

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
held in the Boardroom
on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, Student Trustee K. Yao
Absent: T. Campbell, G. Fox
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, L. Dye, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill
Others: D. Kitching, media and members of the public

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 17-R16, G.Santala/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 13, 2016 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item **E 2b) Trustee Resignation. - Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

Director Blaseg presented an informative presentation about the Multi Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) 2016-2019. The Director spoke about the five strategies regarding *Reaching Hearts* and the five strategies regarding *Touching Hearts*. He shared the importance of student voice and the focus on staff and students in Rainbow schools.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

a) Motion: 17-R17, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 22, 2016 be approved. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 17-R18, G.Santala/B.Clement

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 24, 2016

be approved. - **Carried**

2a) **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

b) **Trustee Resignation**

Chair Dewar read aloud a letter from Trustee Campbell dated December 13, 2016.

Motion: 17-R19, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That effective January 9, 2017, Rainbow District School Board accept the resignation of Trustee Tyler Campbell, with regret. - **Carried**

Motion: 17-R20, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That as per Section 221 (a) of the *Education Act*, "if the office of a member of a board becomes vacant before the end of the member's term, the remaining elected members shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy within 90 days after the office becomes vacant, if a majority of the elected members remain in office".

Trustee Killens requested a poll vote

*Tyler Campbell: Absent
Bob Clement: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour*

*Judy Hunda: In-favour
Grace Fox: Absent
Larry Killens: Opposed*

*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Gord Santala: In-favour*

- **Carried**

Motion: 17-R21, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That after calling for and considering applications by qualified persons, the vacancy of trustee be filled by appointment following a majority vote of the remaining elected members of the Board. - **Carried**

The Trustee Appointment Process document was distributed to trustees. Trustees discussed and made revisions.

Motion: 17-R22, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the Trustee Appointment Process be approved. - **Carried**

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

a) **Audit Committee**

i) **Audit Committee Annual Report**

Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2015-2016 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.

ii) **2015/16 Financial Statements**

Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated

financial statements for the 2015-2016 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 17-R23, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the 2015/16 Financial Statements be approved. – **Carried**

Copies of the 2015-2016 Year End report were distributed to trustees. Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report. He reminded trustees that revised estimates for 2016-2017 would be presented at the January 31, 2017 board meeting. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

Trustees were appreciative of the detail of financial information and thanked staff for this good news story.

b) Strategic Planning Committee

The following motion was passed on November 29, 2016:

Motion: D.Dewar/J.Kosmerly

That the Manitoulin Expositor be notified that the schools on the island were never “under review.” – **Carried unanimously**

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests for Leave of Absence

Motion: 17-R24, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Trustee Campbell and Trustee Fox be granted a leave of absence from the December 13, 2016 Board meeting. – **Carried**

2. Director’s Remarks

If trustees want to pose questions associated with last night’s delegation presentations for the January 17th strategic Planning Committee meeting please send your queries to Heather ASAP.

Secondly I want to share with trustees two folders that were presented at the conclusion of last nights meeting. One includes many letters from the West planning area, while other folder is a petition from the community of Lively.

Finally, I want to extend my best wishes to all. To all staff and to all trustees all I will say is this: The road just travelled has not been easy; they say the journey is typically more memorable than the destination. For all of us I believe the tough kilometers are behind us and hopefully the New Year will bring back to an era that focuses on children and students, the most important work that we been entrusted with.

So it has been an extremely busy fall. I'm sure all of us are looking forward to a very restful Christmas break. If you are travelling please be careful, drive safely and enjoy the holidays and thank you for all that you do for our students.

Itinerary

November 23	School Visits Larchwood PS, Chelmsford PS
November 24	Special Board meeting
November 28	Professional Activity Day
November 29	Executive Council Strategic Planning Meeting
November 30	Agenda Setting OSSTF Meeting
December 1	AGM, Student Consortium Directors Meeting (four boards) Meeting with Greater City of Sudbury RE: transportation
December 2	International Day for Disabilities, Holiday Inn
December 5	Student Achievement Team and superintendent meeting Exec Council
December 6	Strong Districts, Oshawa
December 8	Directors Meeting Audit Committee Meeting
December 9	School Visits Manitoulin SS and Little Current PS
December 12	Meeting with Greater City of Sudbury Special Board Meeting
December 13	School Visit – Princess Anne PS Organizational Board Meeting & Board Meeting

3. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate - Trustee Clement reported that he attended a meeting on December 2, 2016 in Toronto. Northern Boards met prior to the OPSBA meeting to discuss northern and rural challenges. Minister of Education Mitzi Hunter attended the meeting to address delegates and was interested to hear about unique challenges in Northern rural communities. Minister Hunter agreed to visit

Northern Ontario. Trustee Clement suggested that the Minister be invited to visit Rainbow District School Board. The consensus was positive.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao informed that the Student Senate continues to prepare for the annual Stand Up Speak Out conference which will be held in early May at Cambrian College. Three keynote speakers have been booked.

Student Trustee Yao reported another busy month at OSTA. Later this week, six scholarships will be released. OSTA also has a province wide survey underway. She reported very productive committee meetings as well. In February 2017 Katie will attend the OSTA-AECO Board Council Conference in Ottawa.

4. Trustees' Remarks/Questions

Trustee Morrison wished everyone a happy, restful holiday and reminded trustees to take part in festive events throughout the board.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff for the work done with regards to the accommodation review process during the last several months. She was thankful for the public input and for staff listening, specifically to student voice.

Trustee Killens questioned follow up re Motion: 15-W18 and Chair Dewar indicated there was none.

Trustee Kosmerly reported on the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) conference that she recently attended in Toronto.

Trustee Kosmerly spoke about the attached letter that the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) received from Sharon Walker, SEAC Chair Near North District School Board, requesting support for Northern Ontario as a voice on the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education.

Motion: 17-R25, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That Rainbow District School Board support Near North District School Board's request for northern representation on the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE). – **Carried unanimously**

Trustee Clement spoke about a member of the community who commented on Espanola High School students, saying they have "good moral values".

Student Trustee Katie Yao commented on the opportunity she has had sitting at the Rainbow Board table. She is impressed with the clear focus of the trustees and staff on students and looks forward to the months ahead.

5. Chairperson's Remarks

Manitoulin Secondary School will host its annual awards night on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Close to \$50,000 in awards will be presented to

students. We commend the community of Manitoulin, once again, for its tremendous support.

Rainbow District School Board is currently accepting nominations for the Joan Mantle Music Trust Community Award. The deadline is Monday, January 16, 2017. For more information, including a nomination form, visit rainbowschools.ca and click on "community". The award will be presented at the International Dinner in support of the Trust on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 6 pm at the ParkSide Centre in Sudbury.

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend. For dates and times, visit rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Kindergarten registrations in January 2017. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend.

Festive events continue in Rainbow Schools this week and next week, with Christmas concerts, the culmination of food drives, and sing-a-longs. Visit rainbowschools.ca for a listing.

The thought for the month comes from our hearts as I wish you "*A Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.*"

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. Non-Staff Communications

Letter from The Premiere of Ontario dated November 14, 2016

Letter from The Premiere of Ontario dated November 21, 2016

Letter from Toronto District School Board Chair dated Nov. 21, 2016

Letter to Minister Mitzie Hunter dated November 23, 2016

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Student Senate Meeting January 9, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Parent Involvement Committee January 10, 2017 7:00 pm Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Jan 11, 2017 12:00 pm Northeastern Elem Conference Rm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Jan 17, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

Board Meeting January 31, 2017 5:00 pm Boardroom

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 23, 2017 10:00 am N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 17-R26, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. – **Carried.**



Rainbow District School Board Trustee Appointment Process

A news release regarding the vacancy and trustee appointment process will be issued to area media and posted on the Board website on Monday, January 16, 2017.

The vacancy will be advertised in local newspapers and the Board website.

According to Section 219. (1) of the Education Act “*A person is qualified to be elected as a member of a district school board or school authority if the person is qualified to vote for members of that district school board or that school authority and is resident in its area of jurisdiction. 1997, c. 31, s. 112.*”

Applicants who qualify in accordance with Section 219 of the *Education Act* will provide their complete contact information (including name, street/ mailing address, email address and phone number), a recent criminal record check, proof of qualifications in accordance with Section 219. (1) of the *Education Act*, two letters of support and a résumé.

Applicants will also provide a covering letter highlighting the following:

- interest in public education;
- commitment to student achievement and well-being;
- understanding of the role of the trustee;
- willingness to comply with the policies and administrative procedures of Rainbow District School Board as well as its governance by-laws, policies and procedures for trustees;
- ability to commit the time required to fulfill the role of trustee.

Community involvement and volunteerism, prior experience in education, and experience on a corporate board will be considered assets.

The Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Norm Blaseg, will accept applications until **4 pm on Monday, February 13, 2017.**

Please submit applications to:

**Heather Thirkill
Executive Assistant
Office of the Director of Education
Rainbow District School Board
69 Young Street
Sudbury ON P3E 3G5
thirkih@rainbowschools.ca**

Confirmation of receipt of applications will be sent to the email address provided on the application by 4 pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

The Director of Education will verify qualifications of applicants prior to 4 pm on Friday, February 17, 2017. Applicants whose qualifications cannot be verified will be notified immediately at the email address provided.

Names and addresses of all applicants will be recorded in a report to the Board and presented at an open meeting of the Board. The report to the Board will be posted on the Board website.

Rainbow District School Board is governed by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and, as such, is serving notice to all applicants that it reserves the right to post any and all résumés on the Board website as part of the trustee appointment process. Any information being provided in strict confidence must be clearly marked “confidential”.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017, a Committee of the Whole Board will consider applications at an in-camera meeting and will bring a motion forward to appoint a candidate at the Regular Board meeting. Trustees will vote on the motion.

The successful applicant will be sworn in at the Rainbow District School Board Office no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 and will subsequently assume the role and responsibilities of Trustee.

Schedule of newspaper ads:

Manitoulin Expositor	Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Mid-North Monitor	Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Northern Life	Thursday, January 19, 2017
Manitoulin Recorder	Friday, January 20, 2017
The Sudbury Star	Saturday, January 24, 2017