

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
held in the Boardroom  
on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:05 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via telephone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: N. Mousseau, S. Ackroyd, K. Rivard Gobbo, M. Mirka, K. Yao, media and members of the public

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

Chair Dewar began the meeting with a statement:

“Before we begin our meeting tonight, I would like to pause and take a moment to acknowledge the people of Texas whose lives continue to be threatened and forever changed by Hurricane Harvey.

To those who have died: our deepest sympathy. To those who continue to be in peril: our sincere thoughts and prayers. And to those who have devoted their own resources, time and energy to helping both neighbours and strangers: we offer our endless gratitude. Thank you.”

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 17-R111, J.Hunda/R.Ward

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 29, 2017 be approved.

- **Carried**

**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Motion: 17-R112, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That Madeleine Leach Jarrett (Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2017-2018. - **Carried**

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Director Blaseg administered the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett and welcomed her to the board table.

Trustees expressed their appreciation of the Student Trustee and welcomed her to the board.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

## C. PRESENTATIONS

### Restart Program

Superintendent Wachnuk introduced Principal Rivard-Gobbo and Principal Mirka who provided a detailed report on the Restart Program in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. Trustees were reminded that the program would be moving to the Centre for Education at the Wembley site on September 5, 2017.

Trustees had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Trustees were thankful that this program is meeting the needs of students.

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

## E. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 17-R113, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 4, 2017 be approved.  
– **Carried**

### 2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

a) Motion: 17-R114, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Architectural Consulting Services (projects exceeding \$5,000,000) – RFP 2017-29, to 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Studio and Architecture49 Inc. – **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R115, B.Clement/G.Santala

That the Board award the contract to supply, install and maintain photocopier equipment, for the period November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 RFP 2017-25 to Xerox Canada. – **Carried**

### 3. Wembley Site

Motion: 17-R116, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Wembley site be named Rainbow District School Board Centre for Education. – **Carried**

### 4. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees NIL

## F. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Initial Staff Report

Motion: 17-R117, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That the new JK-6 French Immersion elementary school in New Sudbury be located on the Lasalle Secondary School site.

Trustee Hunda requested a poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*

*Grace Fox: In-favour*

*Larry Killens: Opposed*

*Dena Morrison: In-favour*

*Ruth Ward: In-favour*

*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*

*Judy Hunda: Opposed*

*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*

*Gord Santala: In-favour*

**- Carried**

2. **2017-2018 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians**

Director Blaseg provided details about the publication including the Code of Conduct as well as the School Calendar Card.

Trustees expressed appreciation for a job well done.

Director Blaseg thanked Nicole Charette and executive council for all the work they have done to make these documents so user friendly and so informative, and reminded that these documents are available on the board website.

3. **2017-2018 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools**

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2017-2018 distribution of schools and portfolios.

4. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution**

Motion: 17-R118, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

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

5. **Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion: 17-R119, R.Ward/B.Clement

That Borrowing Bylaw 2017-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved. – **Carried**

6. **OPSBA Fees**

Motion: 17-R120, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the 2017/18 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved. – **Carried**

7. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)  
2017 Northern Region Meeting and Program**

Motion: 17-R121, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA 2017 Northern Region Meeting and Program in Sault Ste. Marie October 13–14, 2017:

Chair Dewar  
Trustee Clement  
Trustee Fox  
Trustee Hunda  
Trustee Killens  
Trustee Kosmerly  
Trustee Ward           **– Carried**

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

9. **Director's Remarks**

As we do on an annual basis, we are providing each trustee with a copy of *A Guide for Students and Parents/ Guardians*. The guide is a superb resource. Along with the standard features we have come to know, we want all to notice on page 9 the new Internal Hold & Secure definition. Secondly we have included the school year calendar card and the 2017/2018 executive council portfolio and school distribution list.

Over the course of the next two weeks we will be offering Kindergarten Summer programs. Approximately 150 4-year olds will be attending 15 different schools located throughout the Sudbury, Espanola and on Manitoulin Island.

Yesterday, Monday, August 28 we held our annual staff orientation. More than 50 future employees, including teachers, DECE's, E.A's, support staff, custodians and cleaners attended a full day dedicated to introducing senior administration, management, communications along with acquainting new employees to Health & Safety and a variety of other Board procedures and processes.

Superintendent Bruce Bourget reviewed our swimming awareness program along with processes and procedures for ensuring students meet requirements for activities that involve swimming, kayaking or lake or river related activities.

As a Board we are extremely proactive with our commitment to keep our students safe around water. By offering swimming awareness programs to all grade 4 students we have taken the first steps to ensure students respect the dangers associated with water.

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 is a professional development (PD) day and the first day back for teachers. Our PD will focus on Health & Safety and School Improvement Planning. On Wednesday, September 6 students will be attending their first day back. As always we focus on transportation – it is extremely

important that we ensure students arrive to school safely and they depart safely, especially for our students with special needs and our kindergarten students.

Transportation will be an issue for two bus routes serving New Sudbury. A bus driver shortage has caused us to double up some of our runs that will create 45-minute delays for the morning runs for two routes. Parents and schools have been notified. This challenge is expected to last at least two weeks.

Itinerary:

- July 1 Providence Bay – Eco Speech, Kids Corner
- July 5 Directors Meeting
- July 6 Meeting with YMCA, Daycare review
- July 10 Meeting with City of Sudbury
- July 13 Science North, First Nation announcement
- July 18 Labour Relations Mediation, Sudbury
- August 14 School Visits
  - Confederation Secondary School
  - Jean Hanson Public School
- August 16 School Visit
  - Markstay PS
  - Agenda Setting
- August 17/18 CODE, Toronto
- August 20 Little Current – Pride Manitoulin Parade
- August 21 Executive Council
- August 22/23 Leadership Conference
- August 25 Meeting - Research Proposal (Dr. Sharon Speir)
- August 28 Staff Orientation
- August 29 Exec Council
  - Board Meeting

10. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement advised that the next OPSBA Meeting will be held in Toronto September 22, 2017 and he looks forward to meeting with Northern boards.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett thanked trustees for the opportunity to be at the Rainbow District School Board table as well as the opportunity to network with other students throughout the province.

11. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Morrison welcomed Student Trustee Leach Jarrett to the table.

Trustee Killens spoke about the Anishinabek Education System (AES).

12. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On behalf of Trustees, I would like to welcome back all students and parents/guardians to Rainbow Schools for the near future start of another exciting school year. The mission of Rainbow Schools and its staff is to bring learning to life in English and French Immersion from Kindergarten to secondary school. We also strive to instill in students the values that build responsible and respectful citizens who care about each other and the world in which they live.

As always, parents/guardians are encouraged to take an active interest in their child's education. Parental involvement improves student achievement. We also welcome community partners to help us mentor and nurture their future workforce. When the home, the school and the community work together, we maximize learning opportunities for students and help them achieve their full potential.

School is off to an early start for the Rainbow District School Board's youngest students. Children beginning school this fall are currently participating in the Kindergarten Summer Camp. The nine-day program, which began Monday, August 21 and runs to Thursday, August 31, 2017, is offered three hours a day at a number of Rainbow Schools. Under the guidance of qualified teachers and designated early childhood educators, Kindergarten students are engaging in inquiry based learning and play, including co-operative games and outdoor activities.

There is still time to register for the 2017-2018 school year in elementary and secondary schools offering English and French Immersion. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6, 2017. There will be no early dismissal. Please note that the day after Labour Day – Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – is a Professional Activity Day.

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink on Thursday, September 14th, 2017, as Rainbow District School Board marks its tenth "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". We invite everyone in the community to join with us and wear pink on Thursday, September 14th.

Here in Rainbow Schools, the Board's Parent Involvement Committee championed the cause. Trustees unanimously endorsed a motion in 2008 and, ten years later, continue to support and encourage this positive initiative.

Our thought for the month is from educator and Pastor, Steven Anderson, who said, "Alone we are smart. Together we are brilliant."

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**  
Equity and Inclusive Education minutes February 6, 2017 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
Letter from Halton DSB dated July 2017

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting September 11, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 12, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Sept 13, 2017 12:00 pm Lockerby CS LDAS office  
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Sept 13, 2017 3:30 pm Boardroom  
Board Meeting September 26, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom  
First Nation Advisory Committee Sept 28, 2017 10:00 am Boardroom  
Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 17, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 17-R122, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That we now adjourn at 8:10 p.m. – **Carried.**