

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the boardroom
on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: T. Campbell - Chair, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J.Hunda, L.Killens,
R. Kirwan, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee Oshani
Amaratunga
Absent: B. Clement
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director
D.Cayen-Arnold – Superintendent of Business
A . Della Penta, B. Bourget, L. Dye, S. Speir – Superintendents
M. Egan, N. Charette, B. Webb, Principals,
Federations, Special Education staff, Anita and Dylan Gibson

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 11-R161, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 30, 2011 be approved.
- **Carried**

Motion: 11-R162, G. Fox/G. Santala

That Oshani Amaratunga (Lockerby Composite) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2011/12.

Director Blaseg administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to swear Oshani into office and welcomed her to the board table.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Ada Della Penta and Principal Margaret Stringer presented data on Special Education. Also presenting were Laurie- Ann Lielkalns, Brenda Dumontelle, Leslie Hamill and Iva McNair.

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

Motion: 11-R163, L.Killens/G.Santala

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

Motion: 11-R164, J.Hunda/L.Killens

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 20, 2011 be approved.
- **Carried**

Motion: 11-R165, D.Dewar/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 23, 2011 be approved. -
Carried

2. **Tenders** NIL

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

a) Motion: 11-R166, D. Morrison/G. Santala

That Policy and Operational Procedures Principal and Vice-Principal Interviews be approved. – **Carried**

b) Notice of Motion: 11-R167, D. Dewar

That I or someone on my behalf will move or cause to be moved at a subsequent meeting of the Board that Governance Bylaw section 14 be approved.

c) Motion: 11-R168, D. Dewar/J.Hunda

That the 2011/12 Internal Audit Plan, in the following order of preference be approved:

Termination and Retirements

Enrolment

Fundraising. - **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 11-R169, J.Hunda/R.Kirwan

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

2. **OPSBA Fees**

Motion: 11-R170, L.Killens/J.Hunda

That the 2011/12 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards Association be approved. - **Carried**

3. **TRUSTEE EXPENSES**

Director Blaseg clarified the accountability of the Board referencing the Broader Public Sector document. He reviewed the mandate and accountability for implementing this directive and advised he would be bringing further information at a future meeting.

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 11-R171, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That Bob Clement be granted a leave of absence from the August 30, 2011 Board meeting. - **Carried**

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

*Chair

Trustee Kirwan referred to concussion safety in secondary athletics and presented the following:

Notice of Motion: 11-R172, R. Kirwan

That I or someone on my behalf will cause to be moved at the September 27, 2011 Regular Board meeting that effective immediately, the Rainbow District School Board will implement a (or amend any existing) School Related Concussion Safety policy or guideline with the requirement that all student/athletes who participate in designated interschool sport competition take the Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT) evaluation prior to the beginning of official try-outs for their school team;

AND FURTHER, that staff and coaches directly involved with such student/athletes, as well as other staff, employees and volunteers as required by the Director be properly trained in the administration of the ImPACT evaluation;

AND FURTHER, that the Director appoint a local physician who is familiar with ImPACT to act as the official Board consultant with respect to all aspects of the program;

AND FURTHER, that the Board designate competition in the sports of hockey, soccer, basketball and football plus any others that the Director so chooses as sports which fall under the requirements of this motion;

AND FURTHER, that all costs associated with the implementation of this motion be paid for by the Board.

The Director asked the Board for a motion directing staff to investigate this subject.

Motion: 11-R173, D. Dewar/D.Morrison

That as a follow-up to Superintendent Bruce Bourget's May directive, Administration prepare a report on the implementation of OPHEA guidelines including cost and recommendations.

Trustee Dewar apologized to trustees and parents of Long Lake PS because she forgot the package of DVDs that showed the good news and activities at the school. She will distribute them asap.

Trustee Morrison wished everyone a successful school year.

Trustee Hunda welcomed everyone back and acknowledged the hard work of staff preparing for the new year.

Trustee Fox advised she is the alternate First Nations trustee at OPSBA. She spoke of the cuts to funding in aboriginal education and advised that this was done with no notice to First Nations trustees or Boards. Trustee Fox also referred to an excellent textbook resource on First Nation that the Board can purchase.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

*Chair

On behalf of Trustees, I would like to welcome all students and parents/guardians to Rainbow Schools and the start of another exciting school year. According to official predicted enrolment, Rainbow District School Board will welcome 14,258 students in Rainbow Schools when classes resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. We remind parents that there will be no early dismissal on the first day of school.

Students will receive a Guide for Students and Parents the first week of school. The guide contains important information that will serve as a handy reference throughout the school year. We encourage parents/guardians to take an active interest in their child's education. The Guide for Students and Parents is available online at www.rainbowschools.ca.

The first day of school will mark the launch of two significant revitalization projects - Princess Anne Public School and Sudbury Secondary School. The addition to Princess Anne houses a new gymnasium, the Early Learning Program, a music room and six classrooms. The new arts wing at Sudbury Secondary School has modern music rooms and studios for dance, drama, visual arts, photography and media arts.

The first day of school will also mark the launch of Barrydowne College, our new Rainbow Alternative Secondary School housed within Cambrian College.

Young adults who are 20 years of age or younger who would like to go back to school to complete their secondary school diploma are invited to enroll. This school within a college supports students who would benefit from a small class learning environment and individualized curriculum.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Thursday, September 15th, 2011, as Rainbow District School Board marks its fourth "Stand Up Against Bullying Day" demonstrating our collective commitment to safe schools. We invite everyone in the community to join with us and wear pink on Thursday, September 15th.

7. **Director's Remarks** *Director

The Director informed the trustees of the official openings of Walden PS and Princess Anne PS. He also briefly commented on the following:

Grad Dates – a committee met to discuss challenges involved.

Field Trips – a committee met to discuss challenges involved.

Cambrian College site – support staff strike.

Mission, Vision, Value Statements – considering a plaque in every school.

MYSP – broken down into two pieces: Strategic Directions and Board Improvement Plan. This will be shared at the September Board meeting.

The Plant Department name has been changed to Facilities.

EVO – Confederation proposal – withdrawn

Transportation – an information session scheduled for September 19.

Elections Ontario – polling stations

School Council chairs received a letter from the Director requesting input for budgeting and planning purposes.

8. **Other Items** *L.Killens
OPSPA Delegate

Trustee Killens advised that he is attending a meeting in September and that minutes of meetings are available.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff** *Chair
Minutes Audit Committee June 2011 (unofficial)
Minutes PIC Committee June 2011 (unofficial)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**
Correspondence from Minister of Education
Correspondence from Peel DSB

H. FUTURE MEETINGS *Chair

Board Agenda Setting - Sept 14, 2011 8:30 am Director's Office
Policy & Finance Meeting - Sept 13, 2011 5:00 pm Boardroom

SEAC	- Sept 14, 2011 12:00 pm Educ. Ctre.
FNAC	- Sept 15, 2011 10:00 am (TBA)
Audit Committee	- Sept 15, 2011 3:00 pm Boardroom
Equity & Inclusiveness	- Sept 15, 2011 4:00 pm Boardroom
Policy & Finance Agenda	- Sept 19, 2011 8:30 am Director's Office
Board Meeting	- Sept 27, 2011 5:00 pm Boardroom

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair

Motion: 11-R174, L.Killens/D.Morrison

That we do now adjourn at 7:15 p.m. – **Carried**