

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, March 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson,
J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer,
Student Trustee Yao (joined 5:21pm)
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business
J. Noble, K. Wachnuk, L. Fisher - Superintendents
N. Charette, C. Whitson, D. Peristeridis
Others: N. Cecchetto, P. Duncan, N. Mousseau, M. McKelvey

Chair Clement advised that the meeting was being live-streamed and archived.

Chair Clement read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R41, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of March 22, 2022 be approved as amended, the amendments being:

under Item **E. OLD BUSINESS, #3 Masking Motion – Update** –

“Motion:” be changed to “Notice of Motion” (That the Board rescind Motion: 20-R86.), and

under item **E. OLD BUSINESS, #4 Tenders/Requests for Proposal** –
the removal of Motion: b) Tender #2022-04 re: Lively ventilation.

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. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. **PRESENTATIONS** 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**

a) **Motion: 22-R42, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly**

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 15 2022 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

b) **Motion: 22-R43, D.Morrison/D.Dewar**

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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

2. **2021-2022 School Year Update**

Director Bruce Bourget provided a detailed update on the 2021-2022 school year.

Director Bourget shared COVID-19 data and Public Health updates including the lifting of the masking mandate, cohorting and distancing requirements in schools. He spoke on the new graduation requirement for online courses and the ability for students to opt-out.

For the 2022-2023 school year, a message was sent to all parents/guardians to make a decision for the entire year whether to register for the Virtual School or to attend in person.

The Lancer Dome reopened for community use on March 7th and the community use of schools will resume April 19th.

Director Bourget also mentioned the updated school screening tool and vaccination attestation will remain on the website along with the reopening guide which is being revised to reflect the recent changes. Letters were distributed to parents/guardians and posted on the board website for ease of reference.

Director Bourget advised that the Ministry would be introducing a new science and technology curriculum for Grades 1 to 8 and de-streaming the Grade 9 science course for the upcoming school year.

Director Bourget shared a few video presentations for both the virtual Kindergarten and Secondary Information nights, which parents/guardians can access online.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions.

3. **Masking Motion – Update**

At the September 1, 2020 Regular Board meeting, the following motion was passed:

Motion: 20-R86, M.Stringer/J.Hunda

With reasonable exceptions, be it resolved that in Rainbow Schools all students grades 1-12 wear masks, and all Kindergarten students wear masks and/or face shields. – **Carried unanimously**

Notice of Motion: 22-R44, D.Morrison

That the Board rescind Motion: 20-R86.

4. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) Motion: 22-R45, D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That the Board award the contract for elevator inspection and maintenance services for the Rainbow District School Board–tender #2022-03 to Otis Canada Inc. for \$92,340.00.

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) Removed from agenda as per Motion: 22-R41

Motion:

That the Board award the contract for Lively District Secondary School, classroom ventilation upgrades–tender #2022-04 to _____ for \$_____.00.

- c) Motion: 22-R46, D.Dewar/M.Stringer

That the Board award the contract for Lockerby Composite School, classroom ventilation upgrades–tender #2022-05 to Mike Witherell Mechanical Ltd. for \$1,468,488.00.

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

- d) Motion: 22-R47, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That the Board award the contract for Espanola High School and A.B. Ellis Public School, renovation and ventilation-tender #2022-06 to Lignum Builders for \$2,040,000.00.

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

- e) Motion: 22-R48, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the Board award the contract for Algonquin Public School, ventilation–tender #2022-07 to Prosperi Co. Ltd. for \$517,500.00.

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

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

a) **Strategic Planning Committee**

Motion:22-R49, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That Rainbow District School Board establish an Ad Hoc committee of Trustees to assist in a review of the Census questions to personalize them to the 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

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Municipal Election 2022**

a) Motion: 22-R50, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That in accordance with Section 4 (1) (b) Ontario Regulation 412/00 the Board does not designate any municipality within its jurisdiction as a low population municipality.

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: 22-R51, D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That in accordance with Ontario Regulation 412/00 that Appendix A shall form the report of the Determination and Distribution of trustees as required under Section 9 of the regulation and further, that, the municipality with the largest population in each Area and the school board election clerk as referred to in Section 8.1 being identified as follows:

- Area 1 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 2 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 3 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 4 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 5 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 6 – Clerk of The City of Greater Sudbury
- Area 7 – Clerk of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
- Area 8 – Clerk of The Town of Espanola

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

c) **Motion: 22-R52, D.Morrison/D.Dewar**

That the vote by integrated internet and telephone services bylaw 2022-01 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: Abstain
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– Carried

2. **Ontario Public School Board Association Annual General Meeting**

Motion: 22-R53, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the Board approve the attendance of the following Trustees at the 2022 OPSBA Annual General Meeting in Ottawa June 9 to 11, 2022.

All Trustees were approved to attend, but many were only interested in attending virtually not in person. Trustee Kosmerly advised she would confirm with OBSPA.

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

4. **Director's Remarks**

Director Bourget hoped everyone enjoyed their March Break.

With the recent Provincial changes, Director Bourget expressed the need for respect for choice across all areas of the Board.

Director Bourget mentioned enrolment predictions for the 2022-2023 school year are currently underway, which marks the beginning of the staffing process for next year.

Director Bourget thanked all trustees, parents, staff and students for their resilience, hard work, patience and respect during these difficult times and was hopeful that the best part of the year is yet to come.

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly attended the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors in February and shared meeting notes with Trustees. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in person in Toronto on April 29 & 30. The OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 9 to 11. OPSBA is hosting a virtual Labour Relations and Human Resources symposium on April 28, 2022.

Motion: 22-R54, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the Board approve the attendance of Chair Clement, Trustee Debassige, Trustee Dewar, Trustee Gibson, Trustee Hunda, Trustee Kosmerly, Trustee Morrison, Trustee Stringer at the virtual Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Symposium on April 28, 2022.

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

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Yao reported that the Student Senate continues to prepare for the upcoming Student conference and is meeting next Monday to finalize ideas.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Stringer shared her concerns over the removal of mask mandates within schools and encouraged following the advice of Dr. Sutcliffe to continue wearing masks in indoor public settings.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Earth Hour 2022

Staff, students and families are invited to turn off their lights for Earth Hour on Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 pm in a demonstration of global support for action against climate change.

As we adopted the new Strategic Directions last month, here are a few ways our vision, mission, values and priorities are coming to life in Rainbow Schools.

Team "MacLeod On a Mission" rallied together to collect an impressive \$15,740 for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser. Congratulations!

Kindergarten students from R.L. Beattie Public School are growing plants from seed to harvest right in their classroom with a system called Nutritower. It's a vertical hydroponic gardening structure that grows plants without soil.

In the spirit of friendly competition, students from Levack Public School tested their skills in curling, hockey, snowball throw, and tug-of-war during the school's Winter Olympics.

On March 2nd, Monetville Public School staff and students celebrated legendary children's author Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Grade 4 students from Cyril Varney Public School paid a virtual visit to the Toronto Zoo to learn about wetland conservation.

Grade 6/7 students from Levack Public School are learning how some First Nations communities in Ontario have Boil Water Advisories. Students will finalize the unit with a sacred water day assembly this week.

Professional dancer, choreographer and alumnus Mitchell Jackson met virtually with dance students from Sudbury Secondary School. Students earned a certification towards their Specialist High Skills Major in Arts and Culture.

McKerrow artist, Roselynn Andress, donated art to Espanola High School. The art focuses on the strong and important message - 'stop bullying.'

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School students Harley French, Grade 11, and Jacob Bolton, Grade 12, earned first place in the Harvard Student Agencies' Wolves of

Wall Street Challenge – the world’s first global stock market competition for youth.

Lasalle Secondary School students in the Specialist High Skills Major in Sports visited the Simulation Lab at Health Sciences North to practise CPR, ultrasounds, inserting IVs, and crisis intervention.

Four students from Rainbow Schools have been accepted into the prestigious Shad Canada Program to take part in labs, seminars and hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and entrepreneurship this summer.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5th.

The upcoming Parent Involvement Committee Meeting is set for April 12th at 6:30 pm.

And a friendly reminder that schools are closed for Good Friday on April 15th and Easter Monday on April 18th. Our next board meeting will be the day following, on Tuesday, April 19th.

In keeping with Dr. Seuss, “You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child”

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
First Nation Advisory Committee minutes November 18, 2021 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes February 2, 2022 (official)
2. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Equity & Inclusion Education Committee March 24, 2022 4:00 pm
Student Senate Committee Meeting April 4, 2022 5:30 pm
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting April 5, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom
Special Education Advisory Committee April 6, 2022 12:00 pm
Parent Involvement Committee Meeting April 12, 2022 7:00 pm
Board Meeting April 19, 2022 5:00 pm Boardroom
Environmental Education Committee Meeting May 4, 2022 3:30 pm
First Nation Advisory Committee May 19, 2022 10:00 am

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 22-R55, D.Morrison/K.St.Jean
That we do now adjourn at 6:36p.m. - **Carried**