

SUPERIOR-GREENTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



Mission Statement

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,
Superior-Greentone 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-Greentone 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 2008/08

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

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

MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 2008

Designated Site: Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge, ON.

Designated Board Chair: Cindy Fisher

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) 7:00 p.m.
 Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): N/A
 Section (C) : – (open to public): 7:21 p.m.

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				Marszowski, Lisa (Student)			X		
Brown, Cindy					X	Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Fisher, Cindy	X					Richard, Kayla (Student)	X				
Keenan, Darlene		X				Simmons, Tina			X		
Kjellman, Kayla (Student)			X			Sparrow, Julie					X
Mannisto, Mark		X				Turner, Jim			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			
Joannette, Rose-Marie: Administrative Assistant / Communications			X			

1.0 Roll Call

Board Chair Mark Mannisto was unable to attend the Board Meeting in person at Manitouwadge High School. Therefore, Board Vice-chair Cindy Fisher was designated to act as Board Chair to convene this meeting.

As Designated Chair, Cindy Fisher conducted roll call at 6:55 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: Committee of the Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 7:00 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 **198/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

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

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session **199/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 7:20 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): N/A

4.0 Committee of Whole Board: Section B

No Reports

PART III: Regular Board Meeting

Section (C) : – (opens to public): 7:21 p.m.

5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

Designated Board Chair C. Fisher called the regular meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

6.0 Approval of Agenda **200/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

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

Carried

7.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

Trustee Jim Turner declared a possible interest in a piece of correspondence as listed under Item 16.2.

8.0 Minutes

8.1 Board Meetings:

8.1.1 2008/07 Regular Board – June 23, 2008

201/08

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

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

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

Carried

9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

There were no reports at this time.

11.0 Oath of Office: Student Trustees

11.1 Swearing-In: 2008-2009 Student Trustees

The Director of Education called on each student trustee to take an oath of office and declaration for related to their duties as student trustees for the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Kayla Kjellman of Nipigon-Red Rock DHS, Kayla Richard of Marathon HS and Lisa Marszowski of Geraldton Composite HS were called individually.

Trustees L. Marszowski and K. Kjellman each took their oath from the videoconference sites they attended, i.e., GCHS and NRHS, respectively. Trustee K. Richard attended at the Board's designated site of Manitouwadge High School.

Trustee L. Marszowski provided a verbal account introducing herself as a Grade 12 student at GCHS, who also hold the office of President of the Student Council. She advised that her objective for her term is to give students a voice. She wants to ensure that communication between the Board and students is positive and comfortable.

12.0 Reports of the Director of Education

(Director: Patti Pella)

12.1 There were no reports at this time.

13.0 Reports of the Education Committee

(Education Chair: K. Notwell)

Superintendent of Education:

13.1 Report No. 54: Highlights-March 2008 OSSLT Results

202/08

Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

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

Carried

Valerie Newton provided an overview of the OSSLT results. The testing is designed to measure the reading and writing skills of secondary students. In this, the fifth consecutive year of testing, 83% of 257 students tested for the first time were successful compared to 70% in 2003

14.0 Reports of the Business Committee

(Business Chair: J. Turner)

Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau

14.1 No Reports

15.0 Matters for Decision

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

15.1 Report No.: 55: Disbursements – June & July 2008 203/08

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

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

Carried

15.2 Report No.: 56: Personnel – August 25, 2008 204/08

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

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

Carried

16.0 New Business

16.1 Chair

16.2 Correspondence:

Trustee J. Turner advised that he would declare an interest in one issue of correspondence above should it come to motion.

16.2.1 July 21, 2008: Township of Schreiber re Accommodation Review

Patti Pella advised that the Township of Schreiber have under the Freedom of Information legislation requested board files pertaining to the 2002 school review conducted in that area wherein the decision was taken to close the Lake Superior High School Schreiber Campus. It has requested the information so that it can prepare for the Accommodation Review, which is set to take place in 2008-2009 for schools in the Schreiber/Terrace Bay area.

16.2.2 August 18, 2008 SGDSB Response to Township of Schreiber

P. Pella reported that administration has confirmed with the Township of Schreiber that information it seeks will be made available. The letter outlines an intent to comply, but contains a request for an extension to October 31, 2008 to ensure that files can be searched, copied and compiled. Administration is awaiting the Township of Schreiber's reply to its request to extend the period for collection. She noted that the letter confirms with the township that a policy change has been made to the Accommodation Review process wherein there is now a provision to include a municipal member and a business member from the municipalities within which there are students who are enrolled at a Superior-Greenstone DSB area schools. She advised that the timeframe for the

Accommodation Review is set for 2008-2009 and as such, proceedings would not commence until current issues are addressed.

- 16.2.3 August 11, 2008: Minister K. Wynne, Championship Extra-Curricular Funds
P. Pella reported on Minister Wynne's response to the board request to consider funding for extra-curricular team activities that move beyond local boundaries. Transportation and accommodation cost are prohibitive for student teams whose performance puts them in championship events held as provincial venues. Minister Wynne has indicated that funding, as it exists would continue.

Trustees requested a follow-up letter be sent to Minister Wynne as transportation funding she has referenced pertains to coverage for regular home to school transportation. In addition, access to championship venues that for many boards is not a hardship, does present problems for northern Ontario students whose transit connections are far less available. The letter will be copied to other northern boards to seek support.

16.3 Red Rock First Nation

P. Pella advised that the Red Rock First Nation has written to request that the Board provide forgiveness for outstanding tuition agreement interest in the amount of \$30,000 and that future billing dates for tuition payments be adjusted to align with the Band's INAC funding receipts. She noted that this is a similar request to one made in the spring by Chief Pierre Pellerin for the board to write off outstanding interest amounts. The board declined to do so at that time, citing an inability to do so without affecting program.

205/08

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

X That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accepts the request from the Red Rock First Nation proposing forgiveness of an amount of \$30,000.00 interest.

Opposed

16.4 Nipigon / Red Rock Labour Adjustment Committee

Trustee Bette Bartlett inquired about the possibility of the board providing continuing education to workers in the Nipigon-Red Rock area who do not have a high school diploma. She provided a verbal report regarding a meeting of the area's Labour Adjustment Committee that she attended the week of August 18, 2008. She noted with a new mill expected to come online in 2009, there are 89 workers identified who do not possess grade 12. Without a high school diploma, these workers cannot apply for positions to be filled by September 2009.

Bruce Rousseau, Superintendent of Business advised that continuing education funding for students over 21 is a fraction of the day school funding. A full cost-recovery program would require an adult student enrolment of 289 people.

Valerie Newton, Student Success Leader will attend upcoming Career Fairs meetings planned on September 10 (Nipigon) and September 11 (Red Rock) to provide information about acquiring alternative education programs and also to see what partnership opportunities there may be to assist workers who wish to upgrade their education.

16.5 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

There was no future board meeting items offered.

16.6 Miscellaneous

No Report

17.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

17.1 OPSBA

Trustee Darlene Keenan provided an update on events from OPSBA. She noted that the Northern Regional Conference happens on October 17-19, 2008 in Thunder Bay at the Travelodge Airline.

18.0 Observer Comments

(Members of the public limited to 2 minute address)

19.0 Adjournment

206/08

Moved by: Trustee B. Bartlett

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/08 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 25, 2008 be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

2008 Dates	Time	Location		2008 Dates	Time	Location
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

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TOPICS

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PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 7:00 p.m

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| 1.0 | <u>Personnel Report:</u> (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 56) | (B. Draper) |
| 2.0 | <u>Arbitration: Re Teaching Principals</u> | (P. Pella) |
| 3.0 | <u>Update: Negotiations</u> | (B. Rousseau) |

PART II: Committee of Whole Board

Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): N/A

- 1.0 No Reports

In-Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2008/08

Monday, August 25, 2008

MINUTES

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2008

SECRETARY

CHAIR