

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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| AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS |
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Roll Call

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Chair
- Motion:
That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of May 19, 2020 be approved.
- B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** *Chair
- C. PRESENTATIONS** *Chair
- Distance Learning – Superintendent Noble
- D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD** *Director
- E. OLD BUSINESS** *Director
1. **Previous Minutes** *Chair
- a) Motion:
That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 be approved.
- b) Motion:
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 be approved.
- c) Motion:
That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 be approved.
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** *SBO
3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

Special Education Plan 2020-2021

*Director

Motion:

That the Special Education Plan 2020-2021 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved.

F. NEW BUSINESS

*Chair

1. **Pandemic Operational Update**

2. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw**

*SBO

Motion:

That the short term borrowing bylaw 2020-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

3. **Grants for Student Needs (GSN) Update**

*SBO

4. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

*Chair

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the May 19, 2020 Board meeting.

5. **Director's Remarks**

*Director

6. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director
Student Trustee

*Chair

7. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

*Chair

Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.

8. **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 June 1, 2020 5:30 pm via Google Meet

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting June 9, 2020 5:00 pm via Google Meet

Board Meeting June 23, 2020 5:00 pm via Google Meet

Board Meeting June 30, 2020 5:00 pm via Google Meet

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, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly (via google hangout), D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer (via google hangout), Student Trustee C. Gauvreau
Absent: J. Hunda, L. Debassige
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, C. Whitson
Others: G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, C. McDonald

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

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 20-R31, K.St.Jean/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of February 18, 2020 be approved.
- **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATION NIL

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: 20-R32, B.Clement/M.Stringer

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 be approved. - **Carried**

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Motion: 20-R33, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, heating plant, building control system and electrical distribution upgrades - tender #2019-08 to Ainsworth Inc. for \$1,433,222. - **Carried**

Superintendent Bazinet provided a brief description of the scope of work to be completed under capital funding.

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2020-2021 School Year Structure**

Motion: 20-R34, K.St.Jean/M.Stringer

That the Board approve the 2020-2021 School Year Structure for elementary and secondary schools. - **Carried**

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

Motion: 20-R35, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That Trustee Hunda and Trustee Debassige be granted a leave of absence from the February 18, 2020 Board meeting. - **Carried**

3. **Director's Remarks**

1. Labour action has challenged us on a number of fronts:

a) OSSLT/OSSLC/Adjudication

Labour action may have an impact on graduation requirements for our secondary students. Superintendent Noble will expand on this

b) Cancellations/ Pauses/Scale Backs

- Northern Ontario Music Fest – Cancelled
- Science Fair – Scaled back
- NOSSA – Rescheduled
- Trips – Accommodations - Revised supervision
- Elementary report cards were scheduled to go home tomorrow

c) Supply teachers are not readily available.

2. Student Transition Information Meetings regarding elementary students moving to secondary sites have been determined. Superintendent Bruce Bourget provided details.

The Lasalle Secondary School information session is scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 pm, and the Chelmsford VDCS information session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm.

3. Administrative appointments –

The following people are appointed from their current acting vice principal posts to permanent vice principal positions effective tomorrow:

- Cathy Norrie – Cyril Varney PS
- Andrea Therrien – Jean Hansen PS
- Kate MacKenzie - Adamsdale PS

Coleen Eberlein – Queen Elizabeth PS
Emily Caruso Parnell – R.L. Beattie PS

4. Update provided regarding Coronavirus. There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus within our jurisdiction.

5. Lasalle Recreational Facility

Director Blaseg and Superintendent Bazinet spoke briefly about the new recreational facility at Lasalle Secondary School.

Itinerary:

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| January 29 | Meeting – Fabio Belli Foundation Meeting – Public Health Sudbury & Districts |
| January 30 | Looking Forward Consult– Indigenous Lead & staff |
| January 31 | P.A. Day Teleconference with Principals and vice principals Looking Forward Consult – Business S.O. & Maintenance Manager Looking Forward Consult – Business S.O. & Capital Manager |
| February 3 | Lasalle Secondary School site visit (Dome) Looking Forward Consult – S.O. & H.R. Manager |
| February 4 | MCCSS (Sandra Russell) consult with senior staff/system principals & managers re: Children’s services |
| February 5 | FNAC (Elders advisory committee) consult Agenda Setting Looking Forward Consult – S.O. and Lead for Health & Safety |
| February 6 | Looking Forward Consult - Business S.O., I.S. Manager & staff Looking Forward Consult - Business S.O & Finance Manager |
| February 7 | Looking Forward Consult – Facilities supervisors Dome tour with Trustees Meeting with GNO Director re: shared space |
| February 11 | Exec Council Interview with CBC Radio – Dome |
| February 12 | Consult with Public Health Sudbury & Districts re: Children’s services Consult with Ex Director for Misko-Ode-Wendam re: Children’s services Attend Lasalle Secondary School (Dome site) information night |

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Clement reported that he would be attending an OPSBA Directors’ meeting this weekend in Toronto. He stated that currently there is not a lot on the agenda and that it will be more of an information session.

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Gauvreau advised that she would be attending the OSTA-AECO Board Council annual conference this Thursday in Ottawa.

5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement asked about Espanola High School’s graduation date. Director Blaseg advised that he would confirm with the principal.

Trustee Gibson asked if the board will be getting a claw back or compensation for strike days. Superintendent Bazinet advised that the board has not heard anything yet.

Trustee Gibson asked about staffing and how we proceed with the current times. Director Blaseg explained that we are required to abide by current collective agreements for staffing needs, which makes it difficult, especially if the proposed increase in class sizes is approved by the government.

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

A record number of students from Rainbow Schools have answered the call of the trades and signed Registered Training Agreements with local employers. Twenty-one students in Grades 11 and 12 are currently earning dual credits that will count towards their high school and college diplomas, while also qualifying for the academic portion of apprenticeships in the skilled trades of Heavy Duty Technician, Welder/Fitter, and General Carpentry. Students are attending classes at Cambrian College until June. In addition to classroom and shop time, they are completing Co-operative Education with a local employer. A sign-up ceremony was held at Cambrian College on February 4, 2020. Students and their parents had the opportunity to meet their co-op employers and tour Cambrian’s skilled trades labs.

SHAD is an annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high-achieving high school students in July. The program is open to both Canadian and international students. The program is offered at 17 participating universities across Canada.

Two students from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School have been accepted into the prestigious SHAD Canada program - Jack Moskalyk and Alec Dewulf. SHAD Canada is a science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics (STEAM) and entrepreneurship program for students in Grades 10 and 11. Shad Canada’s program attracts students with high aptitudes for risk taking, curiosity, excellence and resilience, and prepares them to take on social and economic challenges. The month-long program includes a real-world design challenge that asks students to

work on issues such as food security, water management and waste. Of the 2,500 applicants Canada-wide, about 1,000 students are accepted and we have two of them right here at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. Congratulations!

The last of the secondary school information nights takes place this week as Manitoulin Secondary School opens its doors on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6 pm. We thank all students and parents/guardians for participating in these information sessions that will help them make the transition into secondary school.

Parents/guardians of students with special needs and exceptionalities in the Rainbow District School Board are invited to provide input into the 2020-2021 Special Education Plan. Friday, February 28th is the deadline. The survey is available online at rainbowschools.ca.

On Thursday, February 27th, the Board's Environmental Committee invites staff and students to take part in International Polar Bear Day with the Polar Bear Challenge. Every year, this global event draws attention to the challenges polar bears face in a warming Arctic and what we can do to make a difference to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We remind parents/guardians to register their children for Kindergarten if they have not done so already. This helps us plan for the school year ahead. For children starting school for the very first time, there is an online registration form at rainbowschools.ca. Registering will secure a spot for your child at the Welcome to Kindergarten orientation sessions later this spring.

Our quote for the month comes from American journalist, Bill Vaughan who said *"People learn something every day, and a lot of times it's that what they learned the day before was wrong."*

The Chair mentioned that a well-written letter from Renfrew County DSB, directed to S Lecce, is worth the read.

Chair Dewar offered her thanks to staff for all they do for students to be able to enjoy special events.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
2. **Non-Staff Communications**
2020 Elementary and Secondary School Graduation dates
Board and Strategic Planning Schedule of Meetings 2020-2021

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

First Nation Advisory Committee Feb 20, 2020 10:00 am Centre for Education Room 125
~~Parent Involvement Cmttee February 25, 2020 7:00 pm Boardroom~~
Student Senate Meeting March 2, 2020 5:30 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Mar 3, 2020 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

~~Special Education Advisory Cmttee Mar 4, 2020 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125~~
~~Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting Mar 4, 2020 3:30 pm Centre for Education Room 125~~
Board Meeting March 24, 2020 5:00 pm Boardroom
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee May 14, 2020 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
** meeting dates that have a strikethrough have been cancelled*

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 20-R36, B.Clement/D.Morrison
That we now adjourn at 6:07 p.m. – **Carried.**

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RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, M. Stringer (via google hangout)
Absent: L. Debassige, J. Hunda, K. St. Jean, Student Trustee C. Gauvreau
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: T. Hayes

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 20-R37, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of March 3, 2020 be approved.
– **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

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

Motion: 20-R38, J.Kosmely/D.Morrison

That the recommendation from the Labour Relations Committee be approved.
– **Carried**

The recommendation from the Labour Relations Committee was that a key message be created for trustees.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 20-R39, A.Gibson/M.Stringer

That we do now adjourn at 6:40 pm. - **Carried**

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

held via Google Meet
on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 1:40 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), L. Debassige, B. Clement, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer
Absent: Student Trustee C. Gauvreau
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, G. Gauthier, T. Hayes, N. Mousseau

Chair Dewar completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Gibson challenged the chair.

Motion: 20-R40, A.Gibson

That the decision of the Chair be overruled.

Bob Clement: opposed

Linda Debassige: opposed

Doreen Dewar: no vote

Anita Gibson: in-favour

Judy Hunda: opposed

Judy Kosmerly: opposed

Dena Morrison: opposed

Kerrie St Jean: abstained

Margaret Stringer: opposed

– Motion Defeated

Motion: 20-R41, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of April 21, 2020 be approved.

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

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

1. Motion: 20-R42, D.Morrison/L.Debassige
That the Board ratify the tentative Ontario Council of Education Workers (OCEW) provincial central agreement as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee. – **Carried**
2. Motion: 20-R43, L.Debassige/D.Morrison
That the Board ratify the tentative Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) provincial central agreement as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee. – **Carried**
3. Motion: 20-R44, M.Stringer/D.Morrison
That the Board ratify the tentative Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario Education Workers provincial central agreement as recommended by the Labour Relations Committee. – **Carried.**

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 20-R45, B.Clement/L.Debassige
That we do now adjourn at 1:55 pm. - **Carried**

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| Title: | Special Education Plan 2020-2021 |
| Contact: | Kathy Wachnuk |
| Date Submitted: | May 19, 2020 |
| Mandate | Under the <i>Education Act</i> , Regulation 306 requires the Board submit a Special Education Plan for the school year 2020/2021. As part of this process, a Special Education budget must be developed. |
| Background | <p>A review of special education programs and services is conducted on an annual basis.</p> <p>The Special Education Advisory Committee, principals, special education staff, and parents (127 responses) were invited to participate in the annual review. Their input is reflected in the Special Education Budget 2019-2020.</p> <p>In anticipation of the submission of the Special Education Plan by July 31, the Special Education Budget for 2020-2021 has been prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Education policy document <i>Standards for School Board Plans for Special Education</i>.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2020-2021 reflects programs and services for 1335 elementary and 936 secondary exceptional students, excluding Section 23 students.</p> <p>The Special Education Budget 2020-2021 amendments (see following page) are reflected in the Special Education Plan 2020-2021 which is available on the board website.</p> |
| Recommendation | That the Special Education Plan 2020-2021 as recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) be approved. |

Rainbow District School Board
Special Education Budget 2020-2021
Report to the Board
May 2020

Amendments

A total of 169 (Full Time Equivalent) special education teachers have been allocated for 2020-2021. This includes 87 Resource Teachers, 46.5 Intensive Support Program Teachers, 12 Itinerant Teachers and 11 Section 23 teachers. This number represents an increase of 1 teacher from 2019-2020.

The number of (Full Time Equivalent) Educational Assistants remains at 179. This number represents Educational Assistants in Section 23 Programs. The number of of Communicative Disorder Assistants remains at 6.

Please note:

These allocations include section 23 teachers and educational assistants.

Further details to staffing for special education in elementary and secondary schools are included in the “Special Education Programs and Services”, Section 8 and 11 of the Special Education Plan (available on the board website).

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BY-LAW NUMBER: 2020-01

A BY-LAW authorizing the Rainbow District School Board (the "Board") to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of section 247 of the Education Act (the "Act") for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this By-Law.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvements under the: School Condition Improvement Funding Program - \$12,556,783
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") for a short term capital loan through the purchase of Bankers Acceptance for the purpose of financing the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the projects is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$12,556,783 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the CIBC and consistent with the short term borrowing direction provided by the Ministry of Education.
- 2. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this By-Law.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a By-Law of the Rainbow District School Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed a meeting of the Board and that this By-Law is in full and effect.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2020.

Chair

Secretary