

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), T. Campbell, B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee E. Urban

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: K. Kozman, Bev Webb, Katie Yao, Colin Pick, Lisa Addison, Gerald Laforest, Marc Tonelli and members of the public

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

Chair Dewar said, “Before I call the meeting to order I would ask that you rise with me for a moment of silence. Our thoughts are with the victims and families of the attack at the Orlando nightclub, as they attempt to cope with the sad and senseless tragedy that occurred on June 12, 2016”

(Moment of Silence)

“Thank you.”

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 16-R85, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of July 5, 2016 be approved.

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Trustee Campbell and Trustee Santala declared a conflict regarding item D, REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD. Trustee Santala declared a conflict as his wife is an employee of the Board. Trustee Campbell declared a conflict, as his wife is a member of OSSTF.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. St. John’s Ambulance Life-saving Award presented by Colin Pick

Lisa Addison, a teacher at Manitoulin Secondary School, was presented with a plaque and pin from St. John’s Ambulance in recognition of her assistance with an incident in December 2014.

2. Learning Disabilities Association of Sudbury Teacher of the Year Award presented by Liz Brett-Dickie

This award will be presented at a future meeting.

3. Union Gas Rebate presented by Gerald Laforest

Gerald Laforest (Commercial/Institutional Markets Account Manager, Sales, Marketing & Energy Conservation, Ontario Northeast Districts) and Marc Tonelli (Union Gas utility service manager for Sudbury West) presented a cheque for \$80,500 that represented an accumulation of rebates over the last 5 years. RDSB obtained these rebates due to the Board's energy initiatives.

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

Motion: 16-R86, B.Clement/D.Morrison

That the recommendations from the Labour Relations Committee meeting of July 5, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Previous Minutes**

a) Motion: 16-R87, J.Kosmerly/G.Santala

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting - Budget held on May 24, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 16-R88, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 25, 2016 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) Motion: 16-R89, D.Morrison/T.Campbell

That the Board award the contract for moving services – tender #2016-22 to TMB Office Installation & Moving Inc. for \$161,606.25. – **Carried**

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

a) **Governance By-Law 10: In-Camera (closed) Meetings**

Motion: 16-R90, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That **Governance By-Law 10.2** "With the exception of the Executive Secretary or designate, any and all recording and/or notetaking of in-camera meetings is expressly prohibited" be approved. Trustee Killens requested a poll vote.

*Tyler Campbell: In-Favour
Bob Clement: In Favour
Doreen Dewar: In Favour*

*Judy Hunda: In Favour
Grace Fox: Opposed
Larry Killens: Opposed*

*Judy Kosmerly: In Favour
Dena Morrison: In Favour
Gord Santala: In Favour
Student Trustee Urban – In Favour*

- Carried

b) Governance By-Law 13: Conflict of Interest

Notice of Motion: 16-R91, D.Morrison

That *Governance By-Law 13.4.2: Conflict of Interest* be amended to read “Any potential conflict of interest by a member of the board shall be declared in writing to the Secretary of the Board and/or at a board meeting as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act” be approved. – **Carried**

Trustee Morrison noted that items 3c and 3d require revisions to the Governance By-Law and suggested they should be referred back to the Strategic Planning Committee for further consideration.

Motion: 16-R92, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That items 3c and 3d on the agenda be referred back to the Strategic Planning Committee. - **Carried**

c) Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings

Notice of Motion:

That *Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings* be amended as follows:

“14.8 Board members who participate in In-Camera meetings of the Board and/or in-camera meetings of committees of the Board shall maintain rules of confidentiality and are subject to Governance By-Law 10.2 and Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members” be approved. (see Motion 16-R92)

d) Notice of Motion:

That *Governance By-Law 14: Electronic Meetings* be amended as follows:

“14.9 Board members who participate in in-camera meetings by electronic means, must participate from a room which is closed to any other person so that no other person can hear that member or other members of the Board” be approved. (see Motion 16-R92)

e) **2016/17 Budget**

Motion: 16-R93, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Rainbow District School Board 2016/17 budget be approved.
- **Carried unanimously**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **OPSBA First Nation Trustees Council Planning and Networking Meeting**

Motion: 16-R94, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That the Board approve the attendance of Trustee Fox at the OPSBA First Nation Trustees Council Planning and Networking Meeting in Toronto on August 23-24, 2016. - **Carried**

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

3. **Director's Remarks**

Director Blaseg invited Chair Dewar to say a few words about outgoing Student Trustee Ethan Urban. Chair Dewar thanked Ethan for sharing his insights and for being an articulate spokesperson for students on local and provincial levels. Ethan was presented with a token of appreciation. Trustees and staff wished him best wishes in his post-secondary education and future endeavors.

Chair Dewar acknowledged in-coming student trustee Katie Yao from the audience.

Director Blaseg reviewed the *Strategic Directions 2016-2020* document in draft form. As a result, Board Governance Policy No. *Gov-01: Vision, Mission and Values* and Board Governance Policy No. *GOV-02: Strategic Directions for Rainbow District School Board* require amendments that will be brought to the July 11, 2016 Strategic Planning Committee meeting followed by the August 30 Board meeting as a Notice of Motion.

We continue to update administrative procedures on our website and have ensured old operational procedures and policies have been removed. We will continue to refresh procedures over the summer.

Two Administrative Procedures will replace the old O.P.2.25: *Respectful Working and Learning Environments*.

The procedures are:

1. Respectful Working and Learning Environment: Employees
2. Respectful Working and Learning Environment: Non- Employee's

A new Administrative Procedure "Trespass" will also be added.

June 28, 2016, the Ministry of Education announced new funding to support students with Autism. The report reads:

"To support the needs of these students, all school boards will receive a base amount of \$61,632, and a per pupil amount based on average daily enrolment in each of the next two school years (2016-17 and 2017-18). School boards will also be eligible for additional funding at a per pupil amount of \$9,750, to address the increased demand for Connections for Students transition teams. To receive this additional funding, school boards must report the number of students who begin Connections for Students following May 1, 2016. More information will follow on the details around reporting the number of students in Connections for Students. "

The Ministry has provided us with new capital dollars. School Condition Index for 2015-16 is \$10,158,880 (formerly \$5.3M) and for 2016-17 \$11,027,532.

For Renewal (incremental amounts) for 2015-16 \$395,074 and for 2016-17 \$376,792.

Some of these funds have been earmarked for Health and Safety at the following schools for the installation of security cameras:

Lo-Ellen Park SS	\$25,903
Manitoulin SS	\$21,141
Alexander PS	\$17,320
Algonquin Road Public School	\$16,557
Grand-total	\$80,921

The Director shared two documents with trustees:

1. Building The Workforce of Tomorrow

The Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel titled: Building The Workforce of Tomorrow was released this month. Eight recommendations involving education were presented. Trustees were encouraged to refer to the summary provided by the Ministry of Education. A second summary sheet provided shows the recommendations as they relate to education.

2. Instant Messaging and Personal Email Accounts: Meeting Your Access and Privacy Obligations document was released by the Information and Privacy Commission of Ontario in June 2016. As a result, we are modifying our Technology and Information administrative procedure in order to be compliant. We will be releasing this new procedure shortly. Please note these obligations reflect much stronger language relating to care and control of board owned devices. As well boards must ensure that Board information or Board business being conducted is used by sanctioned programs so that any and all Board business can be archived and retrieved.

Director Blaseg reported that all of the framed 2015-2016 artwork displayed around the board office has been returned to schools and given back to students. New art submitted by schools will be selected, framed and tagged; approximately 40 pieces will be hung throughout the Board office during the 2016-2017 school year.

Director Blaseg reminded that the board office shutdown will begin on Monday, July 18 and the board office will reopen on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

Itinerary

- May 25 Meeting with Directors (4 Boards)
OSSTF meeting
Board Awards ceremony
- May 26 Strong Districts Conference– presentation, Niagara Falls
- May 30 Exec Council meeting
Agenda Setting meeting
OSSTF meeting

May 31 Ombudsman conference call
Science North

June 1 Ombudsman conference call
Trustee Santala Meeting
Retirement Dinner

June 2/3 CODE, Toronto

June 6 Exec Council meeting
Graduation at Mishko-deh-Wendam
Graduation at Lockerby Composite Secondary School

June 7 Strategic Planning Committee meeting

June 8 Ombudsman conference call
Graduation at Confederation Secondary School

June 9 Entrepreneur Fair at R.L. Beattie Public School
Graduation at N'Swakamok

June 9/10/11 OPSBA, Ottawa

June 13 Exec Council meeting

June 14 Graduation at Jean Hanson Public School

June 15 Agenda Setting meeting
Graduation at Chelmsford Valley District Composite School

June 16 Challenge Meet – Laurentian University
Co-Op Luncheon, Espanola High School
Graduation at Lasalle Secondary School

June 17 Trustee Hunda, Meeting

June 20 Exec Council meeting
ETFO meeting

June 21 School Visits
Markstay Public School
Monetville Public School
Northeastern Elementary Public School
Copper Cliff Public School
Alexander Public School

June 22 School Visits
Queen Elizabeth II Public School

Cecil Facer Secondary School
RDSB Blood Donor Clinic

- June 23 School Visit
Jean Hanson Public School
Audit Committee meeting
Graduation at Chelmsford Public School
- June 24 OSSTF meeting
Graduation at C.C. McLean Public School
- June 27 Exec Council meeting
Graduation at Markstay Public School
- June 28 OSSTF meeting at Sudbury Secondary School
Graduation at Monetville Public School
- June 29 Sudbury Health Unit meeting – Poverty/Supports
Privacy & Information Commission teleconference
Graduation at C.R. Judd Public School
- June 30 Ministry/ School Board joint news conference at Lockerby
Composite School
- July 4 Exec Council meeting
- July 5 Labour Relations Committee meeting
Board meeting

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement read aloud a letter he received from OPSBA president Michael Barrett dated June 9, 2016 thanking RDSB for our support over the years of his presidency.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Urban reported that there are still a few spots to be filled for the 2016-2017 Student Senate. He referenced the incoming student trustee, Katie Yao, who was in the audience. He thanked superintendents and trustees for their help.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison commented on the many wonderful graduation ceremonies that she had the privilege of attending, noting that there were 90 graduates out of Barrydowne College this year. She thanked fellow trustees for approving this very successful program as she felt many of these students might not have graduated without the programs available at Barrydowne College.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff for the hard work done every day in Rainbow Schools. Trustee Hunda spoke about the commitment of our Student Senators and the great work that they do.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The 2015 / 2016 school year is now, as the song says, "history".

Rainbow District School Board is an extremely compliant Board. We are determined to not only follow Ministry guidelines and goals but in many cases we have chosen to raise the bar higher.

Meanwhile, declining enrolment and funding challenges are the basis that will serve to force us to make the most difficult decisions in many years. These difficult decisions are the dark side so we need to bask briefly in the sunshine of success.

As trustees, we are so fortunate to have been blessed with the opportunity to watch hundreds of proud graduates cross the stage to pick up their Grade 12 Diplomas. We have been blessed to be able to share in the pride of their families. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to publically acknowledge the countless hours that our many staff members have devoted to the success of our students.

Most Important, we are blessed to have the opportunity to be part of the amazing metamorphosis from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

So, in spite of the difficult challenges ahead, Rainbow Board will remain focused on student well-being and student success.

Have a safe and rejuvenating summer.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

First Nation Advisory Committee minutes February 11, 2016 (official)

Equity and Inclusive Education minutes March 10, 2016 (official)

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) minutes May 4, 2016 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to MP Paul Lefebvre, MP Carol Hughes and MP Marc Serré dated June 1, 2016

Letter from OPSBA dated June 8, 2016

Letter to Minister Mitzie Hunter dated June 15, 2016

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Strategic Planning Committee Monday, July 11, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Tuesday, August 30, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

Strategic Planning Committee September 13, 2016 5:00 pm Boardroom

Chair Dewar reminded trustees that the Board needed to reconvene to complete the in camera agenda. She initially called for a mover and seconder to adjourn the meeting. However, with clarification from Director Blaseg and approval of the trustees, the motion was withdrawn.

Chair Dewar recessed the meeting at 7:12 p.m. for the completion of the in-camera meeting.

At the call of the chair, the open meeting re-convened at 8:16 p.m

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

Motion: 16-R95, D.Morrison/B.Clement
That motion 16-W35 be approved. – **Carried.**

Motion: 16-R96, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly
That motion 15-W18 be approved. – **Carried.**

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 16-R97, G.Santala/T.Campbell
That we now adjourn at 8:18 p.m. – **Carried.**