

# 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 2007/07

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

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

## MINUTES

Monday, June 18, 2007

Designated Site: Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Red Rock, ON

VC Sites at: BRD /GCHS / LSHS / MNHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

Board Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: Lise Haman

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

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:35 p.m.  
 Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): 6:56 p.m.  
 Regular Board Meeting – (open to public): 7:00 p.m.

## Attendance

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

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

**1.0 Roll Call**

Board Chair Bette Bartlett conducted roll call at 6.32 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): 6:30 p.m.*

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

There were no disclosures of interest in regard to the closed session.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board

**151/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:35p.m., and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**152/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report to the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:55 p.m., and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

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

*(Open to Public): TBA*

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

4.1 Rise and Report from Open Session

**153/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report to the Committee of the Whole Board Open Session at 6:56 p.m.

Carried

**154/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Open Session at 6:59 p.m.

Carried

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PART III: *Regular Board Meeting*

*(Open to Public): 7:00 p.m.*

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**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Board Chair Bette Bartlett called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**155/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

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

Carried

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

**156/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

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

Carried

**7.1 Start Time: Future Regular Board Meetings**

**157/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB start future Regular Board meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

Bette Bartlett noted that generally, the 30-minutes allotment for the in-camera (closed) committee of the whole portion for regular board meetings is not required. Future meetings will now provide for the regular, public portion of the meeting to commence immediately following in-camera, rather than delay the proceeding to 7:00 p.m.

**8.0 Approval of Agenda**

**158/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2007/07 Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2007 be accepted and approved.

Carried

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

There were no disclosures of interest regarding the open session.

**10.0 Minutes**

**10.1 Board Meetings:**

**10.1.1 2007/06 Regular Board – May 22, 2007**

**159/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2007/06 Regular Board, Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Carried

**10.1.2 2007/03 Special Board – June 5, 2007**

**160/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2007/03 Special Board, Tuesday, June 5, 2007

10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings

10.2.1 SEAC: May 29, 2007

**161/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

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

- SEAC Meeting – Tuesday, May 29, 2007

Carried

10.3 Standing Committee Meetings

10.3.1 Board Policy Committee – May 28, 2007

**162/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

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

- Board Policy Committee - Monday, May 28, 2007.

Carried

**11.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

11.1 Regular Board Meeting: May 22/07

Re Item 17.4.1: French as a Second Language (FSL)

Note: This issue is relevant to Item 15.4 - Report No. 48, as ordered on the agenda. It is deferred for discussion under agenda Item 15.5.

11.2 Special Board Meeting: June 5, 2007

Re Item 9.0: Correspondence - Manitouwadge Public School Council

Lise Haman provided a brief explanation of the issue dealt with at the Special Board Meeting on June 5, 2007. She explained that the Ministry is moving forward with a requirement to establish board consortiums where policies, costs and contracts for transportation must be harmonized and administered to by a Board of Directors. Among the mandates of the consortium would be equitable and consistent administration of policy, and/or agreement among all the boards regarding transportation eligibility and criteria.

**12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

12.1 Presentation: Report No. 43: Parents Reaching Out Grant Program Summary

**163/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 43: Parents Reaching Out Grants.

Carried

Patricia Moonilal, the Project Leader for the Parents Reaching Out Initiative provided an overview of Report No. 43. She noted that increased parental involvement which was the focus of the initiative has been well achieved and the program is set for completion in September.

12.2 Excellence in Education: DOPS Parents Reaching Out Grant Program

Vice Principal David Trembley introduced Dorion PS students, Brittany Bianco and Courtney Asperjan and Parent Involvement Committee members Sharon and Kitty Dumonski as the presenters. Each described the various events that were held in conjunction with the PRO Initiative to promote parent involvement. Events included special reading days, family stories, scrap booking workshops and career days. 80% of all families in the school community participated in these activities.

12.3 Excellence in Education: RRPS

Red Rock Public School Principal Mary Anne Baker provided a verbal report describing how the School Council developed the “SOS<sup>2</sup> - Save Our Students, Stop Our Stress” series using the PRO Grant Program. She noted that the economic downturn in the Red Rock area is a significant stressor for families in the community. A series of workshops aimed at reducing stress in the parent population was created to help alleviate some of the negative impact being borne in family relationships as a result of the financial hardship families were experiencing. There were 10 to 15 participants at each of the six workshops presented.

12.4 Student Trustee Update

Student Trustee Marissa Asperjan bid farewell to the Board as the June meeting was the last one she would attend under her term as trustee. She thanked the board for the experience, noting that the opportunity to serve the student constituents was a rewarding and valuable experience.

Board Chair Bette Bartlett wished Ms. Asperjan well in her post-secondary studies.

**13.0 Oath of Office: Student Trustees**

13.1 Swearing-In: 2007-2008 Student Trustees

13.1.1 Stacey Whent: (NRHS) & Vanessa Wirtz (MRHS)

Director Lise Haman introduced Stacey Whent and Vanessa Wirtz of NRHS and MRHS respectively as the two of the three new student trustees for the 2007-2008 school year. Each recited their oath and declaration from the videoconference sites from where they attending the meeting as observers. Their official duties commence on August 1, 2007.

Due to a school commitment, Lenay Hunking of GCHS oath of office has been rescheduled to the Regular Board Meeting on August 20, 2007 board.

**14.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*(Director: Lise Haman)*

14.1 Report No. 44: 2007 Summer Break and Board Business

**164/07**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 44: 2007 Summer Break and Board Business.

Carried

**165/07**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB cancels the Regular Board meeting scheduled on Monday, July 16, 2007.

Carried

**166/07**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner*

✓ **That**, Administration be authorized, in conjunction with available trustees to conduct the business of the board as the need may arise during July and August 2007.

Carried

14.2 Good News

14.2.1 GCHS Success

Director Lise Haman reported on the *Provincial Report on the Results of the 2006–2007 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)*. She noted that GCHS has been recognized as a “success story” and has been profiled in an EQAO newsletter.

- 14.2.2 Northern Ontario Women in Business Awards  
Lise Haman noted congratulations to Teri Treftlin; a teacher at GCHS was recognized by the Northern Ontario Women in Business Awards for her entrepreneurship in the Greenstone area.

**15.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

Superintendent of Education:

**15.1 Report No. 45: Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification Process – Update**  
**167/07**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 45: Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification Process – Update.

Carried

Andy Graham, Principal of Manitouwadge High School provided a summary of Report No. 45, noting that the Aboriginal Student Self Identification Policy 527 has been adopted to collect aggregate data to determine if the board is providing programs that address the needs of our Aboriginal students.

A grant for \$50,000 from the ministry is being used to implement the process. By the end of September 2007, it is hoped that all schools will have completed the Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self-Identification process. The data will be inputted into Trillium by the end of October 2007.

**15.2 Report No. 46: Special Funding -Native Language and Native Studies Courses**  
**168/07**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher*

*Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as Information, Report No. 46: Special Funding for Native Language and Native Studies courses.

Carried

Student Success Coordinator John Robart summarized Report No. 46, noting that in 2007-2008 Native Language courses and Native Studies courses have been given independent funding based on a per student amount of \$1,488.30 with a minimum enrollment of eight students per course. All five high schools have made Native Studies/Native Language courses an option to their students. Sufficient interest in the courses would see the addition of these sections on course timetables.

**169/07**

*Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**✓ That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the addition of sections to each of the secondary schools when they provide evidence that there is sufficient enrollment in the Native Studies/Native Language courses to warrant adding a course to their timetable.

Carried

**15.3 Report No. 47: Specialist High Skills Major**  
**170/07**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward*

**✓ That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 47: Specialist High Skills Major.

Carried

John Robart reported that funding in the amount of \$100,000 to run a Specialist High Skills Major in the environmental sector at Manitouwadge High School has been approved.

15.4 Report No. 48: Elementary Core French Program

**171/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 48: Elementary Core French Program.

Carried

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel noted that currently, Superior-Greenstone District School Board does not have a model of delivery that is consistent throughout the system. A review of the elementary Core French program for the 2007 – 2008 school year will be done with a report to the board to follow in April 2008.

**172/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the review of the Elementary Core French Program and that, the findings be reported to the Board at the April 2008, Regular Board meeting.

Carried

15.5 SGDSB Resolution No. 142/07 re FSL in Schools

**173/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rescinds Resolution No. 142/07 carried May 22, 2007, to draft a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the lack of funding for French as a Second Language in the primary grades.

Carried

Board Resolution 173/07 was rescinded because action on this issue, prior to the completion of the Elementary Core French Program is premature.

15.6 Report No. 49: Educational Assistant Staffing 2007-2008

**174/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 49: Educational Assistant Staffing 2007-2008.

Carried

Colleen Kappel provided a summary of Report No 49 noting that declining enrolment continues to impact many areas of the budget including the Special Education per Pupil Amount (SEPPA). However, the Board continues to fund the special education program above the amount allocated by the Ministry of Education through the SEPPA and High Needs Amount.

Forty-seven Educational Assistants will continue to be funded through the Board's Special Education grants. In addition, there is confirmation of funding for eight EAs through First Nations tuition agreements and two EAs through the Student Success initiative.

15.7 Report No. 50: Special Education Plan – June 2007

**175/07**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 50: Special Education Plan June 2007.

Carried

**176/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Special Education Plan June 2007 and forward it to the Ministry of Education for review and approval.

Carried

The Special Education Plan for 2007 will be published on the board website.

**16.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

**16.1 Report No. 51: Estimates 2007-2008**

**177/07**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 51: Estimates for 2007-2008.

Carried

Superintendent of Business Bruce Rousseau provided a comprehensive review of Report No. 51.

**16.2 Report No. 52: Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades**

**179/07**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive as information, Report No. 52: Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades under the Good Places to Learn Program.

Carried

Manager of Plant Services Wayne Chiupka reported that the Mechanical Upgrade to Terrace Bay Public School is a project covered under RECAPP Good Places to Learn Project.

**180/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the tender for Mechanical Upgrades to Terrace Bay Public School be awarded to ES Fox in the amount of \$195,591.00, GST extra.

Carried

**16.3 2007 Tax Levy Bylaw No. 108**

**181/07**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives the 2007 Tax Levy Bylaw No. 108 as per attachment presented.

Carried

**182/07**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the 2007 Tax Levy Bylaw No. 108 being a bylaw to levy taxes for 2007 as per attachment presented.

Carried



## **17.0 Matters for Decision**

*Board Chair: B. Bartlett*

### **17.1 Report No. 53: Disbursements – May 2007** **183/07**

Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as Information, Report No. 53: Disbursements May 2007

Carried

### **17.2 Report No.: 54: Personnel – June 18, 2007** **183/07**

Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher

Seconded by: Trustee L. Aylward

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as Information, Report No. 53: Disbursements May 2007

Carried

## **18.0 New Business**

### **18.1 Chair**

Bette Bartlett reported on communication from the One School System Network advising that there is a meeting on June 22, 2007 where an English Public School representative is being asked to attend. With the board's support for this issue, she noted it would be prudent for one trustee from the board to be present.

Les Aylward has agreed to attend should the need arise. Ms. Bartlett will confirm requirements shortly.

### **18.2 Correspondence**

No correspondence has been received.

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

### **19.1 OPSBA**

Trustee Darlene Keenan reported that the OPSBA AGM for which she was Organizing Chairperson has garnered positive feedback. She noted the Northern Conference is scheduled in Sault Ste. Marie on October 19 through 21, 2007.

## **20.0 Observer Comments**

There were no observer comments

## **21.0 Adjournment**

**185/07**

Moved by: Trustee L. Aylward

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ ***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2007/07 Regular Board Meeting, June 18, 2007 be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Carried

Schedule: 2007 Regular Board Meetings

<b>2007 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2007 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon., Jan. 22	6:30 p.m.	NRHS	Mon., July 16	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Room
Mon., Feb. 19	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Room	Mon., Aug. 20	6:30 p.m.	LSHS
Mon., Mar. 19	6:30 p.m.	GCHS	Mon., Sept. 17	6:30 p.m.	MNHS
Mon., Apr. 16	6:30 p.m.	LSHS	Mon., Oct. 15	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Room
Tues., May 22	6:30 p.m.	MNHS	Mon., Nov. 19	6:30 p.m.	GCHS
Mon., June 18	6:30 p.m.	NRHS	Mon., Dec. 3	11:30 a.m.	NRHS

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2007/07**

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

Monday, June 18, 2007

Designated Site: Nipigon-Red Rock District High School, Red Rock, ON

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / LSHS / MNHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

**T O P I C S**

Board Chair: Bette Bartlett

Director: Lise Haman

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

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

1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 54

*(B. Draper)*

1.1 Layoff and Redundancy Reporting

2.0 Report on Two Grievances

3.0 Other

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

*(Open Session): TBA*

1.0 No Reports

**Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) & Regular Board Meeting 2007/07**

Monday, June 18, 2007

**M I N U T E S**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR