

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee Brunton
Absent: T. Campbell, D. Morrison
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents of Education
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: R. MacLeod, K. Kozman, Bev Webb, ETFO President Barb Blasutti and ETFO Vice-President Liana Holm.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R92, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 30, 2015 be approved.
- **Carried**

Chair Dewar welcomed new Superintendent of Education Kathy Wachnuk.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Ontario Strategy for K-12 International Students

Superintendent Noble provided a presentation to Trustees based on the Ministry of Education's phase one of the provincial strategy. Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss this new strategy. Trustees requested a report back to the Board on progress.

Motion: 15-R93, G.Santala/B.Clement

That Rainbow District School Board reviews the feasibility of implementing an international program. – **Carried**

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

1. Director Blaseg advised of principal and vice-principal transfers and appointments.
2. Motion: 15-W94, G.Santala/J.Kosmerly
That the human resources update be received. - **Carried**
3. Report from Labour Relations Committee NIL

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 15-R95, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 27, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 15-R96, G.Santala/B.Clement

That the Board award the contract to update the board website and intranet to Studio 123 Inc. - **Carried**

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

a) Special Education Plan 2015-2016

Motion: 15-R97, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Special Education Plan be approved. - **Carried**

b) Personnel Complement

Motion: 15-R98, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the personnel complement for the 2015-16 budget be approved. - **Carried**

Trustee Killens expressed his opinion that it is not the mandate of Rainbow District School Board to hire social workers and mental health nurses. He stated that he would not support the motion unless he was assured that the Chair would send a letter to the government stating that this money is needed in our classrooms.

Chair Dewar clarified that she is unable to provide this without Board direction in the form of a motion. No motion for a letter was put on the table.

c) 2015/16 Budget

Motion: 15-R99, J.Hunda/G.Santala

That the Rainbow District School Board 2015/16 budget be approved. - **Carried**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 15-R100, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That Trustee Campbell and Trustee Morrison be granted a leave of absence from the June 30, 2015 Board meeting. – **Carried**

2. Director's Remarks

Director Blaseg expressed sincere appreciation to elementary teachers and staff involved with the graduation ceremonies. He also thanked principals, vice-principals and non-union board staff for assisting with the elementary report cards.

Director Blaseg acknowledged board staff and the board of trustees for a great school year and for support in enriching the lives of students.

Director Blaseg recognized Student Trustee Liam Brunton for his dedicated efforts as outgoing Student Trustee. Chair Dewar presented Liam with a token of appreciation. Trustees and staff wished him best wishes in his post-secondary education and future endeavors.

Director Blaseg wished all a safe and happy summer.

Itinerary

May 27	Board Meeting
May 28	Partners for Children and Youth Meeting with Local Trustee
June 1	Graduation, Lockerby Secondary School at Cambrian College
June 3	Exec Council Meeting with Local Trustee
June 4	Entrepreneur awards – R.L. Beattie Public School
June 5	Princess Anne Public School – Pow-wow
June 9	Strategic Planning Meeting
June 10	S.O. interview – Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School Graduation, Lively Secondary School at Cambrian College
June 11	Graduation, N'Swakamok Volunteer Luncheon, Princess Anne Public School Agenda setting Graduation, Manitoulin Secondary School
June 12/14	Professional Development Day OPSBA, AGM - Collingwood
June 16	Manitoulin Island – Meeting with Trustee School Visit – Espanola High School School Visit – R.H. Murray Public School

- June 17 Exec Council
Graduation, Barrydowne College
- June 18 CUPE meeting
- June 19 S.O./Director Meeting
- June 22 Graduation, Markstay Public School
- June 23 School Visits:
S. Geiger Public School
A.B. Ellis Public School
Espanola High School
R.H. Murray Public School
Graduation, Assiginack Public School
- June 24 Exec Council
Graduation, Jean Hanson Public School
Graduation, Central Manitoulin Public School
- June 25 School Visits:
Monetville Public School
Algonquin Road Public School
Graduation, Churchill Public School
- June 26 School Visits:
Larchwood Public School
Chelmsford Public School
Barrydowne College
- June 29 School Visits:
Adamsdale Public School
- June 30 Board Meeting

3. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens spoke about the OPSBA AGM that was held in Blue Mountain on June 11 to 13, 2015.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff and the Board for completing another successful but challenging year. She commented on the graduation ceremonies that she was honoured to attend and personally thanked Student Trustee Brunton.

4. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On June 13th, I was privileged to bring greetings from the Board to the N'Swakamok Alternative School 25th Anniversary celebration at the N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre. In attendance were some of the original founders of the

school as well as previous teachers and students. It was an honour to receive a beautiful commemorative dream catcher on behalf of the Rainbow Board. The dream catcher will be displayed in the Boardroom.

Nine Rainbow Schools achieved EcoSchools designations this year, at the bronze, silver or gold levels. Congratulations to Carl A. Nesbitt Public School, Central Manitoulin Public School, Cyril Varney Public School, Little Current Public School, Lively District Secondary School, R.H. Murray Public School, S. Geiger Public School, Valley View Public School and Walden Public School.

R. H. Murray Public School marked the official opening of its new play structure and outdoor classroom. The impressive play structure was donated by KGHM International Ltd. The outdoor classroom, dedicated to the memory of teacher Sheila Manninen, is covered by a large gazebo, which was donated by the Whitefish Lions Club. We thank all donors for making this possible for the students of R.H. Murray Public School and the surrounding community.

Five Grade 6 students from Alexander Public School garnered top honours in the Wordstock Sudbury Literary Festival's Youth Writing Contest. Students were required to submit either two pages of poetry or a 1500 to 2500 word short story with a connection to Capreol. Congratulations to Liam Siemann, Ted Leblanc, Kael Perras, Emily Binks and Thea Este.

Tamika LeBreton, a Grade 11 student at Confederation Secondary School, won a \$500 scholarship in the myBlueprint Contest. myBlueprint is an online education and career planner for students, teachers and parents/guardians.

For the fifth summer, Rainbow Schools will be offering elementary summer programs at Lansdowne Public School, Chelmsford Public School and Little Current Public School.

The Summer Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder will be offered at Princess Anne Public School while the Summer Social Emotional Program at Jean Hanson Public School will provide students with the opportunity to enhance their social skills in a supportive environment.

Summer School programs at the secondary level begin on July 2, 2015. Remedial classes take place at the Adult Day School at Sudbury Secondary School.

There are also many opportunities for students to earn new credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, including Summer School Co-op, eLearning and the e Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course. For more information on summer school programs, visit rainbowschools.ca.

Grade 8 students are encouraged to volunteer this summer to get a head start on the 40 hours of community service they need to graduate from secondary school. There are many opportunities over the summer months for secondary students to volunteer as well. For more information on how to get started, visit rainbowschools.ca.

The past month has been extremely emotional as our 2015 graduates prepare to move on to secondary or post-secondary education or the work force. Every year, I join proud parents and staff to revel in the long list of past accomplishments and to extend best wishes for the future. On behalf of each and every graduate of the class of 2015, to each and every teacher who attended their graduation ceremony, thank you.

The thought for the summer comes from Confucius: "Respect yourself and others will respect you."

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Brunton reported that all spots except two are filled for the 2015-2016 Student Senate. He thanked Superintendent Noble and Trustee Hunda for their help.

Trustee Brunton read aloud a letter that he sent to Ontario Student Trustees' Association (l'Association des Élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario) (OSTA-AECO) regarding removal of the French student voice (OSTA and FESFO - Federation of the Franco-Ontarian Youth). This letter was sent on behalf of the Student Senate.

Student Trustee Brunton read aloud a speech regarding his year as a Student Trustee at Rainbow District School Board thanking everyone for his or her support and guidance.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes Nov 27, 2014 (official)
First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes Feb 12, 2015 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board August 25, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee September 15, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 15-R101, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly
That we now adjourn at 7:20 p.m. – **Carried.**