

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.**

Official