

Rainbow District School Board

**MINUTES OF THE  
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

Held electronically via Google Meet  
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
in the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee A. Lafrance  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director of Education  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson, D. Kitching, M. McKelvey

1. **Call to Order**

Director Blaseg called the meeting to order.

Director Blaseg completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 21-R01, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of December 8, 2020 be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour  
Linda Debassige: In-favour  
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*

**– Carried**

3. **Election of Chair**

Director Blaseg reviewed the process for the upcoming elections and committee placements.

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

Dena Morrison nominated Doreen Dewar.

- a) Motion: 21-R02, B.Clement/L.Debassige  
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

- b) Motion: 21-R03, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That Doreen Dewar be acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried unanimously**

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

Chair Dewar stated: "I consider serving as chair of the Rainbow Board to be an honour and a privilege and for that, I thank you".

5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** NIL

6. **Past Chair's Remarks** NIL

Director Blaseg handed the gavel to Trustee/Chair Dewar

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Margaret Stringer nominated Dena Morrison for the position of Vice-Chair.

- a) Motion: 21-R04, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried unanimously**

- b) Motion: 21-R05, M.Stringer/J.Hunda  
That Dena Morrison be acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried unanimously**

8. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

- Motion: 21-R06, B.Clement/J.Kosmerly  
That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

**Accessibility Planning Committee**

Trustee Kerrie St. Jean

**Audit Committee (year 3 of 4)**

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Margaret Stringer

**Environmental Education Committee**

Trustee Judy Hunda  
Student Trustee Ava Lafrance

**Equity and Inclusive Education Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Linda Debassige  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly

**First Nations Advisory Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Linda Debassige  
Trustee Margaret Stringer

**Labour Relations Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Doreen Dewar  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Trustee Dena Morrison  
Trustee Margaret Stringer

**Parent Involvement Committee**

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

**School Year Structure Committee**

Trustee Anita Gibson  
Trustee Kerrie St. Jean  
Student Trustee Ava Lafrance

**Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Kerrie St. Jean  
Trustee Dena Morrison (alternate)  
Trustee Margaret Stringer (alternate)

**Strategic Planning Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Linda Debassige  
Trustee Doreen Dewar  
Trustee Anita Gibson  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Dena Morrison  
Trustee Kerrie St. Jean  
Trustee Margaret Stringer

**Student Senate**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Student Trustee Ava Lafrance

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

a) **OPSBA Director**

Dena Morrison nominated Bob Clement.

1. **Motion: 21-R07, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison**

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

**– Carried**

2. **Motion: 21-R08, L.Debassige/M.Stringer**

That Bob Clement be acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting delegate to the Ontario Public School Board's Association.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

**– Carried**

b) **Alternate Director**

Dena Morrison nominated Judy Kosmerly.

1. **Motion: 21-R09, D.Morrison/J.Hunda**

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

2. Motion: 21-R10, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That Judy Kosmerly be acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario School Boards' Association.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **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 this policy.

a) Call for nominations.

Dena Morrison nominated Judy Hunda.  
Bob Clement nominated Margaret Stringer.  
Linda Debassige nominated herself.  
Anita Gibson nominated herself.

Motion: 21-R11, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

Motion: 21-R12, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That Linda Debassige be declared elected first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

b) Call for nominations.

Dena Morrison nominated Judy Hunda.  
Judy Kosmerly nominated M. Stringer  
Anita Gibson nominated herself.

Motion: 21-R13, B.Clement/M.Stringer

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

Motion: 21-R14, J.Hunda/B.Clement

That Margaret Stringer be declared elected second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*

– **Carried**

11. **BALLOTS**

Motion: 21-R15, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the ballots for all positions be destroyed.

Poll vote

*Bob Clement: In-favour*  
*Linda Debassige: In-favour*  
*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*  
– **Carried**

13. **Adjournment**

Motion: 21-R16, J.Hunda/M.Stringer  
That we now adjourn (6:25 p.m.). - **Carried**

Official