

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 2008/04

Committee of Whole Board (Closed In-Camera)
 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)
 Follows conclusion of In-Camera

MINUTES

Monday, March 17, 2008

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton ON.

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board
 PART II: Committee of Whole Board
 PART III: Regular Board Meeting

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.
 Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): TBA
 Section (C) : – (open to public): TBA

Attendance

<u>Trustees</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Bartlett, Bette		X				Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Brown, Cindy			X			Simmons, Tina			X		
Fisher, Cindy			X			Sparrow, Julie			X		
Hunking, Lenay (Student)	X					Turner, Jim	X				
Keenan, Darlene					X	Whent, Stacey (Student)			X		
Mannisto, Mark	X					Wirtz, Vanessa (Student)				X	

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Patti Pella: Director of Education	X				
Rousseau, Bruce: Superintendent of Business			X		
Kappel, Colleen: Superintendent of Education	X				
Newton, Valerie: Student Success Coordinator	X				
Tsubouchi, Cathy: Manager of Accounting Services			X		
Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation			X		
Paris, Marc: Coordinator of Maintenance				X	
Draper, Barb: Coordinator of Human Resources Services			X		
Ross, Brad: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology			X		

1.0 Roll Call

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.35 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: Committee of the Whole Board	Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:35 p.m.
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2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

85/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **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

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

86/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:39 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board	Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): 6:39 p.m.
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4.0 Committee of Whole Board: Section B

No Reports

4.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - (Open)

87/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (Open Session) at 6:40 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

4.2 Reports

There were not reports in the open session

PART III: Regular Board Meeting	Section (C) : – (opens to public): 6:41 p.m.
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5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

Board Chair M. Mannisto called the regular meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

88/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **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

No reports were forthcoming under Item 4.0.

8.0 Approval of Agenda

89/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/04 Regular Board Meeting, March 17, 2008 be accepted and approved.

Carried

9.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time

10.0 Minutes

10.1 Board Meetings:

10.1.1 2008/03 Regular Board – February 19, 2008

90/08

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

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

- 2008/03 Regular Board, Monday, February 19, 2008

Carried

10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings

10.2.1 SEAC: February 20, 2008

91/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

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

- SEAC Meeting – Wednesday February 20, 2008

Carried

10.3 Standing Committee Meetings

No Reports

11.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

11.1 Regular Board: February 19, 2008

Item 18.1: Notice of Motion re SGDSB Bylaws-Section 4.0, Part 4.18.2 Student Representative

92/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the revision of Board Bylaw 4.0, Part 4.18.2 to read:

“Once elected the, Student Trustees attains only a limited membership, and,

MAY....

The Student Trustees MAY...

- a) regularly attend Board meetings and the Committee of the Whole in camera sessions; however, will be excused from discussions related to the “Personnel” section of in-camera agendas and those related to students and/or their parent/guardians,
- b) request items be placed on or added to the agenda, subject to the approval of the Chair and/or the Director,
- c) request that a matter before the board or one of its committees, on which the Student Trustee sits, be put to a recorded vote and in that case there shall be:

- i) a recorded non-binding vote that includes the Student Trustee's vote; and
- ii) a recorded binding vote that DOES NOT include the Student Trustee's vote,
- d) make presentations to the Board, and,
- e) generally provide advice to the Board from the perspective of a student within the system
- f) sit on board committee meetings as other trustees; however, not on a committee that requires one or more "members of the board". When board policy governs committee membership the board could amend its policy to allow a Student Trustee to sit on the committee.

MAY NOT....

The Student Trustees MAY NOT...

- a) move or second a motion; however is entitled to suggest a motion on any matter at a meeting of the board or of one of its committees on which the Student Trustee sits, and if no member of the board or committee, as the case may be moves the suggested motion, the record shall show the suggested motion
- b) vote on a motion, nor,
- c) participate in any committee or subcommittee dealing with employee matters, nor,
- d) serve as Chair or Vice-Chair

Carried

12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

12.1 Chief Pierre Pelletier: Red Rock Band

Chief Pelletier addressed the Board regarding the Band's financial status related to tuition fee payment. He proposed that the Board consider changing its invoicing date from October to March each year to align payment due with the release of INAC funds to the Band. This change would help the Band to stay current with its account. In addition, to assist in the Band's return to good standing, Chief Pelletier requested consideration to forgive a portion of the outstanding interest due on overdue tuition.

Board Chair Mark Mannisto thanked Chief Pelletier for his presentation, advising that the Board would taken the information under advertisement and per Board bylaws, a decision would be rendered at the next Regular Board Meeting.

93/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Chief Pierre Pelletier of the Red Rock Band.

Carried

12.2 Update: Student Trustees

Lenay Hunking and Stacey Whent each provided a brief report on activities at Geraldton Composite HS and Nipigon Red Rock DHS, respectively.

94/08

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal reports from Student Trustees L. Hunking and S. Whent.

Carried

13.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

13.1 Report No. 20: 2008-2009 School Year Calendar

95/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 20: 2008-2009 School Year Calendar (final draft) as presented.

Carried

Director Patti Pella advised that after consultation with coterminous boards, staff and community representatives, the draft 2008-2009 School Year Calendar was ready for submission to the Ministry of Education, given Board approval.

96/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the final draft of the 2008-2009 School Year Calendar and that Administration be directed to forward this draft to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Carried

13.2 Schools Prohibitive to Repair

97/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Director Patti Pella concerning the Prohibitive to Repair Schools.

Carried

Director Patti Pella provided a verbal update regarding B.A. Parker Public School's designation as a Prohibitive to Repair (PTR) School. The Ministry of Education, Business and Finance division contacted Senior Administration the first week of March. Their advice was that even though BAPS met the criteria for PTR, its enrolment; at less than 200 FTE did not meet the ministry benchmark to qualify for new school construction

However, the ministry advised that \$4.5 million in funding stood to be approved only if the board submits a proposal by the March 31, 2008 that demonstrates how the excess capacity at the Geraldton Composite High School could be used to provide space for BAPS students. Currently GCHS has capacity for 600 FTE, but declining enrolment has reduced students to just over 300 FTE.

The proposal requested would see BAPS students housed at GCHS to utilize the excess capacity in that facility. Essentially, the reconfiguration would be that of a Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) Model. The \$4.5 million funding could be used to renovate the high school building to accommodate the elementary students as a separate entity within the facility walls. Funding at \$4.5 million is insufficient to construct a new school.

Patti provided background information regarding SGDSB K-12 Model Study that was done in 2003. At that time, a committee, composed of administration, trustees and school staff toured a K-12 model school in Ignace, consulting with its staff and administrators to obtain a sense of how this school configuration was working. The consensus of that committee was that a K-12 model had some positive features. The K-12 Model Study group was advised that when the model was first proposed for Ignace, it had its detractors. However, once in operation, the community embraced the concept, realizing the environment was largely beneficial for both elementary and secondary students.

Trustee Jim Turner advised that community and parent consultation was of paramount importance to insure that all input is considered and that the process is communicated to stakeholders to the fullest extent possible.

Trustee Cindy Brown requested that more information on the K-12 model be given to the board, suggesting that boards with the experience and functioning K-12 model schools be brought in to share its information with SGDSB.

Patti Pella advised that if the proposal being submitted at month's end is successful, the Board has two years from funding approval to complete the project. This timeline would ensure that ample community consultation could take place before embarking on any facet of the project.

13.3 Good News

98/08

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Turner*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Director Patti Pella about good news items of the Board.

Carried

13.3.1 Job Fair at Marathon High School

Patti Pella advised that in conjunction with Ontario Works, Marathon High School held a Job Fair. It was well attended and provided an excellent opportunity for students to see what the job prospects are like in trades, professional, information technology and other areas.

13.3.2 Leadership Institute by SGDSB and OPC

The Leadership Institute convened in partnership with the Ontario Principals' Council was well attended by SGDSB administrators and those within the board who aspire to opportunities as school principal or vice principals.

13.3.3 Aboriginal Education Forum

Patti Pella reported attending the third Aboriginal Education Forum in Thunder Bay. She noted that Trustee Cindy Fisher was instrumental in the organizing the event. A wealth of information on Aboriginal culture and history was shared at the session.

14.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

14.1 Report No. 21: Update-Program Project and Professional Development

99/08

Moved by: *Trustee T. Simmons*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 21: Program Projects and Professional Development Opportunities.

Carried

Colleen Kappel provided information regarding key areas for professional learning aimed at improving student achievement. The initiative aims to provide a safe and positive learning environment for students, improve school supports for student who are struggling and improve instructional strategies that maximize learning. Professional learning teams have become a purposeful model for professional growth.

14.2 Report No. 22: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy Review

100/08

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 22: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Policy Review.

Carried

Valerie Newton advised that the primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning. The intent of the Ministry's review is to ensure that the implementation of the assessment, evaluation and reporting policy is aligned, consistent and clear across the province. A Ministry working document entitled, *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting: Improving Student Learning (Jan. 2008)* that is being used in conjunction with a Ministry survey to collect feedback from teachers across the province.

In 2008-2009, wide spread consultation of the Growing Success will continue; a revised policy document will be drafted and professional development will follow in the spring, 2009. Implementation of the revised policy is scheduled for September 2009.

14.3 Activity: Math Manipulative

101/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal report from Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel in regard to the Math Manipulative Activity.

Carried

Colleen Kappel explained that math manipulative activities are a way for students to use devices to aid in visualizing and solving math problems. To demonstrate, coloured plastic shapes (Cusineart Rods) were given to groups of trustees to help solve a math problem. By handling the shapes and dialogue within their groups, the benefit of the strategy used with students was demonstrated.

15.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

No Report

16.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

16.1 Report No. 23: Personnel – February 19, 2008

102/08

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 23: Personnel, dated March 17, 2008

Carried

17.0 New Business

17.1 Chair

Mark Mannisto reminded group of the Trustee Residential scheduled on April 4-5, 2008 in Geraldton.

17.2 Correspondence

Patti Pella reported that the members of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) have approached her with the idea of producing a Board Calendar for 2008-2009. In addition to outlining all the important school year dates, PIC suggests that the artwork of all students be used

to head up each calendar month. She noted that it may be possible to use PIC funds to implement the project and that currently a PIC member is investigating printing/cost issues.

Student Trustee Lenay Hunking suggested that layout work be done in-house citing the media communications course that runs at GCHS. She will explore the possibility.

17.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

18.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

18.1 OPSBA

19.0 Observer Comments

19.1 Colleen Lemieux, ETFO President

Ms. Lemieux, referring back to the discussion about B.A. Parker Public School Prohibitive to Repair inquired about reconstruction of the playground area that is currently on BAPS site as a component of the Early Years Centre.

Bruce Rousseau, Superintendent of Business clarified that the \$4.5 million in proposed funding would be strictly allocated by the ministry for capital assets.

Christine Enders

Thanked the Board for the opportunity to take part in the board meeting. Having seen the math manipulative activity demonstrated, she hopes the Board would extend an invitation to her to make a presentation on the professional learning communities. She advised that there is some interesting and exciting work going on to bridge the gaps between the grade 7/8's and GCHS.

20.0 Adjournment

103/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/04 Regular Board Meeting, March 17, 2008 be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Carried

Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

2008 Dates	Time	Location		2008 Dates	Time	Location
January 21	6:30pm	Marathon Board Office		July 21	6:30pm	Marathon Board Office
February 19	6:30pm	Lake Superior HS		August 18	6:30pm	Manitouwadge HS
March 17	6:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS		September 15	6:30pm	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
April 21	6:30pm	Manitouwadge HS		October 20	6:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS
May 20	6:30pm	Nipigon-Red Rock HS		November 17	6:30pm	Lake Superior HS
June 20	6:30pm	Pic River Elementary School		December 1	2:30pm	Geraldton Composite HS

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Regular Board Meeting 2008/04

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

Monday, March 17, 2008

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton ON

TOPICS

Board Chair: Mark Mannisto

Director: Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m

1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 23)

(B. Draper)

PART II: Committee of Whole Board

Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): TBA

1.0 No Reports

In-Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2008/04

Monday, March 17, 2008

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

SECRETARY

CHAIR