

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the boardroom  
on Tuesday April 29, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), D. Morrison, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda,  
L. Killens, R. Kirwan, Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato  
Absent: T. Campbell, G. Santala  
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, L. Dye - Superintendents of Education  
J. Noble – Senior Administrator of Program and Services  
K. Wachnuk - Senior Administrator, Special Education  
H. Thirkill, N. Charette  
Staff: Rod MacLeod, Amber Perry, Dennis Bazinet, James Norrie,  
Lynn MacDonell, Nathalie Mousseau  
Other: Media, members of the public

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 14-R45, J. Hunda/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of April 29, 2014 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of Education in Espanola Area Schools under Old Business. – **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Mental Health Strategy

Dr. Amber Perry, Chief Psychologist and Mental Health Lead, provided an informative presentation addressing the mental health needs of Rainbow students as well as improving mental wellness for all students. Amber discussed the three-tiered approach to mental health. Trustees received a copy of the Ministry's *Supporting Minds* document and had the opportunity to ask questions and share opinions. A follow up presentation from Dr. Amber Perry was requested.

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Motion: 14-R46, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan

That the Staff Changes outlined on pages A-4 of the agenda be received.  
– **Carried.**

## **E. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 14-R47, D.Morrison/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 25, 2014 be approved. – **Carried**

### **2. Education in Espanola Area Schools**

Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold and Amber Salach from Yallowega Belanger Architecture provided a detailed presentation of the revitalization of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School. Proposed layouts for each site were provided as well as data regarding budget, funding, enrolment, and timelines. Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the revitalization project.

Motion: 14-R48, B.Clement/G.Fox

That the revitalization plan for A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School be approved. – **Carried unanimously**

### **3. Efficient Resource Management**

Director of Education Norm Blaseg provided information regarding Mental Health implementations over the next three years. This reflected what Dr. Amber Perry spoke about.

Motion: 14-R49, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the projects as outlined be funded through the student focused initiative reserve. - **Carried**

### **4. Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

#### **a) Motion: 14-R50, J.Hunda/ D.Morrison**

That the Board award the contract for full day kindergarten renovations, Levack Public School to Valley Painting and Construction Services for \$184,555.00. - **Carried**

#### **b) Motion: 14-R51, D.Morrison/J.Hunda**

That the Board award the contract for full day kindergarten renovations, Westmount Public School to LaRo Construction for \$194,400.00. - **Carried**

#### **c) Motion: 14-R52, B.Clement/R.Kirwan**

That the Board award the contract for the lift station, Levack Public School to Walden Electrical Ltd for \$116,170.00. - **Carried**

#### **d) Motion: 14-R53, J.Hunda/D.Morrison**

That the Board award the contract for partial roof replacement, Lockerby

Composite School to Douro Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd for \$381,277.00. - **Carried**

- e) Motion: 14-R54, D.Morrison/R.Kirwan  
That the Board award the contract for partial roof replacement, Lasalle Secondary School to Douro Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd for \$82,900.00.  
- **Carried**
- f) Motion: 14-R55, L.Killens/R.Kirwan  
That the Board award the contract for partial roof replacement, Central Manitoulin Public School to Douro Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd for \$159,900.00.  
- **Carried**
- g) Motion: 14-R56, D.Morrison/J.Hunda  
That the Board award Machine Safety Upgrade Services for technical shops to Tools Wood Inc. o/a Machine Safety Services. - **Carried**
- h) Motion: 14-R57, D.Morrison/K.Killens  
That the Board award Construction Management Services to Ameresco Canada Inc. and M. Sullivan & Sons Ltd. - **Carried**

5. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**    **NIL**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Renaming of Gatchell School**

Motion: 14-R58, D.Morrison/J.Hunda  
That Gatchell School be renamed Jean Hanson Public School effective immediately. – **Carried unanimously**

There will be a dedication ceremony at the school on Monday, May 15, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

2. **Overview of 2014-2015 Grants for Student Needs (GSN)**

Superintendent of Business Diane Cayen-Arnold provided information about Grants for Student Needs as provided by the Ministry on March 27, 2014.

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 14-R59, B.Clement/D.Morrison:  
That Trustee Tyler Campbell and Trustee Gord Santala be granted a leave of absence from the April 29, 2014 Board meeting. - **Carried**

## 6. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Killens spoke about Patrick McCann, a grade 2 student at C.C. McLean Public School who will be attending a Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Public speaking competition in Ottawa on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Trustee Morrison wanted to publicly recognize the great work done by Diane Cayen-Arnold including our "green" initiatives, the reorganization of the Facilities Department, new construction, Ministry reporting requirements, the consortium and collective agreements to name just a few.

Trustee Hunda invited everyone to attend Sudbury Secondary School's performance of "Legally Blonde".

## 7. Chairperson's Remarks

Two Grade 6 students from C.R. Judd Public School wowed the judges at the Sudbury Regional Science Fair held on April 12 and 13. Ayla Jones and Meredith Graham captured top honours for their multi-dimensional project on oil clean up, oil reclamation and bio-fuels. Rainbow District School Board congratulates all Sudbury Regional Science Fair winners.

All Rainbow Schools will offer a Welcome to Kindergarten (WTK) orientation session for children who are starting Junior Kindergarten this fall as well as their parents/guardians. Parents who have not registered their children still have time to do so and can reserve their spot by calling the nearest Rainbow School.

Grade 7 and 8 students at Carl A. Nesbitt Public School won the Northern Ontario, Grade 9 Pascal Math Competition. Some 58,000 high school students across Canada and the international community took part in this math competition. Three students were in the top 10 per cent of all competitors and the entire team of 14 members stood in the top 25 per cent. This is the fourth time that Carl A. Nesbitt has placed first during Jim Sutherland's 19 years as a volunteer math mentor at Carl A. Nesbitt.

On May 5, Rainbow Schools will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Music Monday. There will be a series of concerts at area schools including eight Rainbow secondary schools featuring elementary and secondary students from across the Rainbow District School Board.

Rainbow Schools will mark Education Week from May 5 to 9, 2014. This year's theme is Achieving Excellence in Education. Please visit our website for a plethora of events, their times and locations.

The Sudbury Regional Heritage Fair will take place on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at Laurentian University's Great Hall. Students in Grades 4 to 8 will bring the past to life through dynamic projects. The public is invited to view the

projects on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8 pm to 8:30 pm. An awards ceremony will be held in the Fraser Auditorium on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm.

On Saturday, May 10, the Confederation Secondary School Evolutionary Band will take to the stage for their annual Mother's Day Concert for the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The concert will begin at 7 pm in the gym at Confederation Secondary School in Val Caron. Listen to Q92 for a chance to win tickets.

The Rainbow District School Board Franco-Rainbow Lip Sync Contest will take place on Wednesday, May 21. Close to 400 French Immersion and Core French students in Rainbow Schools will participate in the competition in the newly renovated Sheridan Auditorium at Sudbury Secondary School.

Earlier this morning, Minister of Education Liz Sandals visited N'Swakamok Friendship Centre for a tour and information on Rainbow's education program that is available at the centre. The Minister had the opportunity to speak with students and staff.

Later in the day, she toured the new MacLeod Public School building and met with some of our students and staff. Minister Sandals expressed her pleasure with the many green features of the school and was impressed with the mental math presentation.

Minister Sandals made a special request that I pass along her sincere regards to her friends on the Rainbow Board from her time with OPSBA.

The thought for the month comes from Albert Einstein: "Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different results."

## 8. **Director's Remarks**

### Director's Schedule

March 27 and 28 - CODE meeting (Ottawa)

April 2 – PCY (Partners for Children and Youth) executive meeting

April 3 and 4 attended the Mental Health Summit in Toronto.

Several trustees, along with three staff were in attendance from Rainbow DSB. We each attended a variety of sessions. Dan Hill was the keynote speaker. Very heart warming to hear his story.

April 5 attended JMMT (Joan Mantle Music Trust) Gala. Special thanks to everyone involved, more specifically a special nod of appreciation goes out to Ralph MacIntosh. We raised over \$10,000.

April 6 – Easter Seals Telethon. It was a privilege to participate in the annual Easter Seals Telethon held at Eastlink. Thanks to all who supported me with this

endeavor. Collectively we raised over \$3,000 and won the V.I.P. for our time slot. Thanks again to all administrators, secretaries, 69 Young Street employees and trustees who supported the cause.

April 9 – School Visit  
Gatchell School

April 10

- Greater Sudbury Police Service i.e. Community Mobilization initiative
- Ministry Conference call. Launch of Achieving Excellence. Expanded three priorities to four:
  1. Achieving Excellence,
  2. Ensuring equity,
  3. Promoting Well Being
  4. Maintaining Public Confidence

April 11 - School Visits  
S. Geiger Public School  
Sudbury Secondary School  
MacLeod Public School

April 13 – Sudbury Regional Science Fair was held at Laurentian University. Rainbow District School Board students walked away with 25 awards.

April 22 – School visits with Trustee Kirwan  
Valley View Public School  
Confederation Secondary School  
Pinecrest Public School  
Redwood Acres Public School

April 23

- Attended 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Stone Soup Luncheon
- Meeting of three Directors re: Espanola

April 24

Following a meeting with principals and managers, trustees, vice principals and assistant managers attended Science North for a tour of the Arctic Voices exhibit and a viewing of the 3D movie “Wonders of the Arctic”.

April 25 - School Visits  
Churchill Public School  
Cyril Varney Public School  
Adamsdale Public School  
Queen Elizabeth Public School  
Lasalle Secondary School

April 28 – School Visits

Northeastern Elementary School  
Redwood Acres Public School  
Valley View Public School  
R.L. Beattie Public School  
Princess Anne Public School

April 29 - Meeting with City of Greater Sudbury. Reviewed challenges associated with the loss of dollars for local daycares.

April 29 – Announcement of Board Awards

9. **Other Items**

**OPSBA Delegate** - Trustee Clement advised that the next meeting will be on May 2, 2014 in Toronto. Trustee Campbell will be attending.

**Student Trustee** - On Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014, the Rainbow District School Board Student Senate hosted it's annual Stand Up, Speak Out Student Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the West Residence Hall (W-132) at Laurentian University. Student Trustee Roberto Bagnato reported that the event was a great success. Over 90 secondary students attended. This conference has generated a great interest in Student Senate. Roberto thanked Superintendent Lesleigh Dye, Trustee Judy Hunda and Trustee Tyler Campbell for their support during the year. Roberto and Liam Brunton (Student Trustee for 2014-2015) will be attending the Ontario Student Trustee Association AGM in Toronto May 8-11, 2014.

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Accessibility Planning Committee (unofficial) – March 24, 2014  
Environmental Education Committee (unofficial) – March 26, 2014  
Special Education Advisory Committee (official) - March 5, 2014  
Special Education Advisory Committee (unofficial) - April 2, 2014  
Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Policy and Finance) Minutes (unofficial) - April 15, 2014  
Graduation Dates 2014 – revised

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Minister Liz Sandals dated April 7, 2014  
Letter dated April 15, 2014 from Lo-Ellen Robotics

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Agenda Setting - May 5, 2014 1:30 pm Director's Office  
Strategic Planning Committee Agenda setting - May 5 @ 2:30 pm Director's Office  
Parent Involvement Committee - May 6, 2014 7:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Committee - May 7, 2014 12:00 pm Education Centre  
Student Senate - May 12, 2014 5:00 pm Boardroom

First Nations Advisory Committee - May 15, 2014 10:00 am Lively DSS  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting - Budget - May 20, 2014 5:00 pm Bdroom  
Board Meeting (Board Awards) - May 21, 2014 5:00 pm Sudbury SS

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

\*Chair

Motion: 14-R60, D.Morrison/G.Fox  
That we do now adjourn at 7:45 p.m.