

Rainbow District School Board

**MINUTES OF THE  
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
in the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens  
(via phone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R.  
Ward, Student Trustee M. Jarrett Leach  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director of Education  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

1. **Call to Order**

Director Blaseg called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 18-R01, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of December 12, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

3. **Election of Chair**

Director Blaseg called for nominations for the position of Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Bob Clement nominated Doreen Dewar.

a) Motion: 18-R02, J.Hunda/D.Morrison  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 18-R03, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That Doreen Dewar be declared acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board. - **Carried unanimously**

4. **In-Coming Chair's Remarks** NIL

5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** NIL

6. **Past Chair's Remarks**

As both the past chair and the incoming chair, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words using some of the thoughts and language in the 2016-2017 Annual Report.

The vision of the RDSB is worthy of our continued support and dedication. “We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts”.

In Rainbow Schools throughout Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Shining Tree our priorities are clearly articulated in a document called Strategic Directions 2016-2020. The budget provides the financial framework to ensure our priorities are met at the school and system levels.

Our Board reaches minds by providing authentic and engaging learning opportunities, by setting high expectations and by creating excitement for learning. We support students to enable them to reach their potential, foster 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies, and deepen literacy and numeracy skills.

In touching hearts, we nurture physical, mental, social and emotional well-being; we forge strong relationships and build resiliency; we honour diversity and enhance cultural understanding; we value student, staff, parent/guardian and community voices; and we celebrate student, staff, school and system success.

Once again, this school year is filled with magical and memorable moments as our students, guided by staff and supported by parents/guardians and the community, engage in exciting learning opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. While each story is unique on its own, as a whole they speak of passion, pride, promise and progress, the touchstones of a successful organization.

It has been a privilege to serve with the dedicated trustees of the Rainbow Board and on your behalf, I would like to thank our educators, administrators and support staff, on the frontlines and behind the scenes, for nurturing student success. I would also like to thank our many partners in education for supporting Rainbow Schools.

Most importantly, I congratulate the students who, through their ongoing success and personal achievement, continue to bring us honour and joy.

In closing, thank you for your support in the past and I look forward to working with you toward continued student success in the future.

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Ruth Ward nominated Dena Morrison for the position of Vice-Chair.

a) Motion: 18-R04, B.Clement/J.Hunda  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 18-R05, J.Hunda/R.Ward  
That Dena Morrison be declared acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow

District School Board. – **Carried unanimously**

8. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Motion: 18-R06, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the membership on the Labour Relations Committees be increased to four (4) trustees. – **Carried**

Motion: 18-R07, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved for the year 2018. – **Carried**

**Accessibility Planning Committee**

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

**Audit Committee** (year 4 of 4)

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Ruth Ward

**Environmental Education Committee**

Trustee Gord Santala

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

**Equity and Inclusive Education Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Gord Santala

**First Nations Advisory Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Doreen Dewar

Trustee Grace Fox

**Labour Relations Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Ruth Ward

**Parent Involvement Committee**

Trustee Grace Fox

Trustee Ruth Ward

**School Year Structure Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Dena Morrison

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Grace Fox (alternate)  
Trustee Dena Morrison (alternate)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Doreen Dewar  
Trustee Grace Fox  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Trustee Larry Killens  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Dena Morrison  
Trustee Gord Santala  
Trustee Ruth Ward

**Student Senate**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

9. **OPSBA (Ontario Public School Boards' Association)**

a) **Delegate**

Dena Morrison nominated Bob Clement.

1. Motion: 18-R08, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
2. Motion: 18-R09, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That Bob Clement be declared acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting delegate to the Ontario Public School Board's Association. - **Carried**

b) **Alternate**

Bob Clement nominated Judy Kosmerly.

1. Motion: 18-R10, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
2. Motion: 18-R11, B.Clement/J.Hunda  
That Judy Kosmerly be declared acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario School Boards' Association. - **Carried**

10. **Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members**  
*At the Annual Organizational Meeting, two alternate Trustees shall be chosen by the Board to be used when the circumstance warrant that one or both Trustees are needed in place of the Chair and/or Vice-Chair to carry out the duties required under these Enforcement Procedures.*
- a) Call for nominations. Judy Kosmerly nominated Judy Hunda.
- Motion: 18-R12, J.Kosmerly/R.Ward  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
- Motion: 18-R13, D.Morrison/B.Clement  
That Judy Hunda be declared acclaimed first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**
- b) Call for nominations. Judy Kosmerly nominated Bob Clement.
- Motion: 18-R14, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
- Motion: 18-R15, D. Morrison/R.Ward  
That Bob Clement be declared acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**
11. **BALLOTS** NIL
12. **Adjournment**
- Motion: 18-R16, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That we now adjourn (6:05 p.m). - **Carried**