

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 5:25 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, G. Santala, Student Trustee Urban
Absent: G. Fox, D. Morrison
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: K. Kozman, R. MacLeod, N. Mousseau, Bev Webb, media

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 15-R102, G.Santala/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 25, 2015 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item #5 b under F (New Business) - **Carried**

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Motion: 15-R103, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That Ethan Urban (Lockerby Composite School) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2015-2016. – **Carried unanimously**

Chair Doreen Dewar introduced Ethan Urban.

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Director Blaseg administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Student Trustee Ethan Urban and welcomed him to the board table.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

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

Director Blaseg advised that principal Iva McNair has accepted a secondment position with the Early Years Branch of the Ministry of Education for the upcoming school year. Christine Chisholm will be the acting principal at Larchwood Public School for the 2015-2016 school year. The vice-principal at Northeastern Elementary School will be backfilled by August 28, 2015.

Motion: 15-W104, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the human resources update be received. - **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 15-R105, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 30, 2015 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Construction Update

Superintendent Cayen-Arnold introduced Manager of Facilities Nathalie Mousseau. Nathalie provided an update on the construction projects at A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School.

Trustees were give the opportunity to ask questions.

3. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 15-R106, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract to supply furnace oil to Edward Fuels Limited. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 15-R107, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract to supply propane to McDougall Energy Inc. – **Carried**

c) Motion: 15-R108, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly

That the Board award the contract for winter maintenance services to the contractors listed on the attached spreadsheet as outlined in bold and highlighted. – **Carried**

4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015-2016 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians

Director Blaseg provided details about the publication.

Director Blaseg and Trustees expressed appreciation for a job well done.

2. 2015-2016 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools

Director Blaseg reviewed the new distribution of schools and portfolios.

3. Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution

Motion: 15-R109, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. – **Carried**

4. **Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion: 15-R110, J.Hunda/T.Campbell

That Borrowing Bylaw 2015-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. – **Carried**

5. **OPSBA Fees**

*Chair

a) Motion: 15-R111, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the 2015/16 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved. – **Carried**

b) **2015 Northern Region Meeting and Program**

Motion: 15-R112, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA 2015 Northern Region Meeting and Program in Sault Ste. Marie October 16-17, 2015: Trustee Killens, Trustee Clement, Trustee Hunda, Chair Dewar.
– **Carried**

6. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 15-R113, G.Santala/T.Campbell

That Trustee Fox and Trustee Morrison be granted a leave of absence from the August 25, 2015 Board meeting. – **Carried**

7. **Director's Remarks**

Welcome back. I hope that everyone had a refreshing and restful summer.

It is with great anticipation and cautious optimism that we head into the 2015-2016 school year. All 35 elementary and 11 secondary principals as well as secretaries are back in their schools graciously receiving new registrations.

The start up with every school year is exciting, not only for students and parents but also for teachers, support staff, the third floor and of course trustees.

In terms of the latter it is my sincere hope that we navigate the school year using the tools of collaboration, cooperation and collective visioning. We have a large 2015-2016 agenda before us and I expect all of us will have much to say about the future of education for Manitoulin, Espanola, Sudbury and Shining Tree. From Labour Relations to Audit committees trustees will be asked to ensure the Provincial Agenda: Achieving excellence, Ensuring Equity, Promoting well Being and Building Public Confidence remains the focus for our board, along with ensuring our Board's Strategic Plan maintains its focus for ensuring student success. As always I believe that every member of this table is

truly committed to the success of our students and our board. It is through this leadership that others will follow...so lets create legions of followers together.

We continue to work on new protocols for CAS, Special Needs Learning Strategy and of course Mental Health. There is no shortage of reform.

We had a very successful summer program and we will bring a detailed report to you in September.

Finally, I hope you will take *Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide for Life* and share in his belief that everything always looks better when the glass is half full. The animation will bring a smile to your face as well page after page provides insightful quotes that will keep you deep in thought...and if nothing else Pete's story will create great bed time reading and the odd chuckle... enjoy the gift of reading.

I wish everyone a great start up and a fantastic year.

Itinerary

- July 2 - Director's Meeting
- July 7 - Meeting with Trustee, Manitoulin Island
- July 8 - Tour Espanola High School construction site
- July 9 - IEL meeting, Mowat Block -Toronto
- July 15 - Summer School Visits, Lansdowne PS/Princess Anne PS
- July 16 - Education Centre tour
- July 17 - Visit Lansdowne summer school program with the Chair
Meeting with Mishko-deh-Wendam Executive Director
- August 12 - Tour Espanola High School construction site
- August 13- Agenda Setting
- August 19/20/21- CODE meeting, Toronto
- August 24 - Exec Council
Meeting with Local MPP Glenn Thibeault
- August 25 - Labour Relations Committee Meeting
Board Meeting

Director Blaseg reminded Trustees at the "Meet and Greet" scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at Science North. This is an opportunity for

trustees to meet principals, vice principals, managers, assistant managers and administration staff.

8. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens thanked Superintendent Bourget for servicing the Manitoulin schools as the superintendent for the last few years. Trustee Killens thanked Director Blaseg for rearranging superintendent portfolios.

Trustee Campbell advised that he did not attend the Canadian School Board Association (CSBA) Congress 2015 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, July 2 - 4, 2015.

9. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Welcome back

As we look to the start of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students and staff back to class.

I was pleased to learn that a tentative agreement had been reached with secondary teachers, which will bring stability for students, staff, parents/guardians and the community. We certainly hope that this will pave the way for more agreements to come. We value our teachers and support staff and appreciate their contribution to our students and our schools.

According to official predicted enrolment, there will be approximately 13,440 students in Rainbow Schools when classes resume on Wednesday, September 8, 2015. We remind students and parents that there will be no early dismissal on the first day of school.

As always, we encourage parents and guardians to take an active interest in their child's education including School Councils. Nomination forms for School Councils will be sent home the first week of school.

Work is progressing on the revitalization of the Espanola High School site to accommodate A.B. Ellis Public School (K to Grade 8) and Espanola High School (Grades 9 to 12) in a new learning conducive environment.

Grade 9 to 12 students will move into newly renovated facilities when classes resume. The secondary portion of the revitalization project includes four science labs, a welding shop, six new classrooms and an upgraded library. Upgrades have also been made to the main entrance, lobby and parking area.

Renovations to accommodate A.B. Ellis Public School within the Espanola High School site, including work on the play area, began this summer and will continue throughout the school year.

We invite everyone in the community to join staff and students in Rainbow Schools and wear pink on Thursday, September 17th as Rainbow District School Board marks its eighth “Stand Up Against Bullying Day”. This small gesture, which has become a much-anticipated tradition in Rainbow Schools, will go a long way in demonstrating our collective commitment to safe schools.

The public is reminded that there is still time to register for a vibrant, exciting educational experience at a Rainbow School near you or visit rainbowschools.ca.

Student transportation information is available through the Sudbury Student Services Consortium. Parents and guardians are reminded to call now at 705-521-1234 or visit www.businfo.ca under the Parent Portal.

All parents and guardians, who moved during the summer, changed their child’s school and/or modified their child’s babysitter, are required to contact the Sudbury Student Services Consortium before August 26th, 2015. This will ensure bus service as of the first day of school. For student safety, any changes received after August 26th, 2015 will not be processed until September 21st, 2015.

Thought for the month:

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn. **Greek Proverb**

Chair Dewar advised that a date would be set to have headshots and a group photo taken of trustees. This would be scheduled prior to the Board meeting or Strategic Planning Committee meeting in September.

10. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – NIL

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Urban thanked everyone for the warm welcome. He looks forward to being a part of this group as the student voice.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 15, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Sept 16, 2015 12:00 pm Education Centre

Student Senate Meeting September 14, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting September 29, 2015 5:00 pm Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Sept 24, 2015 10:00 am M’Chigeeng

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting October 14, 2015 3:30 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM Oct 20, 2015 7:00 pm at Sudbury Secondary School

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 15-R114, T.Campbell/B.Clement

That we now adjourn at 6:15 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official