

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held electronically via Google Meet  
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and archived.  
Chair Dewar completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet Board meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 20-R58, J.Kosmerly/K.St. Jean

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 9, 2020 be approved as amended. The amendment being the revision to the wording for item 4 b) motion to read “partial roof replacement”.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: Absent*  
*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Anita Gibson: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: In-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Kerrie St Jean: In-favour*  
*Margaret Stringer: In-favour*  
*Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau: Absent*

– **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. PRESENTATION**

Mary Jago, Mental Health Lead, spoke about supporting mentally healthy schools.

The presentation included: the vision for student mental health and well-being in Ontario, the strategy overview in Rainbow Schools, the key priorities, data from the mental health team and their work, how to access the mental health team, challenges, considerations, community service providers, plans for September, traumatic event

response and celebrations. A video produced by Rainbow's Mental Health team was viewed.

Trustees had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

**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-R59, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 be approved.

Poll Vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: Absent*  
*Doreen Dewar: In-favour*  
*Anita Gibson: In-favour*  
*Judy Hunda: In-favour*  
*Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*  
*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Kerrie St Jean: In-favour*  
*Margaret Stringer: In-favour*  
*Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau: Absent*

**– Carried**

**2. Pandemic Operational Update**

Director Blaseg and the Superintendents shared information with trustees on many items including student attendance during distance learning, feedback gathered from parents on what has worked well with distance learning and what has not worked as well, assessment and evaluation at the elementary and secondary levels, summer learning update (virtual), special education summer programs, mental health team, health and safety, human resources, transportation, deliveries to schools, communications, National Indigenous History Month and graduations.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

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

Superintendent Bazinet advised that GSN information from the Ministry of Education has been delayed. Also, access to EFIS (Education Finance Information System) is required in order to calculate revenues for the 2020-2021 school year. These delays will effect upcoming Board meeting dates scheduled to review and approve the Board Budget for 2020-2021.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) **Motion: 20-R60, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement**

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, Lively District Secondary School, Northeastern Elementary School, building lockdown security system installation-tender #2020-06 to Raw Group for \$313,796.

**Poll Vote**

*Bob Clement: In-favour  
Linda Debassige: Absent  
Doreen Dewar: In-favour  
Anita Gibson: In-favour  
Judy Hunda: In-favour  
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour  
Dena Morrison: In-favour  
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour  
Margaret Stringer: In-favour  
Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau: Absent*

**– Carried**

b) **Motion: 20-R61, D.Morrison/M.Stringer**

That the Board award the contract for Alexander Public School, partial roof replacement and interior renovations-tender #2020-07 to Prosperi Co. Ltd for \$247,900.

**Poll Vote**

*Bob Clement: In-favour  
Linda Debassige: Absent  
Doreen Dewar: In-favour  
Anita Gibson: In-favour  
Judy Hunda: In-favour  
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour  
Dena Morrison: In-favour  
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour  
Margaret Stringer: In-favour  
Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau: Absent*

**– Carried**

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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence**

**Motion: 20-R62, J.Hunda/M.Stringer**

That Trustee L. Debassige and Student Trustee C. Gauvreau be granted a leave of absence from the June 9, 2020 Board meeting.

**Poll Vote**

*Bob Clement: In-favour  
Linda Debassige: Absent  
Doreen Dewar: In-favour  
Anita Gibson: In-favour  
Judy Hunda: In-favour  
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour*

*Dena Morrison: In-favour*  
*Kerrie St Jean: In-favour*  
*Margaret Stringer: In-favour*  
*Student Trustee Colleen Gauvreau: Absent*

– **Carried**

## 2. **Director's Remarks**

Administration Placements were announced:

- Lindsay Bennett appointed as Acting Vice Principal of Valleyview Public School effective September 2, 2020 to June 30, 2021.
- Nicole Nicholas-Bayer appointed as Vice Principal of Manitoulin Secondary School Effective August 24, 2020.
- Dawn McCann appointed as acting Vice Principal of Manitoulin Secondary School effective September 2, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

**Ugliest School maintenance program** Approximately 20 schools in the Greater City of Sudbury are eligible to receive schoolyard maintenance. Previous winners of the award will be evaluated to see which sites require touch ups over the summer holidays. Funding for the project is provided by Glencore.

**Teachable moments** Review of current programming that is focussing on racism. Examples from elementary and secondary schools were presented.

### **Invitation for naming K to 12 school in Chelmsford**

The public that resides along the 144 corridor are being asked to submit ideas/suggestions for the naming of the K-12 school in Chelmsford.

**Childcare** The Ministry has indicated childcare will expand but we are waiting for details. We anticipate news on the expansion to happen at any time. Since the Ministry announcement earlier today we have been inundated with provider requests to access schools. We anticipate many childcare sites to open soon. Having said that, we understand access to each daycare has a maximum capacity of 10 children.

**Retrieval initiative** This was started on Wednesday, June 3 and continues until tomorrow. To date, 80 - 90 % of students have retrieved their belongings from their school.

**Face Shields** Northeastern Principal, Ron Hodkinson, produced 40 face shields for the system. We anticipate that PPE's for the September start up may include equipment such as these, especially for staff working with students that require close contact.

### **Report Cards and Devices.**

- Reminder - all report cards will be mailed home.
- Gr 12 students graduating will be expected to return any loaned devices prior to receiving their report card.
- All students leaving the board will be expected to return their loaned devices prior to receiving their report cards.

- This return procedure will span June 29 to July 3 and by appointment only.
- All other loaned devices will remain with students until the September start up.

**Itinerary:**

- May 20 Google meet:  
 Manager of ABA  
 Chief Psychologist  
 Virtual meeting with Northeastern Elementary Teacher classroom
- May 21 Teleconference – Deputy Ministry of Education  
 Exec Council
- May 22 Google meet:  
 Mental Health Lead  
 Teleconference – Minister of Education
- May 25 Google meet RE: Childcare  
 Superintendent Judy Nobel  
 System Principal Lesley Fisher  
 Google meet RE: ISP transitions  
 Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk  
 System Principal Colleen McDonald  
 ABA Manager Brien Managhan  
 Google Meet RE: Mental Health  
 Superintendent Kathy Wachnuk  
 Mental Health Lead Mary Jago  
 PCODE – teleconference
- May 26 Exec Council
- May 28 Teleconference – Deputy Ministry of Education  
 Exec Council  
 Teleconference Public Health
- May 29 Exec Council  
 Directors meeting
- June 1 Mental Health – Meeting  
 Minister of Education – Teleconference  
 PCODE – Teleconference
- June 2 Exec Council
- June 4 Deputy Minister of Education – Teleconference  
 Greening initiative (Wayne Hugli)
- June 8 Review of CTC programming

Mental Health Review (COVID)  
Minister of Education Teleconference

June 9      Exec Council  
                 Board Meeting

3.      **Other Items**

OPSBA Director, Trustee Clement reported that he attended the OPSBA Directors' meeting via ZOOM on Saturday, May 23, 2020 with 64 other participants. He advised that GSNs were part of discussions but contract negotiations were not discussed.

Student Trustee – n/a

4.      **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Clement advised that on June 5, residents of Espanola and the surrounding area gathered at the Espanola town offices in a peaceful protest to support the world-wide movement 'Black Lives Matter'. He also advised that construction of the new French Language school in Espanola continues to be delayed. The new target date to have students attending classes in the building is January 2021.

Trustee Morrison thanked Director Blaseg for sharing information about all the planning that has taken place for Rainbow students and families.

Trustee St. Jean, who is the representative for the Blind and Low-vision Exceptionality on the the Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE) advised that she is in two days of virtual meetings. She spoke about a future meeting of the Accessibility Committee.

Trustee Hunda expressed interest in hearing more about the reopening of child care after the Ministry announcement earlier today.

5.      **Chairperson's Remarks**

I would like to provide a brief report on the teleconference that was held yesterday with the Minister of Education, Ministry staff and school board chairs across the province.

Phase 2 of re-opening begins this Friday, June 12 in Ontario.

The Minister is welcoming input on guidance for the safe return to school in September.

Schools need to be prepared for all potential scenarios.

Everything will be done with health and safety first and foremost.

The GSN's are close to being ready and will be out soon.

The importance of mental health and well-being will be reflected in the GSNs.

The province continues to invest in broadband and technology.

The Minister has invited Board Chairs to ask questions through the weekly Monday teleconferences. Questions must be submitted by the previous Thursday. If you have a question, please send it to me.

In closing, I want to say that Covid 19 has changed our lives .....forever.

I never thought I would see another event that could or would impact society on a world-wide scale.

But I did. We all did.

Two weeks ago, yesterday, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African-American man, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

As I watch the protests from my "covid 19 cocoon", there are realities that I have come to accept.

Systemic racism exists.

The first step to addressing systemic racism is to recognize that systemic racism exists.

Recognizing systemic racism can lead to lasting, meaningful change.

Lasting, meaningful change comes with education.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to our entire educational community who, by their very roles in our society, carry with them the hope for change during these difficult times.

## **G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**  
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes November 6, 2019 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**  
Letter to Minister of Education dated June 1, 2020 Re: MACSE

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Meeting June 30, 2020 5:00 pm via Google Meet  
Board Meeting September 1, 2020 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 20-R63, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 7:30 p.m. – **Carried.**

Official