

## SUPERIOR-GREENTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Mission Statement

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avenues that foster a love of learning, and  
the means to honour varied learning styles.*



### Videoconference Site Locations

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 Geraldton Composite High School ..... (GCHS) ..... 500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

### Regular Board Meeting 2008/08

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

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

### A G E N D A

Monday, August 25, 2008

Designated Site: Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge, ON.

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / LSHS / 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

### 1.0 Roll Call

| <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           |  |    |    |   |   | Marszowski, Lisa (Student) |    |    |    |   |   |
| Brown, Cindy              |  |    |    |   |   | Notwell, Kathryn           |    |    |    |   |   |
| Fisher, Cindy             |  |    |    |   |   | Richard, Kayla (Student)   |    |    |    |   |   |
| Keenan, Darlene           |  |    |    |   |   | Simmons, Tina              |    |    |    |   |   |
| Kjellman, Kayla (Student) |  |    |    |   |   | Sparrow, Julie             |    |    |    |   |   |
| Mannisto, Mark            |  |    |    |   |   | Turner, Jim                |    |    |    |   |   |

| <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                               |   |    |    |   |   |
| Rousseau, Bruce: Superintendent of Business                      |   |    |    |   |   |
| Kappel, Colleen: Superintendent of Education                     |   |    |    |   |   |
| Newton, Valerie: Student Success Coordinator                     |   |    |    |   |   |
| Tsubouchi, Cathy: Manager of Accounting Services                 |   |    |    |   |   |
| Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation         |   |    |    |   |   |
| Paris, Marc: Coordinator of Maintenance                          |   |    |    |   |   |
| Draper, Barb: Coordinator of Human Resources Services            |   |    |    |   |   |
| Ross, Brad: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology    |   |    |    |   |   |
| Joannette, Rose-Marie: Administrative Assistant / Communications |   |    |    |   |   |

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

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

*(Elec. Attch.)*

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

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

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

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

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

No Reports

Note: Resolutions in this section do not have to be moved if no reports are forthcoming under Item 4.0

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

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

4.2 Rise and Report from Open Session

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (Open Session) at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

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

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

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

Note: The resolution in this section does not have to be moved if no reports were made under Item 4.0

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

## **8.0 Approval of Agenda**

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB  
2008/08 Regular Board Meeting, August 25, 2008  
be accepted and approved.

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

## **10.0 Minutes**

### **10.1 Board Meetings:**

#### **10.1.1 2008/07 Regular Board – June 23, 2008**

(Elec. Attch.)

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

- 2008/07 Regular Board, Monday, June 23, 2008

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

## **12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

No Reports

## **13.0 Oath of Office: Student Trustees**

### **13.1 Swearing-In: 2008-2009 Student Trustees**

13.1.1 Kayla Kjellman (NRHS)

(Videoconference - NRHS)

13.1.2 Kayla Richard (MRHS)

(Videoconference – Board Office)

13.1.3 Lisa Marszowski (GCHS)

(Videoconference - GCHS)

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

(Director: Patti Pella)

### **14.1 No Reports**

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

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

### **15.1 Report No. 54:**

Highlights-March 2008 OSSLT Results

(Elec. Attch. – V. Newton)

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives  
as information, Report No. 54: Highlights-March 2008  
Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

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

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

### **16.1 No Reports**

## **17.0 Matters for Decision**

*Board Chair: M. Mannisto*

- 17.1 Report No.: 55  
Disbursements – June & July 2008  
✓ **That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives  
as information Report No. 55: Disbursements  
for June and July 2008.

*(Elec. Attch. – C. Tsubouchi)*

- 17.2 Report No.: 56  
Personnel – August 25, 2008  
✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives  
as information, Report No.56: Personnel  
dated August 25, 2008

*(Elec. Attch. – B. Draper)*

## **18.0 New Business**

- 18.1 Chair

- 18.2 Correspondence:

- 18.2.1 July 21, 2008: Township of Schreiber re Accommodation Review *(Elec. Attch.)*  
18.2.2 August 18, 2008 SGDSB Response to Township of Schreiber *(Elec. Attch.)*  
18.2.3 August 11, 2008: Minister K. Wynne, Championship Extra-Curricular Funds *(Elec. Attch.)*

- 18.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

- 18.4 Miscellaneous

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

- 19.1 OPSBA

## **20.0 Observer Comments**

*(Members of the public limited to 2 minute address)*

## **21.0 Adjournment**

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/08  
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 25, 2008  
be adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_, p.m.

### Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

| <b>2008 Dates</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>        |  | <b>2008 Dates</b>            | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>        |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| January 21        | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |  | July 21 Cancelled            | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |
| February 19       | 6:30pm      | Lake Superior HS       |  | August 25 Change from Aug 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 23           | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |  | December 1                   | 2:30pm      | Geraldton Composite HS |

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### Regular Board Meeting 2008/08

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

Monday, August 25, 2008

Designated Site: Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge ON.

### A G E N D A

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

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Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joanne

#### 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. XX) (B. Draper)
- 2.0 Arbitration: Re Teaching Principals (P. Pella)
- 3.0 Update: Negotiations (B. Rousseau)

#### PART II: Committee of Whole Board

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

- 1.0 No Reports

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### Regular Board Meeting 2008/07

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

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

### MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 2008

Designated Site: Marathon Board Room, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON.

**Designated Board Chair:** Julie Sparrow

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: GCHS / 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) 6:45 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 |                         |    |    |    |   |   |

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|--|---|----|----|---|---|---|
|  | 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   |    |    |   |   |   |
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| Joannette, Rose-Marie: Administrative Assistant / Communications | X   |    |    |   |   |   |

### **1.0 Roll Call**

Given regrets by Board Chair Mark Mannisto, Trustee Julie Sparrow was designated as Board Chair for this meeting. She conducted roll call at 6.43 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board*

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

### **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**

**161/08**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:45 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

#### **3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session**

**162/08**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 7:28 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): 7:29 p.m.*

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

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

**163/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (Open Session) at 7:29 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

##### **4.1.1 Date Change: August Board Meeting**

Director of Education Patti Pella noted that the Board meeting scheduled on August 18, 2008 conflicted with the NOEL Leadership Symposium. The Board agreed to reschedule the meeting to Monday, August 25... Public notice for the change is to be posted on the board website immediately following this meeting.

##### **4.1.2. 16-Month Board Calendar**

P. Pella reported that the 16-Month Board Calendar featuring student artwork is well underway. The goal is to have the calendar ready for distribution in September 2008. It will contain a list of monthly events including board meeting dates up to December 2009. To facilitate this she suggested the Board's Regular meeting dates be scheduled up to December 2009 to include the information in the calendar issue. The Board agreed and set meeting dates as per the following motion.

**164/08**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

**Whereas**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Parent Involvement Committee has initiated the production of a 16-month Board Calendar for the period of September 2008 to December

2009 to feature student artwork, the publication of principles of Character Education, and detailed information on board and school year calendar dates, and

**Whereas**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB wishes to include a schedule of 2009 Regular Board Meeting dates for public circulation,

**Be it resolved that**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB schedule its 2009 Regular Board Meeting as follows:

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| — Monday, January 19, 2009   | — Monday, July 20, 2009      |
| — Tuesday, February 17, 2009 | — Monday, August 17, 2009    |
| — Monday, March 23, 2009     | — Monday, September 21, 2009 |
| — Monday, April 20, 2009     | — Monday, October 19, 2009   |
| — Tuesday, May 19, 2009      | — Monday, November 16, 2009  |
| — Monday, June 15, 2009      | — Monday, December 7, 2009   |

Carried

4.2 Rise and Report from Open Session

**165/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (Open Session) at 7:35 p.m.

Carried

PART III: Regular Board Meeting

Section (C) : – (opens to public): 7:36 p.m.

**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Designated Board Chair J. Sparrow called the regular meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

**166/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **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**

**167/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

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

Carried

**8.0 Approval of Agenda**

**168/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/07 Regular Board Meeting, June 23, 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 2008/06 Regular Board – May 20, 2008**

**169/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Turner*

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

- 2008/06 Regular Board, Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Carried

### **10.2 Statutory Committee Meetings**

#### **10.2.1 SEAC: June 4, 2008**

**170/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

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

- SEAC Meeting – Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Carried

### **10.3 Standing Committee Meetings**

#### **10.3.1 Parent Involvement Committee: May 12, 2008**

**171/08**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Turner*

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

- PIC Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2008

Carried

#### **10.3.2 Board Policy Review Committee: May 26, 2008**

**172/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

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

- BPRC Meeting – Monday, May 26, 2008

Carried

**173/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the recommendations as outlined in the Board Policy Committee minutes dated May 26, 2008, and approve as reviewed:

- Policy-518 Emergency Procedures (existing)
- Policy-520 Safe Schools Code of Conduct (existing)
- Policy-525 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Strategies (existing)

and that, these policies be posted to the Board website with an implementation date of September 8, 2008 and that said shall, at that time, supersede any previous policies and procedures of the Board, and

***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve as reviewed:

- Procedural Guideline: Hostile and Violent Incidents (new)
- Procedural Guideline: Medical Preparedness and First Aid (new)
- Procedural Guideline: School Emergency / Civil Emergency Evacuation / School Closures (new)

- Procedural Guideline: School Lockdown (new)

- Procedural Guideline: Wild Animals on School Property (new)

and that, the procedural guidelines be posted to the Board's public folders with an implementation date of September 8, 2008, and that said shall, at that time supersede any previous procedural guideline of the Board, and

***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve as reviewed:

- Policy-905 Pupil Accommodation (existing)
- Management Guideline Policy-522 Scholarships and Trust Funds (existing)

*and that, the policies be posted to the Board website with an implementation date of June 24, 2008 and that said shall supersede any previous policies and procedures of the Board.*

Carried

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

There was no business arising.

#### **12.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

##### **12.1 Excellence in Education: Margaret Twomey PS: School Code of Conduct:**

Given regrets from the Principal Heidi Patterson the School Code of Conduct presentation was not provided at this time.

##### **12.2 Update: Student Trustee**

Patti Pella advised that both Student Trustees Hunking and Whent have sent regrets for their attendance; each having to meet school commitments on this day. In correspondence provided to Mrs. Pella, Trustee Whent thanked the board and administration for the excellent experience she acquired as one of the 2007-2008 Student Trustees.

In her thanks to the Student Trustees, Mrs. Pella noted that both Ms. Hunking and Ms. Whent were instrumental in developing a process for recruitment of the 2008-2009 Student Trustees. As a result, five students applied for the position, interviews were held with each and three of the five students were selected.

The student trustees' term will run from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. To be sworn in at the August Board meeting is Kayla Richard of Marathon High School, Lisa Marszowski of Geraldton Composite High School and Kayla Kjellman of Nipigon-Red Rock District High School.

**174/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the farewell message from Student Trustee Stacey Whent as delivered by Patti Pella.*

Carried

#### **13.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

(Director: Patti Pella)

##### **13.1 Report No.: 44: 2007 Summer Break and Board Business**

**175/08**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as Information, Report No. 44: 2008 Summer Break and Board Business.*

Carried

P. Pella noted that it is a long-standing practice to cancel the Board Meeting scheduled in July as school business does taper down considerably during the summer break.

**176/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB cancels the Regular Board meeting scheduled on Monday, July 21, 2008.*

Carried

**177/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **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 2008.

Carried

13.2 Good News

13.2.1 Ontario Principal Council: Acknowledgements

P. Pella reported the OPC has sent in an acknowledgement for the work done by Leslie Ransom and Kim Ransom as members on the OPC Provincial Council in 2007-2008.

13.2.2 Toyota Plant Award

P. Pella reported that because of their proposal to "green up" the grounds at Marjorie Millis Public School, a Toyota Plant Award in the amount of \$3000 was awarded to the school. She congratulated staff and students for the effort.

13.2.3 TransCanada Grant Award; NRHS Weight Room

P. Pella reported that Nipigon-Red Rock DHS has received a TransCanada Grant Award to enhance its weight room equipment. She offered congratulations to students and Teacher Kevin Broadhurst for the successful outcome of their application.

13.2.4 Celebration of Aboriginal Days at Pic River Heron Bay Elementary School

P. Pella reported that on June 20, 2008, Pic River Heron Bay Elementary Schools marked the occasion of National Aboriginal Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>) by holding numerous events in and around its school system. Superior-Greenstone DSB managers took up the invitation from First Nation Trustee Cindy Fisher to attend many of the day's events in Heron Bay.

**178/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as Information the verbal reports from Patti Pella.

Carried

**14.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

14.1 Report No. 45: Special Education Plan – 2008

**179/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 45: Special Education Board Plan - 2008.

Carried

Colleen Kappel advised that each year in conjunction with SEAC, boards must submit a Special Education Board Plan. The ministry has streamlined this process, now requiring that plans submitted need only have statistics and dates be amended. The plan is to be forwarded to the ministry for its approval.

**180/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Special Education Board Plan Revised for 2008 and forward it to the Ministry of Education for review and approval.

Carried

14.3 Report No. 46: Special Funding for Native Language and Native Studies Courses

**181/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB, receive Report No. 46: Special Funding for Native Language and Native Studies Courses for 2008-2009 as presented.

Carried

C. Kappel reported funding is available in 2008-2009 to continue with Native Language and study courses. Secondary school timetables will include the addition of one Native course section in Semester 1, given that a minimum enrolment of eight students is reached.

**182/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, approve the addition of one course section for each secondary school that has provided proof of the minimum student enrollment required per Native Language and/or Native Studies course offered in Semester 1. The minimum enrollment criterion is set at eight students per course.

Carried

14.2 Good News: EDU Recognition - Specialist High Skills Major Course

**183/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report from Valerie Newton.

Carried

Valerie Newton reported that after a successful pilot project at Manitouwadge High School this year both it and Geraldton Composite High School would offer a Specialist High Skills Major Course in 2008-2009. The course starting at GCHS will be Communication and Information Technology.

She reported that the work done at MNHS this past year has been acknowledged by the Ministry of Education. Two plaques have been sent to the Board office. These will be put on display to the public.

**15.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

*Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau*

15.1 Report No. 47: Budget 2008-2009

**184/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 47 Budget Estimates 2008-2009 as presented.

Carried

Bruce Rousseau provided a comprehensive review of the budget estimate proposal for 2008-2009. As required, the budget will be forwarded to the ministry for approval before the end of June. The budget is compliant with all ministry directives and is set at \$33,162,384 for the school year.

Of note in the budget proposal is an allocation that could be accessed by schools to assist student teams that proceed onto championship level competition in extra-curricular activities. The fund is available to help offset transportation and/or accommodation costs for travel to various provincial meets.

In addition to the budget proposal, Mr. Rousseau noted that the ministry has also indicated that the ministry has funding initiatives for release throughout the year. Outside of the Grants for Student

Needs, he advised that approximately \$270 million would be allocated to boards for special initiatives. These initiatives are meant to enhance student education in the province.

**185/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB adopt the Budget Estimates for the 2008-2009 school year as presented.

Carried

15.2 Report No. 48: George O'Neill PS Project Update

**186/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive as information Report No. 48: George O'Neill Public School Project Update.

Carried

Wayne Chipuka provided an overview of the report.

15.3 Report No. 49: Roof Replacement Tender: GCHS

**187/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Reports No. 49: Partial Roof Replacement Geraldton Composite High School Tender as presented.

Carried

**188/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB award the tender for the Partial Roof Replacement at Geraldton Composite High School to **Racco Industrial Roofing**, in the amount of one hundred and eighty-four thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$184,900), GST extra.

Carried

15.4 Report No. 50: Transportation Consortium

**189/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 50: Coterminous Transportation Agreement as presented.

Carried

W. Chipuka provided an overview of this report, advising that ministry guidelines call for an increased level of sharing by way of Consortium Agreement with coterminous boards. Currently SGDSB does have a formal agreement for shared transportation services, that is, one fleet of buses coordinated through our board for service to four member boards.

In the last year, the four coterminous board transportation administrators have worked together to compile a new agreement. The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium Agreement 2008 will replace the former agreement.

**190/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB enter into the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium Agreement for Shared Transportation with:

— Superior North Catholic District School Board #34B

— Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario -#57, and

— Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales -#62.

Carried

15.5 Report No. 51: Internal Audit for 2008

**191/08**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 51: Internal Audit for 2008 as presented.

Carried

Cathy Tsubouchi provided an overview of this report advising that in May, Marjorie Mills Public School, B. A. Parker Public School and Geraldton Composite High School underwent an audit. Cash handling, inventory and purchasing were the areas of focus for the audit.

**192/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept the internal audit recommendations as presented.

Carried

15.6 2008 Tax Levy Bylaw No. 113

**193/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives the Tax Levy 2008: Bylaw 113 as per attachment presented.

Carried

**194/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 113 being a bylaw to levy taxes for 2008 as per the attached.

Carried

**16.0 Matters for Decision**

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

16.1 Report No.: 52: Disbursements – May 2008

**195/08**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives as information Report No.52: Disbursements for May 2008.

Carried

16.2 Report No.: 53: Personnel – June 23, 2008

**196/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No. 53: Personnel dated June 23, 2008 as amended to correct date at Part II-Teaching, Section 3, Leave of Absence, to read for the period September 2, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

Carried

**17.0 New Business**

17.1 Chair

No Reports

17.2 Correspondence: Minister K. Wynne and Minister M. Gravelle June 10, 2008

As a follow up to the presentation to the Board by Marathon resident, Michael Clancy regarding funding to assist student championship team- travel, correspondence has been forwarded to the minister's office outlining concerns.

### 17.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

#### 17.3.1 Long Term Recognition and Retirements

Pella served notice that a board report in reference to recognition of employee retirements and long-term service awards will be provided this fall. She noted that many retirements celebrations and long-term service awards happen each year. Given, board administration commitment to the ministry educational directives; it is difficult to arrange to attend given all the separate functions. The report will provide for a process to honour all employees appropriately during one annual award evening.

### **18.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

#### 18.1 OPSBA

Trustee Darlene Keenan provided a brief report on the OPSBA AGM held at Niagara Falls in June. She reported that as the voting delegate for this board, she opposed an OPSBA motion to support breakfast programs in schools by lobbying the Ministry of Education for funding for this cause. Her rationale for this is that breakfast programs do not fall directly into the realm of education; rather this is a municipal or social service issue.

### **19.0 Observer Comments**

*(Members of the public limited to 2 minute address)*

### **20.0 Adjournment**

**197/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

**✓ That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/07 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 23, 2008 be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

*Carried*

#### Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

| <b>2008 Dates</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>        |  | <b>2008 Dates</b>                        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>        |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|--|-------------|------------------------|
| January 21        | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |  | July 21 <b>CANCELLED</b>                 | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |
| February 19       | 6:30pm      | Lake Superior HS       |  | August 18 <b>Reschedule to August 25</b> | 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 23           | 6:30pm      | Marathon Board Office  |  | December 1                               | 2:30pm      | Geraldton Composite HS |

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### Regular Board Meeting 2008/07

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

Monday, June 23, 2008

Designated Site: Marathon Board Meeting Room, Marathon ON

### TOPICS

**Designated Board Chair:** Julie Sparrow

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / LSHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joanne

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:45 p.m.

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| 1.0 | <u>Personnel Report</u>   | (B. Draper)   |
| 2.0 | <u>Grievances</u>   | (P. Pella)    |
| 3.0 | <u>Terms and Condition (Senior Administration/Board Managers)</u> | (P. Pella)    |
| 4.0 | <u>Update: Provincial Negotiations Framework</u>                  | (B. Rousseau) |

PART II: Committee of Whole Board

Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): 7:29 p.m.

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| 1.0 | <u>Date Change: August Board Meeting</u><br>See notes under part 4.1.1. |
| 2.0 | <u>16-Month Board Calendar</u><br>See notes under part 4.1.2            |

### In-Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2008/07

Monday, June 23, 2008

### MINUTES

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR



## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Report No:** 54  
**Date:** August 25, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of the  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

**FROM:** Valerie Newton

**SUBJECT:** Highlights: March 2008 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

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### **Background:**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy test, (OSSLT), is designed to measure the reading and writing skills of secondary students. It provides educators with one, current measure of a student's literacy skills. The successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or its equivalent is a graduation requirement of all students in the province of Ontario. This is the fifth consecutive year of such testing in the province.

### **Current Situation**

#### **Highlights of the OSSLT 2008 Results**

##### **Overall Success**

- 84% of the 143, 603 students taking the test for the first time across the province were successful compared to 77% in 2003.
- 83% of the 257 students taking the test for the first time across the board were successful compared to 70% in 2003.

##### **Gender Differences**

- 88% of the successful, first time eligible and fully participating students in the province were females and 80% were males. Provincial statistics indicate that the success rate for this group of males has increased by 7 percentage points and for females by 8 percentage points at the provincial level since 2003.
- 85% of the successful, first time eligible and fully participating students across the board were females and 81% were males. Board statistics indicate that the success rate for first time eligible and fully participating males has increased by 17 percentage points while the increase for female students has been 10 percentage points.

##### **Special Needs Student Results**

- 51% of the first time eligible and fully participating students with special needs who received accommodations across the province were successful on the test.
- 64% of the first time eligible and fully participating students with special needs who received accommodations in the board were successful on the test.

### **Next Steps**

#### **Targeted Areas for Growth**

- Continue to address differences in success rates based on gender.
- Continue to support students with special needs in strengthening literacy skills.

### **Administrative Recommendation:**

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, receive as information, Report No. 54: Highlights: March 2008 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Valerie Newton  
Assistant to the Superintendent of Education

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Report No: 55**  
**Date:** August 25, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of the  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

**FROM:** Cathy Tsubouchi

**SUBJECT:** Disbursements Report for June and July 2008

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### **Background**

In June 2007, the Board approved the 2007/2008 Budget of \$33,890,326.

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 2007/2008 Original Budget | \$33,890,326 |
| Various Additional Grants | 941,644      |
| Adjusted 2007/2008 Budget | \$34,831,970 |

Based on the above, average spending for each month should be approximately \$2,900,000. A comparison of actual spending to the monthly average highlights the unique spending that has taken place during a given month.

### **Current Situation**

Total disbursements in the form of cheques written and payrolls for June 2008 were \$3,221,606.01.

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| <b>Total Disbursements for the June 2008</b>          | <b>\$3,221,606.01</b> |
| <b>Less unusual items for June:</b>                   |                       |
| Tax sharing payments made to other boards             | (98,600.00)           |
| GWL arrears payment made in June                      | (136,900.00)          |
| George O'Neill project holdback release               | (52,000.00)           |
| June Receiver General payment made the previous month | 305,000.00            |
| July Receiver General payment made in June            | <u>(284,000.00)</u>   |
| <b>Adjusted June spending</b>                         | <b>\$2,955,106.01</b> |

With the removal of unusual items, June spending is more in line with the average.

Total disbursements in the form of cheques written and payrolls for July 2008 were \$2,331,435.37. Spending for July was below average due to summer vacation.

The details of cheques issued during the month have been submitted to Jim Turner, Chair of the Business Committee for review.

### **Administrative Recommendations**

That Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives Report No. 55: Disbursements for June and July 2008 as presented for information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Tsubouchi  
Manager of Accounting Services

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Report No: 56**  
**Date:** August 25, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of the  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

**FROM:** Barbara Draper, Coordinator of Human Resource Services

**SUBJECT:** Personnel Report – August 2008

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***That***, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 56 : Personnel, dated August 25, 2008.

***I ADMINISTRATION***

Please contact the Human Resources Department for Personnel Information.

***II TEACHING STAFF***

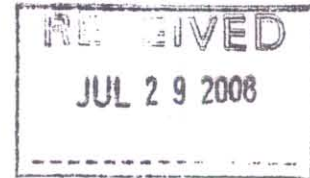
***III SUPPORT STAFF***

Barbara Draper  
Coordinator of Human Resource Services  
***Reference: Regular Board Meeting August 25, 2008***



CORPORATION OF THE  
**TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER**  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 21, 2008



Mr. Mark Mannisto, Chair  
And Board of Trustees  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board  
12 Hemlo Drive  
Marathon, Ontario  
P0T 2E0

Dear Chair and Board of Trustees:

We continue in our preparation to participate in the upcoming Pupil Accommodation Review Process in regard to the Schreiber and Terrace Bay Public Schools.

As you know, we have previously forwarded concerns to you in regard to the proposed municipal, business sector and trustee representation on the Accommodation Review Committee. In advance of your next Board meeting of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, we wish to further explain our position on these matters so that there is sufficient time to make any necessary adjustment to the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) membership before the Review Process begins.

We have reviewed your Policy 905 on Pupil Accommodation, which governs the ARC make-up for purposes of the Review Process. Article 2.2.3 of your Policy requires you to appoint one municipal leader and one business representative from each municipality to the ARC. We trust that despite your earlier press release in regard to the ARC composition that you will appoint the appropriate municipal and business representatives from each municipality to the ARC on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, or subsequent scheduled meeting of the Board.

Please confirm to us in writing that you intend to honour these requirements of Policy 905 by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so that we may have input into the municipal and business sector representation for Schreiber on the ARC.

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In regard to our concern with the proposed Chair of the ARC, we take this opportunity to discuss the potential conflict of interest and/or bias in relation the proposed appointee and the ARC role in the Review Process. Although we do not doubt Ms. Notwell's dedication to Board and the Review Process, we do feel she is an inappropriate choice of Chair and Trustee representation on the ARC due to her close connection with the Terrace Bay Public School and the Terrace Bay community. We feel that in the spirit of a fair and objective review process, as mandated by the *Education Act*, Ms. Notwell should be replaced by another Trustee, for purposes of the ARC, who is not related to the two schools or two communities under Review.

Please confirm to us in writing your intentions in this regard, by August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, so that we may have further input into the selection of the ARC Trustee representative prior to the commencement of the ARC portion of the Review Process.

Further, in order to prepare to fully and meaningfully engage in the Review Process, we require the following information, which is subject to access under your governing privacy legislation, the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

1. Report No. 25 re: Policy on Pupil Accommodation, as accepted under your Resolution 117/08 at your April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Board meeting;
2. Board Meeting Minutes of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 and all subsequent Board Meeting Minutes that are related to any review of pupil accommodation at the Terrace Bay or Schreiber Public Schools;
3. Report No. 19-01/02: Relocation of Schreiber School, received by the Board at your April 29, 2002 Board meeting;
4. All other Reports to the Board, administrative reports and memos and notes, financial documentation and analysis, correspondence, e-mails, or other information or documents of any kind whatsoever that relate to pupil accommodation and the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Public Schools, despite the origin of the documentation, from the beginning of 2002 to the end of this continuing FOI request;
5. Report No. 21-01/02: Options Related to Building Use and Capacities at Lake Superior High School – Terrace Bay;
6. Your Policy Manual and/or Terms of Reference or other information or documentation that explains the considerations that your administration is to take into account in reviewing ARC recommendations for pupil accommodation and in making



administration recommendations to the Board for its consideration and determinations on pupil accommodation.

7. All information and documentation on alternatives to school closure that have been provided to or created by your institution in regard to any pupil review process including, but not limited to, the 2002 review of pupil accommodation and the Lake Superior High School and the review of other school areas under your jurisdiction;
6. All other existing and future documentation and information relating to pupil accommodation at the Terrace Bay and Schreiber Public Schools.

This information will assist us in formulating our submissions to the ARC on pupil accommodation in the coming months. We specifically request continuing disclosure of all documentation and information related to the subject matter of the above requests until the end of the Review Process or for the next two years, whichever expires first, pursuant to s. 17 of MFIPPA. Please find enclosed the five dollar (\$5.00) fee for our MFIPPA access request.

Should you have any questions or concerns in regard to our requests, please contact us anytime. We look forward to working through the Review Process together in the coming months.

Sincerely,



Madge Richardson  
Mayor

C     P. Pella, Director of Education  
      C. Kappel, Superintendent of Education  
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August 18, 2008

Township of Schreiber  
Mayor Madge Richardson  
P.O. Box 40, 608 Winnipeg Street  
Schreiber, Ontario P0T 2S0

Dear Mayor Madge Richardson:

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 21, 2008 regarding the Board's Accommodation Review process for the Schreiber/Terrace Bay area.

The status regarding the membership of the Accommodation Review Committee remains unchanged since our correspondence to you dated May 12, 2008. That is, its members have not yet been named.

However, the advice you provided to us in your letter dated May 1, 2008 was taken into consideration by the Board's Policy Review Committee. I would like to confirm that your input resulted in a change to Policy 905 Pupil Accommodation wherein the stated membership for the ARC now includes a duty to appoint one municipal leader and one business representative from **each** municipality having a connection with the accommodation review area.

Although the terms for the ARC composition have been revised, I need to clarify that, members appointed to serve on the ARC will not be named until after the 2008-2009 school year commences. The Board of Trustees approved an Accommodation Review for Schreiber / Terrace Bay area, but the Board scheduled this event to transpire within the 2008-2009 school year period.

Regard to your request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, it is our intent to comply and provide the information you seek. However, we would ask your indulgence for an extension to October 31, 2008 to submit the documentation because this archived material must be searched, retrieved and duplicated in order to submit a package to you.

The ARC membership and the review process will not proceed until we have satisfied the request from the Township of Schreiber for materials it believes would assist in formulating a submission to the Accommodation Review Committee.

We await your response regarding our request for an extension to October 31, 2008.

Sincerely,

Mark Mannisto, Board Chair  
Superior-Greenstone DSB

MM:rmj

Cc: P. Pella, Director of Education  
C. Kappel, Superintendent of Education  
B. Rousseau, Superintendent of Business

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August 11, 2008

Mr. Mark Mannisto  
Board Chair  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board  
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Dear Mr. Mannisto,

Thank you for your letter about student transportation funding in Ontario. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I understand that you are concerned about the cost of extracurricular school trips, and that is something the ministry will continue to review. This government has focussed on making critical improvements to student transportation, and has made great strides that have benefited your board. Most school boards are working together in consortia to realize efficiencies in their operations and service delivery. Established transportation consortia are being reviewed for effectiveness and efficiency. We have also performed a cost benchmark study for operating a 72-passenger school bus, incorporating standards for safe vehicles and trained drivers.

For the 2008/09 school year, we approved an additional \$36.2 million, or a 4 percent increase, in funding for student transportation. This brings the total allocation to \$812 million. As part of the additional allocation, and in recognition of cost pressures borne by operators and boards, we have provided a cost benchmark increase of 2 percent, or \$15.4 million.

In 2007/08, this government provided \$10.5 million in one-time funding assistance to all boards in response to concerns over increasing fuel prices. Your board received \$20,989 through this initiative. In response to further fuel pressures, we have announced an additional \$7 million in one-time funding assistance. Through this initiative your board has received an additional \$13,992. We have also approved \$10 million in support of a wage enhancement for school bus drivers. Finally, an amount of \$1.7 million is being provided for school boards that experienced enrolment increases, while boards with declining enrolment will not see their funding reduced.

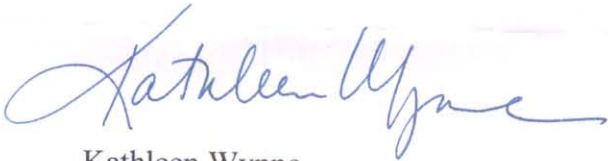
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We appreciate your board's dedication to extracurricular activities. We note that you are currently in a surplus position with regard to student transportation. The significant investments made to student transportation in the last two years raise the financial capacity of boards to deliver safe, effective, and efficient transportation services for the benefit of students.

I appreciate the time you have taken to voice your concerns. Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen Wynne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Education