

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



**Our Mission:** "Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"  
**Our Vision:** "We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities"  
**Our Values:** "Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation"  
**Our Motto:** "Small schools make a difference"

### Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board ... (SGDSB) .....12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
 Manitouwadge High School ..... (MNHS) .....200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, 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 2013/03

Committee of Whole Board In-Camera  
(Closed to Public) 6:41-7:07 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)  
Followed conclusion of In-Camera at 7:07 p.m.

## MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Designated Site: Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting Room 12, Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

**Board Chair:** P. McRae

**Director:** David Tamblyn

VC Sites: GCHS / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

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

Section (A) In-Camera: : – (closed to public): 6:41 p.m.  
Section (B) : – (open to public) 7:07 p.m.

### 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 (joined @ 7:04 pm)		X				MacGregor, Aaron (Student)		X			
Brown, Cindy	X					Mannisto, Mark		X			
First Nation (Vacant)						McRae, Pauline (Pinky)	X				
Fisher, Matthew		X				Santerre, Angel		X			
Keenan, Darlene		X				Simonaitis, Fred		X			

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Tamblyn, David: Director of Education	X				
Petrick, Nancy: Superintendent of Education		X			
Tsubouchi, Cathy: Superintendent of Business	X				
Williams, Dianne: Manager of Accounting Services					X
Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation	X				
Morden-Cormier, Nicole: School Effectiveness Leader		X			
Willcocks, Barb: Student Success Leader		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				

**2.0 Committee of the Whole Board** (In-Camera Closed)2.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed**32/13**Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown* Second: *Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section A (Closed Session) at 6:41 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried2.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session**33/13**Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown* Second: *Trustee F. Simonaitis*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section A (Closed Session) at 7:07 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried**3.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order****34/13**Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan* Second: *Trustee A. Santerre*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 be called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Carried**4.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section A**4.1 **35/13**Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto* Second: *Trustee F. Simonaitis*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section A (Closed) Reports be adopted including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as

1. Regular Board Meeting 2013-02 – January 21, 2013

Carried**5.0 Approval of Agenda****36/13**Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto* Second: *Trustee A. Santerre*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2013/03 Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2013 be accepted and approved.

Carried**6.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures reported at this time.

**7.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings****37/13**Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan* Second: *Trustee C. Brown*

✓ **That**, the minutes of the following Board meeting be adopted and/or acknowledge receipt:

1. Regular Board Meeting 2013-02 – January 21, 2013 (adopt)
2. NEAC Meeting – January 18, 2013 (acknowledge)
3. Board Policy Review Committee – February 5, 2013 (acknowledge), and

*That the Board accepts the recommendation outlined in the BPRC minutes of January 15, 2013 and approves as reviewed:*

- P-509 Fundraising
  - MG -509 Fundraising
  - P-527 Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self Identification;
- all of which are to be posted to the Board website with an implementation date February 20, 2013, and all shall supersede any previous policies and management guidelines.*

Carried

## **8.0 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)**

- Board Audit Committee
  - C. Tsubouchi will bring information forward under Report No. 15 later on the agenda.
- Board Policy Review Committee
  - Next meeting is March 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Native Education Advisory Committee
  - Met on February 15, 2013 but without quorum. The next NEAC meeting is scheduled on April 19.
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee
  - No Report
- Parent Involvement Committee
  - The next meeting is scheduled on March 20
- Special Education Advisory Committee
  - Met on February 12, 2013 but without quorum.
- Transportation Committee
  - No Report

Board Chair inquired if Trustee B. Bartlett wished to be a representative on any of the standing/statutory committees to which she has not yet had an opportunity to enlist appointment. She declined at this time.

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

Nil

## **10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

- 10.1 Excellence in Education: Nipigon-Red Rock DHS  
Enabled, Engaged, and Empowered: Learning with Technology.

Nipigon-Red Rock District HS Principal Donna Fry and Art Teacher Colleen Rose provided a comprehensive report about engaging students through technology. The report included a PowerPoint session, which illustrated the relationship of their School Improvement Plan with the in-class art program, pedagogy and the strong linkages with technology. The following is a link to a YouTube video clip, which features NRHS students.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cgj\\_tbn8vaQ&list=PLnSKD0gWnsdO1SjilD5-5Z2uOdt92YsH&index=10](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cgj_tbn8vaQ&list=PLnSKD0gWnsdO1SjilD5-5Z2uOdt92YsH&index=10)

Ms. Rose provided a multitude of examples of how her students have developed not only an appreciation of art, but also how their engagement has in many ways and for many of these students given them a new found confidence in their abilities and skills. Ms. Rose described how the skills acquired through art and creative projects using technology often helps to translate information in literacy and numeracy skills providing examples of her experience with a number of her students.

- 10.2 Aaron MacGregor: Student Trustees' Update  
A. MacGregor provided an update on the Student Senate meeting he chaired on February 13, 2013 as hosted by Director Tamblyn. He noted that there are some activities in schools, run mostly throughout the school days. With the current state of labour relations with the Ministry's imposition of collective agreements on teachers and other school bargaining unit personnel, student frustration with the severe curtailment of extra-curricular activities in some schools is prevalent. Intramural activities have been stepped up in areas, but the uncertainty around the supervision, coaching and travel to district and/or provincial level sporting events has cast gloom in schools.

**11.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee** *(Business /Negotiations Chair: D. Keenan)*

*Superintendent of Business: C. Tsubouchi*

- 11.1 Report No. 15: Report of the Audit Committee – January 28, 2013  
Superintendent of Business C. Tsubouchi provided a detailed overview of Report No. 15 provided an explanation about regarding several of the reports forwarded with the Board agenda.

- 11.2 Report No 16: 2011/2012 Financial Statements  
C. Tsubouchi reported that the Audit Committee having met on January 28, 2013 has recommended approval of the financial statements. She provided highlights of the salient issues and noting the background for the transfers of reserves being recommended.

**38/13**

*Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto Second: Trustee D. Keenan*

**✓ That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accepts Report No. 16: 2011/2012 Audited Financial Statements, pending the Minister's approval and makes the following reserve transfers:

<b>From Retirement Gratuities Reserve</b>	<b>\$802,000.00</b>
<b>From Winning Teams Reserve</b>	<b>\$15,732.00</b>

Carried

- 11.3 Report No. 17: Interim Report No 1  
C. Tsubouchi provided an overview of Report No. 17, providing an explanation on the subject of retirement gratuity financing for which there were numerous inquiries for clarification

**12.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*Director of Education: David Tamblyn*

- 12.1 Report No. 18: Director's Monthly Report-February 2013  
Director D. Tamblyn provided a brief overview of Report No. 18, drawing attention to the added use of Quick Response Codes (QR code) in the report. He notes that the QR code is a technology feature that when embedded or applied to items and/or documents allows the audience to go quickly to a resource document, site or product to acquire specific information. Smartphone applications are available to read the displayed code and convert it to a URL directing the Smartphone browser to a specific website
- 12.2 Report No. 19: 2013-2014 Proposal for 2013-2014 School Year Calendar  
D. Tamblyn provided an overview of Report No. 19 and advised that stakeholder consultation concluded on February 8, 2013. A website survey garnered about 85 responses to the two calendar options being fielded. Option 2, which fits the Ministry definition of a "regular" school year calendar, was the most popular choice among those completing the survey.

**39/13**

Moved by: Trustee C. Brown      Second: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No. 19: 2013-2014 School Year Calendar accepts the proposed Calendar Model Option 2, and that, Administration is directed to forward Option 2 to the Ministry of Education for its approval.

Carried

**13.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

(Education Chair: Angel Santerre)

Superintendent of Education: Nancy Petrick

13.1 Report No. 20: Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Update

School Effectiveness Lead Nicole Morden-Cormier provided an overview of Report No. 20. She noted that the Board’s full day Early Learning kindergarten program would be completely phased in by Ministry target dates of 2014-2015.

**14.0 Reports from Human Resources**

Board Chair: Pinky McRae

14.1 Report No. 21: Personnel February 19, 2013

This report was presented for information with specific inquiries regarding staff addressed during the in-camera, closed section.

**15.0 New Business**

15.1 Board Chair: P. McRae

15.1.1 Trustee Professional Development: Board Bylaws.

Board Chair Pinky McRae advised that she has had one trustee response to her inquiry regarding the choices; i.e., Good Governance or Board Bylaws for a Trustee PD session later this spring. Continuation of Good Governance was the one suggestion received, but after discussion at this meeting, the consensus was to proceed with a review of the Board of Trustees Bylaws. This will be held on April 19-20 in Thunder Bay and will be facilitated by Barry Brown, LLB.

15.1.2 Request to Attend Canadian School Boards’ Association Conference

Board Chair and Vice Chair, P. McRae and M. Mannisto (respectively) requested approval to the CSBA Conference scheduled in BC in July 2013. Having reviewed the application and after a brief discussion about the trustees’ budget status the following motion was put forward. Trustee C. Brown with support from Trustee B. Bartlett requested a recorded vote as demonstrated below.

**40/13**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan      Second: Trustee M. Fisher

✓ **That**, Trustees Mark Mannisto and Pinky McRae be approved to attend the 2013 Canadian School Boards’ Association Conference.

Recorded Vote	
Yes	No
M. Fisher	B. Bartlett
D. Keenan	C. Brown
A. Santerre	
F. Simonaitis	

Carried

- 15.2 Trustees' Reports: Constituent Concerns  
Trustee C. Brown reported a constituent concern relayed to her about the recent Fraser Institute of BC release of Canadian schools' student achievement statistics. She notes that Margaret Twomey Public School from among the 2,714 schools on the list is rated as 2,508. She asked to have these findings investigated in light of downward trend at MTPS, which in 2009 showed Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results at a rating of 7.2, but currently its rate is 3.2.
- 15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items  
P. McRae requested that when Board members respond to the Board Meeting call, that they also copy her; this so that she has the required information regarding meeting the quorum.
- 15.4 Miscellaneous  
D. Keenan inquired about the status of First Nation Representative appointment to fill the vacancy created in December. D. Tamblyn advised that as yet, there has been nobody nominated to fill the First Nation Representative vacancy on the board. The nomination must come from First Nations tuition agreement partners with Superior-Greenstone DSB.

**16.0 Notice of Motion**

Nil

**17.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

17.1 OPSBA

P. McRae, D. Keenan and M. Mannisto each provided a brief overview of the session they attended during the 2013 Public Education Symposium. P. McRae suggested that the DISC program, which helps to delineate personal skills and attributes is a program she found quite informative. She suggested this as a possible future professional development for the Board as a whole because understanding the work styles among the group could be beneficial when members are deciding on work group tasks and projects

D. Keenan noted that the new Premier Kathleen Wynne introduced herself and her Minister of Education Liz Sandals. Keenan noted that there is some optimism over the premier's choice for minister because Sandals has experience as a school board trustee and was once the president of the OPSBA, their trustee association.

M. Mannisto reported the Good Governance professional development sessions done by SGDSB with facilitator Marilyn Gouthro was highlighted. Most especially, SGDSB work developing its Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Priorities was used as an example of best-practices.

**18.0 Observer Comments**

Nil

**19.0 Adjournment**

**41/13**

Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown*                      Second: *Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2013/02 Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2013 adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Carried

<b><u>2013 Board Meeting Schedule</u></b>		
<i>6:30 p.m.: All Meetings Convened at Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting Room, Marathon, ON</i>		
Monday, March 25	Monday, July 15	Monday, November 18
Monday, April 22	Monday, August 19	Friday, December 6 ( <b>*face-to-face</b> ) <i>*applies to 2014 attendance</i>
Tuesday, May 21 ( <b>face-to-face</b> )	Monday, September 16	
Monday, June 17 ( <b>face-to-face</b> )	Monday, October 21	