06**

*Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto*

*Seconded by: Trustee G. Champagne*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 81: Good Places to Learn Grant Update as presented for information.**

**Carried**

Wayne Chiupka reported that under the Good Places to Learn Initiative the ministry has outlined the next phase of work to be carried out on the Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) schools. In this phase a closer examination of schools to determine if Superior-Greenstone DSB schools identified as PTR have been accurately assessed or can these be brought up to standard within the normal renewal process. Three schools, Lake Superior HS, Nipigon Red-Rock DHS and B.A. Parker PS were identified several years ago under RECAPP as being prohibitive to repair.

### **16.3 Report No.82: George O'Neill PS Renovation Update** **288/06**

*Moved by: Trustee G. Champagne*

*Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 82: George O'Neill PS Renovation – November 2006 Update be received as information.**

**Carried**

W. Chiupka reported that work continues and tenders are expected to be let in mid to late January. The timeline for completion remains September 2007.

## **17.0 Matters for Decision**

Board Chair: B. Bartlett

### **17.1 Report No. 83: Disbursements-October 2006**

**289/06**

*Moved by: Trustee G. Champagne*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 83: Disbursements October 2006 as presented for information.**

Carried

### **17.2 Report No.: 84: Personnel-November 20, 2006**

**290/06**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee G. Champagne*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 84: Personnel dated November 20, 2006 as presented for information.**

Carried

## **18.0 New Business**

### **18.1 Chair**

#### **18.1.1 Presentation: Outgoing Trustee Farewell**

On December 4, 2006, the newly elected/acclaimed Superior-Greenstone DSB trustees will take their oath of office. Long-time trustee, Guy Champagne did not re-offer in this election.

On behalf of the board, Chair Bette Bartlett expressed well wishes and regrets to see his service end and presented him with a parting gift. She remarked on his long service, noting that as an 18-year veteran of the board, it is likely that he has held a seat on every committee the board ever established. She commended him for his unwavering service, noting that he is held in high esteem and well respected by all the trustees and administration.

Director of Education Patti Pella wished Mr. Champagne farewell reading aloud the Clown's Prayer. She prefaced its recital, saying its message in regard to children's laughter and well-being brought to the forefront what Mr. Champagne had devoted 18-years of his life to make happen through excellence in the delivery of education.

Mr. Champagne thanked the trustees, administration and school staff and teachers advising that in 18 years he was never bored; never looked at his service as a job, deriving immense pleasure from it. He said it is a rewarding thing to know that at the end of the day he has helped students.

### **18.2 Correspondence**

P. Pella noted receipt of a letter of thanks from Gordon Mackenzie for the Barbara Coloroso presentation sponsored by the board and thank you notes from two staff members for memorial donations commemorating loved ones lost. Several nominations for SEAC member appointments have been received board approval of appointments in December. A letter from George O'Neill School Council in regard to supports for grade 7/8 class size has been addressed to their satisfaction through the assignment of an Educational Assistant.

### **18.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items**

Trustee J. Turner requested the board examine its delivery of trade related curriculum, as there is a demand for trades people and the schools' shop classes are not as current as needed to meet the needs of average students.

Trustee D. Keenan noted a University of Toronto and McMaster University study has demonstrated that there is a relationship between music curriculums and outcomes in boy's math scores. The topic warrants further exploration and she suggested that both OPSBA and the ministry be pressed

to investigate the correlation and possible implementation of music in curriculum. D. Keenan will attempt to get more information for upcoming board meetings.

## **19.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

### **19.1 OPSBA**

19.1.1 Reminder: Public Education Symposium (Feb 1-3, 2007)  
Rooms need to be reserved in mid-December for this event.

## **20.0 Observer Comments**

There were no observer comments.

## **21.0 Adjournment**

**291/06**

Moved by: Trustee G. Champagne

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting 2006/11 adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

### **Schedule: 2006 Regular Board Meetings (Mondays)**

<b>2006 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2006 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon. Jan. 23	*6:30P	LSHS venue change to NRHS	Mon. July 17	*6:30P	Brd Rm-Marathon ( <i>Cancelled</i> )
Mon. Feb. 20	*6:30P	MNHS	Mon. Aug. 28	*6:30P	<del>Brd Rm-Marathon</del> venue change to GCHS
Mon. Mar. 20	*6:30P	GCHS venue change to Brd-RM (Marathon)	Mon. Sept. 18	**4:30P	***GCHS venue change to Brd-RM (Marathon)
Mon. Apr. 24	**4:30P	*** NRHS	Mon. Oct. 16	**4:30P	*** MRHS
Mon. May 15	**4:30P	*** LSHS	Mon. Nov. 20	*6:30P	NRHS venue change to LSHS
Mon. June 19	**4:30P	*** MNHS	Mon. Dec. 4	*11:30A	Brd Rm-Marathon

\* 6:30 pm Start: 6:30 - 7:00 pm Committee of Whole, In-Camera (closed to public) / 7:00 pm Regular Board (open to public)

\*\*4:30 pm Start 4:30-5:00 p.m. Committee of Whole, In-Camera (closed to public) / 5:00 pm Regular Board (open to public)

\*\*\*Dates Include: School Tours & Joint School Council Meetings. Itinerary based on travel times between communities



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**T O P I C S**

Board Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: Patti Pella

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera-Session A)*

*(Closed Session): 6:30 p.m.*

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| 1.0 | <u>Personnel Report:</u> (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 84) | (B. Draper) |
| 2.0 | <u>Personnel: Other</u>   |             |
| 3.0 | <u>SOE: Investigations (2-Items)</u>                                  | (C.Kappel)  |
| 4.0 | <u>Expulsion Appeal Hearing</u>                                       | (P. Pella)  |
| 5.0 | <u>ERIP / Retirement Request</u>                                      | (B. Draper) |
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PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board (Section B)*

*(Open Session): TBA*

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- 1.0 No Reports

**In Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2006/11**

Monday, November 20, 2006

**M I N U T E S**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR