

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the boardroom
on Tuesday December 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D.Dewar - Chair, T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J.Hunda,
D. Morrison, L.Killens, R. Kirwan, G. Santala,
Student Trustee Michael Niven

Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir – Superintendents
K. Dokis-Ranney - Administrator
B. Webb, Interim Chief Financial Officer
M. Egan, N. Charette, K. Kozman

Others: media, Kirk Dopson

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair Dewar announced the following:

“Like millions of others around the world, the Rainbow District School Board is deeply saddened by the tragic events that transpired at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday. Our thoughts are with all those affected and we ask that you stand as we join together for a moments of silence.”

Everyone joined in the moment of silence.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 13-R17, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 18, 2012 be approved.
– **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee Santala declared conflicts of interest with item 3, Report from the In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board at the Special Meeting of the Board on December 4 and with item E1a on December 18 as his spouse is an ETFO member.

Trustee Campbell declared conflicts of interest with item 3, Report from the In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board at the Special Meeting of the Board on December 4 and with item E1a on December 18 as his spouse is an OSSTF member.

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

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

Motion: 13-R18, D.Morrison/R. Kirwan

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

Amendments:

Bob Deeth transferred to Principal of Sudbury Secondary School effective February 1, 2013.

Michael Bellrose transferred to Principal of Algonquin Public School effective February 1, 2013.

Jim Wachnuk appointed Acting Principal of CR Judd Public School effective February 1, 2013 to *tba*.

Motion: 13-R19, L.Killens/B.Clement

That the 2011/12 performance appraisal for the Director of Education be approved. **Carried**

Trustee Morrison reported that the Labour Relations Committee was disappointed that the Board's offer in negotiations with ETFO was not responded to by ETFO.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 13-R20, B.Clement/R.Kirwan

That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on December 4, 2012 be approved. - **Carried**

Motion: 13-R21, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on November 27, 2012 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Motion: 13-R22, L.Killens/R.Kirwan

That the following motion be rescinded:

Motion: D. Morrison/J.Hunda "That the Director contract to OESC to review Rainbow District School Board Policy and Operational Procedures." - **Defeated**

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote. Poll Vote Results: Defeated

Tyler Campbell: Opposed

Judy Hunda: Opposed

Robert Kirwan: In Favour

Bob Clement: Opposed

Grace Fox: In Favour

Dena Morrison: Opposed

Doreen Dewar: Opposed

Larry Killens: In Favour

Gord Santala: Opposed

Motion: 13-R23, R. Kirwan/L.Killens

That By-Law #4.15 “All Regular And Special Meetings of the Board shall be recorded/video recorded digitally and posted within 24 hours of the meeting for viewing by the general public in a separate section on the Board web site.” be approved.

Motion to Defer: 13-R24, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That motion 13-R20 be deferred to the next board meeting and that full costing and options of implementation be obtained. **-Carried**

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

a) **Audit Committee Annual Report**

A report was distributed and Trustee Morrison reviewed same.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Director’s Annual Report**

Director Blaseg presented the annual report.

2. **2011/12 Financial Statements**

Motion: 13-R25, B. Clement/D.Morrison

That the 2011/12 Financial Statements be approved. – **Carried unanimously**

3. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

4. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Killens said Manitoulin Secondary School recently held a Christmas concert highlighting new instruments from the Joan Mantle Music Trust Fund.

Trustee Kirwan suggested topics for discussion at the January Policy and Finance meeting.

Trustee Morrison wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season and health and happiness in 2013.

5. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

Staff and students continue to demonstrate community involvement through acts of kindness. One such group is C.R. Judd Public School that collected approximately 1,250 non-perishable food items for the Capreol Bread and Roses Food Bank. Carl A Nesbitt put together shoe boxes of items for “Kids Helping Kids”. Northeastern Elementary School amassed over 10,000 food items for the food bank while the MacLeod community

accumulated mittens for the Mitts for Mission Campaign. These are just a few of the many examples that the spirit of giving is truly alive and well and living in Rainbow schools.

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin in January and February 2013. For a list of dates and times, visit the Board website - rainbowschools.ca

Also. Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Full Day Every Day Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations. Parents/guardians and children are invited to attend. Visit rainbowschools.ca for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School.

The quote for this month is from Woodrow Wilson: "I would rather lose in a cause that will someday win, than win in a cause that will someday lose."

Please allow me this opportunity to wish each member of the Rainbow District School Board family a very Merry Christmas and all the blessings of the New Year.

6. **Director's Remarks**

Bylaw 9.18 was reviewed by the Director and the Acknowledgement and Undertaking was distributed to trustees for signing.

Director Blaseg extended his sincere appreciation to staff and trustees wishing them all the best for the holiday season.

7. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate Trustee Killens said he enjoyed his term as OPSBA delegate and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Campbell mentioned an interview with OPSBA President Michael Barrett on TVO. He also reported that Jeff Sprang, OPSBA media relations staff, received calls regarding the suicide in BC of a young woman. Many felt that the reporting was irresponsible and could result in copy cat actions. OPSBA is setting up editorial board meetings to discuss responsible reporting. Trustee Campbell referred to a letter from the Minister stating that amalgamation is off the table because the Ministry would be reaching their financial goals through "other means". OPSBA is left wondering what "other means" refers to. OPSBA also has sent a questionnaire to all liberal leadership candidates.

Student Trustee Student Trustee Niven said the Student Senate was unable to meet last night due to poor driving conditions. He advised that students at Manitoulin Secondary are wearing green and white this week in recognition of the tragedy at Sandy Hook elementary school. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

*Chair

Policy and Finance minutes December (unofficial)
Student Senate minutes October and November (unofficial)
First Nations Advisory Committee minutes November (unofficial)
SEAC minutes November (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Correspondence to the Minister of Education
Correspondence to the City of Greater Sudbury
Correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury
Correspondence from the Minister of Education (2) (available in hard copy only)

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

*Chair

Parent Involvement Cttee	- January 8, 2013, 7:00 pm Boardroom
SEAC	- January 9, 2013 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre.
Student Senate Meeting	- January 14, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom
Policy & Finance Meeting	- January 15, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom
Board Agenda Setting	- January 16, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office
Board Meeting	- January 29, 2013 5:00 pm Boardroom
Policy & Finance Agenda	- January 30, 2013 1:30 pm Director's Office

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 13-R26, B. Clement/T.Campbell

That we do now adjourn at 8:40 p.m. - **Carried**