

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 27, 2019 be approved.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Motion:

That Colleen Gauvreau (Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School) be appointed Student Trustee for the school year 2019-2020.

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

*Chair

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

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

*Director

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

*SBO

3. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

*Chair

F. NEW BUSINESS

*Chair

1. Capital and Accommodation Plan – Initial Staff Report

*SBO

2. 2019-2020 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians

*Director

3. **2019-2020 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools** *Director
4. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution** *SBO
- Motion:
That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.
5. **OPSBA Fees** *Chair
- Motion:
That the 2019/20 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved.
6. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) 2019 Northern Region Meeting and Program** *Chair
- Motion:
That the Board approve the attendance of the following trustees at the OPSBA 2019 Northern Region Meeting and Program in Thunder Bay October 4–5, 2019:
7. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair
- Motion:
That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the August 27, 2019 Board meeting.
8. **Director's Remarks** *Director
9. **Other Items** *Chair
OPSBA Delegate
Student Trustee
10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** *Chair
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
11. **Chairperson's Remarks** *Chair
- G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** *Chair
1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

*Chair

Student Senate Meeting September 9, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Sept 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Sept 11, 2019 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Sept 11, 2019 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee Sept 19, 2019 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Board Meeting September 24, 2019 5:00 pm Boardroom
First Nation Advisory Committee Sept 26, 2019 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125
Parent Involvement Cmttee AGM October 29, 2019 7:00 pm Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at p.m.

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee H. Golden

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

Others: S. Ackroyd, T. Hayes, D. Kitching, K. Kozman, C. McDonald, N. Mousseau

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 19-R86 D.Morrison/A.Gibson

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of July 2, 2019 be approved as amended. The amendment being that item C be moved to F 3a. on the agenda.
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION – moved to F 3a

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

No meeting held. No report.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 19-R87, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 be approved. – **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 19-R88, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Queen Elizabeth Public School, roof replacement and structural repairs - tender #2019-06 to Nu-Style Construction

Co. (1988) Limited for \$1,087,000. – **Carried**

Motion: 19-R89, B.Clement/M.Stringer

That the Board award the contract for Churchill Public School, partial roof replacement - tender #2019-07 to Semple-Gooder Northern Limited for \$278,374.
– **Carried**

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

2019/2020 Budget

Superintendent Dennis Bazinet elaborated on the 2019/2020 Budget and answered Trustees' questions.

Motion: 19-R90, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Rainbow District School Board 2019/2020 budget be approved.
– **Carried**

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2019-2020 In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan**

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the Board Report provided and answered Trustees' questions.

Motion: 19-R91, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly

That the 2019-2020 In-year deficit elimination plan be approved.
– **Carried unanimously**

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

3a. **PRESENTATION**

Director Blaseg thanked Student Trustee Hannah Golden for bringing student voice to the board table. Director Blaseg recognized her work with the Stand Up for Positivity Conference, the Stand Up Speak Out Conference, her work representing Rainbow DSB at the provincial level as a member of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA), the board wide talent show and her involvement at her school and community.

Director Blaseg wished her well in her return to Sudbury Secondary School in the fall, followed by a move to the University of Waterloo in 2020, where she hopes to study Law and Justice with a minor in criminology. She aspires to be a defense lawyer

Hannah was presented with a token of appreciation.

3b. **Director's Remarks**

On Thursday, June 20th Superintendent Noble, Principal Potvin and I had the pleasure of attending and being a part of the platform guests for a Canadian Citizenship ceremony held at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Over 160 citizens took their oath and officially donned their Canadian Citizenship for the first time. It is truly one of the nicest events a person can attend – it makes all of us extremely proud to be Canadian. The entire exercise is very emotional – we are so lucky to be Canadians!

On Saturday, June 22 many RDSB employees, and the general public, had the pleasure of attending the Parent Involvement Committee sponsored event *Empowering Parents to Empower their Children*. The Keynote speaker was Dr. Adèle Lafrance. Her message was quite valued as it was very practical. One example; If nothing else, adults should empathize with their children when they are distressed by utilizing the phrase “I understand you because you feel... or you wanted to...” etc. Reply in an empathetic way three times and more often than not the child will reduce their anxiety.

A Northern Immigration Pilot has been introduced and Rainbow is a signee to the pilot. It has the potential to serve us well in terms of student enrolment. I will ask Superintendent Noble to explain in more detail.

“Join the Compassion Revolution (or we’re all doomed)” an article written by Anne Kingston in July’s MacLeans magazine includes a reference to Larchwood Public School. Kingston refers to a compelling activity lead by kindergarten teacher Natalie Miller that all of us can learn from – our very own “Kindness Ninjas”. I want all of you to look at the article, but more importantly I want all of you to see for yourself what this looks like from the lens of 4 & 5 year olds. Here is Nicole Charette, to speak to the rest of the story (video was shown).

As a token of their efforts, the kindergarten children from Larchwood want all of you to where their badge in order to keep the compassion movement alive (pins distributed).

Finally it has been a joy to report that graduation ceremonies were outstanding this year. Thank you to all trustees and senior admin for making themselves available to speak – your efforts are key to getting out the system messages. I attended 11 and I am happy to say that this was one of the best years ever. I am so proud of our students; not once did I see a phone or device take away from the moment and their attention to protocol was superb – just outstanding... our staff did an incredible job with all of the preparation. Congratulations to our principals, graduation committees and of course our students!

Itinerary:

June 12	Agenda setting
June 13	N'Swakamok Graduation Sudbury Secondary School Graduation

- June 14 Student Achievement Meeting
- June 18 Exec Council
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- June 19 Joint Committee (OSSTF/Board)
Jean Hansen Public School Graduation
- June 20 Citizenship Ceremony (Swearing in over 160 new citizens) at
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School
Mischo Graduation
Levack Public School Graduation
- June 24 Little Current Public School Graduation
- June 25 Exec Council
Chelmsford VDCS Grade 8 Graduation
- June 26 First Nation portfolio meeting
Challenge Meet – Laurentian University
Assiginack Public School Graduation
- June 27 Espanola High School Graduation
- June 28 School Visits:
A.B. Ellis Public School
Alexander Public School
Northeastern Elementary School
- July 2 Exec Council
Board Meeting

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – No report from Trustee Clement.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Hannah Golden thanked trustees for their support and for the experience gained during the 2018-2019 school year sitting at the board table.

She feels the confidence she has gained will greatly benefit her when she moves on to university.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Kosmerly thanked the organizers of the PIC conference as well as organizers and participants of the Challenge Meet.

Trustee Gibson commented that she enjoyed attending her first graduation ceremonies and looks forward to future school visits.

Trustee Hunda thanked staff for all they do for students at this busy time of year. She thanks all those involved (staff and volunteers) in making the Challenge Meet a success every year.

Trustee Morrison also thanked school staff for the tremendous work done in preparation for the graduation ceremonies and proudly advised that Barrydowne College had 67 students graduate this year. Trustee Morrison read aloud the speech presented by the validictorian at the Barrydowne College graduation ceremony.

Trustee Clement commented on the graduation ceremonies that he attended at S. Geiger PS, A.B. Ellis PS and Espanola High School.

Trustee Stringer commented on the graduation ceremonies that she attended on Manitoulin Island and the enjoyment she experienced while visiting schools in May and June.

Many individual trustees thanked Student Trustee Golden for her contribution to Rainbow District School Board.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate all of the graduates of Rainbow Schools. We wish our Grade 8 students who are entering Grade 9 continued success as they make the transition from elementary school to secondary school. We also extend best wishes to our Grade 12 graduates who are moving ahead into the world of work, independent living, an apprenticeship, college or university. Our staff has given them a wonderful foundation. May they continue to fulfill their aspirations.

Most importantly, I would like to thank our staff for their efforts at supporting student success throughout the school year. Just think about the many and varied jobs that contribute to the success of students whether it be academically, socially, emotionally, or physically.

Every success story has a team of devoted staff members behind it.

The thought for the summer comes from George Bernard Shaw who said: *"If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas."*

I wish everyone a safe, restful and rejuvenating summer.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 1, 2019 (official)
First Nations Advisory Committee minutes February 21, 2019 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce dated June 25, 2019

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Meeting August 27, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Sept 10, 2019 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 19-R92, J.Kosmerly/M.Stiringer

That we now adjourn at 6:25 p.m. – **Carried.**

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**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BORROWING RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (THE "Board")

- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the "Act"), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on September 1, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2020 (the "Period").
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers' acceptance from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in Subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Act), and to give to CIBC or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers' acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC or any other approved lender;
- 2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing;
- 3. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board;
- 4. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC or any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowings of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution of the Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed at a meeting of the Board and that this Resolution is in force and effect.

DATED this 27th day of August 2019.

Chair

Secretary



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July 23, 2019

TO: Doreen Dewar, Board Chair and Norm Blaseg, Director of Education
CC: Dennis Bazinet, Superintendent of Business

RAINBOW DSB

This school year has seen numerous changes with a new government in place, new points of contact in several ministries and many new trustees who were elected in last year's Municipal and School Board elections. OPSBA has focused much of its time, focus and resources on ensuring our priorities are communicated and promoted, and advocating for the government to commit its support and investment in public education. The previous Minister of Education, Lisa Thompson, addressed our Board of Directors in December and attendees at our Public Education Symposium (PES) in January and the new Deputy Minister, Nancy Naylor attended our first joint work team meeting of the school year. Our professional development this year has been focused on providing practical orientation sessions for new trustees and a refresh for re-elected trustees.

With the recent cabinet shuffle announcement, OPSBA will be reaching out to the new Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, to introduce him to our Association and our priorities.

OPSBA represents over 1.3 million students, or nearly 70% of the entire K-12 student population, including all 31 English public school boards as well as 10 school authorities. Collectively, this makes our organization the number one stakeholder voice for education in Ontario. Your school board is clearly a very big part of who we are and what we do. We advocate for public education every day, and the government knows that we have the weight of [all 31 member boards](#) behind us.

More than ever, we need to continue to work together so we can collectively shape our advocacy and strategically organize our Association's work to better serve all students and families in Ontario. This past April, we hosted our first [Education Advocacy Day](#) at Queen's Park. The day provided an opportunity for OPSBA representatives to build on collaborative relationships with provincial stakeholders – both MPPs and political staff. This type of work was recently reinforced by our Board of Directors, who directed the Association to plan more strategic government relations and public affairs activities in the coming months.

With collective agreements expiring at the end of August, OPSBA has already begun its work as the Designated Bargaining Agent on behalf of its member boards. We are fortunate to have an experienced [Labour Relations](#) team with outstanding expertise and credibility working to ensure student achievement and well-being are at forefront of all discussions and decisions.

As a non-partisan organization, we have a 31-year history of building positive and mutually respectful working relationships with politicians and staff from all parties represented in the Ontario Legislature. These relationships

allow us to successfully represent the voice of our members on the many issues that affect our students and communities.

While much of the advocacy work can be seen in our public submissions and meetings with key stakeholders, there is a great amount of day-to-day work that is done behind the scenes. OPSBA staff have direct and constant access to both the bureaucracy and political staff in the government as well as in the opposition parties. These relationships allow for conversations and the sharing of information to further support our common priorities.

OPSBA is represented on a number of key government working tables and our work has resulted in a number of successful outcomes. Here are some of the year's highlights:

- **Legislative Submissions and Government Consultations** – OPSBA has engaged in a wide range of advocacy work related to the provincial government's legislative and regulatory agenda, [including submissions and letters](#) regarding:
 - [Education in Ontario, the government's fall 2018 consultation](#)
 - [Proposed class size and e-learning changes](#)
 - [Ontario Autism Program changes](#)
 - [School board policies on Service Animals](#)
 - [Changes to the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum](#)
 - [Land expropriation and Education Development Charges](#)
 - [School bus safety](#)
 - [Child care and early learning](#)
 - [Retail recreational cannabis store locations](#)
 - [Education Funding / Grants for Student Needs](#)
 - [The 2019-20 Ontario Budget](#)
- **Mental Health and Well-Being** – OPSBA continues in its role as founding member of the [Ontario Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health](#). OPSBA and the Coalition's advocacy has led to the maintenance of mental health investments in the public education system for 2019-20 and beyond.
- **Indigenous Education** – OPSBA's [Indigenous Trustees' Council](#) has engaged in a [range of initiatives](#) to support the education of Indigenous students, and to ensure all students are educated about the history and culture of Indigenous peoples. OPSBA continues to be a leading advocate in education in this area.
- **Municipal and School Board Elections** – OPSBA partnered with the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) to coordinate a [series of resources](#) to support trustee candidates and communities for the October 22, 2018, Municipal and School Board Elections occurring across Ontario, strengthening local democracy.

Especially in times of significant change, the voice of locally elected trustees makes a significant and direct contribution to the achievement and well-being of all students. In direct support of your work, OPSBA continues to promote the role and voice of school boards, and trustees, who are the only publicly elected officials with the direct responsibility for the education of our children.

Our programs and services are highly cost effective. The financial benefits of membership far exceed not only the membership fee itself, but the outcomes that could be achieved by boards acting individually. Our collective voice is a strong one. Working with our partners at [the OESC](#), our interventions on copyright tariffs, natural gas rates and electricity rates have continued to create significant savings for all school boards and cover membership

fees many times over. When this is combined with the other benefits created through our coordination and advocacy, the real value of board membership is clear.

Examples of 2018-19 savings realized for:	
RAINBOW DSB	
Savings in Copyright Fees: \$ 30,760	Savings in Energy Costs: \$ 242,100

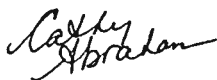
Please note: For the second year in a row, the OPSBA Board of Directors has approved a 0% increase for total membership fees. We have therefore kept the total membership fee (31 school boards and authorities combined) the same for three consecutive years. There may however be a slight change, up or down, to your individual board membership fee based on the fee model which is composed of a base amount and a percentage of your Board Administration and Governance Grant.

The 2019-2020 OPSBA membership fee for your board is \$ 39,464.

Amazing things happen each and every day in public schools across the province. Our schools accept everyone who walks through their doors and our students are creating lasting friendships and memories with fellow classmates who come from diverse backgrounds. This contributes to what makes our public school system so incredible and allows each child to reach their own success.

Thank you for your continued support as a member of OPSBA and for your dedication to public education. You can learn more about the valuable services OPSBA offers your board by visiting www.opsba.org.

Sincerely,



Cathy Abraham
President



W.R. (Rusty) Hick
Executive Director

Attachment: Invoice for the 2019-2020 OPSBA membership fee

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association represents public district school boards and public school authorities across Ontario, which together serve more than 1.3 million public elementary and secondary students. The Association advocates on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public school system in Ontario. OPSBA is seen as the credible voice of public education in Ontario and is routinely called on by the provincial government for input and advice on legislation and the impact of government policy directions.



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Invoice to:	Rainbow District School Board 69 Young Street Sudbury, Ontario P3E 3G5		
Invoice# 030-19/20	Date: September 01, 2019	HST #10780 0344 RT 0001	
QTY	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
	<p align="center">2019-2020 Membership Fee September 01, 2019 to August 31, 2020</p> <p>* Final Billing</p>		\$39,464.00
Please make cheque payable to:		Subtotal	\$39,464.00
Ontario Public School Boards' Association		HST @ 13%	\$5,130.32
Terms of Payment : Due upon receipt		Total	\$44,594.32

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