

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

to be held electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**AGENDA
AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS**

Roll Call

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of August 30, 2022 be approved.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Motion:

That Jocelyn Kuntsi (Manitoulin Secondary School) and Darcy Trudeau (Espanola High School) be appointed Student Trustees for the school year 2022-2023.

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

*Chair

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

*Chair

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

*Director

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

*Chair

Motion:

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 be approved.

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals NIL

*SBO

3. **Continuation of Livestreaming Strategic Planning Committee Meetings** *SBO

Motion:

That the Strategic Planning Committee meetings held in the Ernie Checkers Boardroom be live streamed.

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** *Chair

5. **September School Reopening Update** *Director

- F. **NEW BUSINESS** *Chair

1. **2022-2023 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians** *Director

2. **2022-2023 Executive Council Portfolios and Family of Schools** *Director

3. **Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution** *SBO

Motion:

That the Current Expenditures Borrowing Resolution as attached be deemed to have been read three times and approved.

4. **Easement – City of Greater Sudbury** *SBO

Motion:

That the Rainbow District School Board support a request for a permanent easement for the purpose of installation and use of a storm sewer for Churchill Public School on part of Auger Avenue.

5. **2022-2023 In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan** *SBO

Motion:

That the 2022-2023 In-year deficit elimination plan be approved.

6. **OPSBA Fees** *Chair

Motion:

That the 2022/23 membership fees in the Ontario Public School Boards' Association be approved.

7. **Requests for Leave of Absence** *Chair

Motion:

That _____ be granted a leave of absence from the August 30, 2022 Board meeting.

8. **Director's Remarks** *Director

9. **Other Items** *Chair
 OPSBA Director
 Student Trustee
10. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**
Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.
11. **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 September 12, 2022 5:30 pm
 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting September 13, 2022 5:00 pm
 Special Education Advisory Committee September 14, 2022 11:30 am
 Environmental Education Committee Meeting September 14, 2022 3:30 pm
 First Nation Advisory Committee September 15, 2022 10:00 am
 Equity & Inclusion Committee September 15, 2022 4:00 pm
 Board Meeting September 27, 2022 5:00 pm
 Parent Involvement Committee AGM October 18, 2022 7:00 pm
- I. ADJOURNMENT** *Chair
- Motion:
 That we do now adjourn at p.m.

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 Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement (Chair), L. Debassige (joined at 5:32pm),
D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison,
K. St. Jean, M. Stringer,
Student Trustee Yao
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: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, D. Kitching,
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.

Director Bourget completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google meet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 22-R77 D.Dewar/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 29, 2022 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

– Carried

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. New Sudbury Capital Projects Update – Superintendent Bazinet

Sandi Ackroyd, Manager of Capital Projects, shared an update of the New Sudbury construction progress over the past year and the plans that will continue over the summer. This included the Churchill addition and the New Sudbury Elementary School on the Lasalle Secondary site. Included in the presentation were funding breakdowns, floor plans and photos of the progress at each location.

Trustees appreciated the report and had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

2. Summer Programs – Superintendents (Fisher, Noble & Wachnuk)

Superintendent Fisher provided trustees with information about the kindergarten summer camp, CODE summer learning program for grades K-6 and the Summer support program for newcomers in partnership with the YMCA.

Superintendent Noble spoke about the CODE summer learning program for grades 6-8, secondary summer school, summer co-op opportunities and the summer literacy course through e-learning.

Superintendent Wachnuk provided trustees with information about the Special Education Summer programs taking place during the months of July and August. Special education supports will be provided at the CODE programs, kindergarten camp as well as a summer transition program. In addition, speech and language assessments will be completed during the summer months.

3. Outgoing Student Trustee Michael Yao – Director Bourget

Chair Clement, Trustees....

This is the final board meeting for Student Trustee Michael Yao who led the Student Senate this year and provided a much-valued voice at the board table.

Michael Yao graduated this month from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School where he has been enrolled in the French Immersion Program.

An active member of his school community, Michael Yao has fostered positive connections within the school.

He has been involved with the Student Council since Grade 9, serving as treasurer this school year. His work on the Student Council led him to the Student Senate, which includes representatives from all of our secondary schools.

Michael would tell you that his high school experience wouldn't be the same without being involved. It has allowed him to share his voice, make a difference in his school community, shape experiences for other students, and, in the process, help him to grow personally.

When he began his role as Student Trustee, he indicated... and I quote: "Student voice provides opportunities for feedback and reflection. It promotes student engagement and creates a positive environment and culture in our schools."

I think we would all concur with that assessment.

As a Student Trustee, Michael has worked alongside members of the Student Senate to make students feel safe and supported.

In his role, he also represented Rainbow District School Board at the provincial level as a member of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA).

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) and the Public Board Council of OSTA-AECO named Michael Yao one of two recipients of the 2021-2022 Ontario Public Student Trustee Scholarship.

Congratulations Michael!

This scholarship is based on an outstanding leadership initiative accomplished during the student trustee's term and how the initiative positively impacted the students in their board.

As Chair of the Student Senate, Michael Yao played a leadership role in the Learn to Lead Conference organized by students for students.

And it was particularly significant because it was the first time in two years that this conference was held in person.

Students enjoyed speakers on topics of business, academics, health, reconciliation, and equity and inclusion, with keynote speaker Sunjay Nath – in a face-to-face setting.

While Michael says his year was filled with highlights, one moment at the Student Conference really stood out for him.

As the conference was coming to an end and he held the microphone to say goodbye, it struck him that he was in a room full of student leaders.

"The students in this room are all just equally as passionate about leadership as I am," he recalls thinking. "Being able to inspire other students really was an incredible experience and that feeling is really something that I will never forget."

Michael learned a lot about leadership, communication, and teamwork during his term as Student Trustee and Chair of the Student Senate.

He also learned a lot about student voice and how impactful and important it is. "I learned that whether you are a student from a small school or a big one, your voice matters," he says.

We asked Michael why it's important for students to get involved in their school community?

He told us that it helps build your own character, and also allows you to make amazing connections not only with high school students from your school and across the board, but also with community members. Michael also had an opportunity to network with students from across Ontario.

In the fall, Michael will attend McMaster University where he is enrolled in the Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences Program.

He plans to pursue a career in the medical field, as a doctor or a biomedical engineer.

Thank you for your contribution to Rainbow District School Board Michael.

Chair Bob Clement, the Trustees, Superintendent Judy Noble and all members of Executive Council join me in wishing you the very best in your post-secondary studies and beyond.

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: 22-R78 A.Gibson/D.Morrison

That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 17, 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 Bourget began by thanking all the stakeholders for their work on the Strategic Directions of the board. He shared the final document that will be posted on the website this summer.

Director Bourget spoke of the board-wide accomplishment to becoming 100% Eco-School certified, a distinction that only 2 boards across the whole of Canada have attained.

Lastly, a video montage of special events that occurred across the board over the year was shared.

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**

a) **Motion: 22-R79 D.Morrison/D.Dewar**

That the Board award the contract for Waste Disposal and Recycling Services–tender #2022-12 to Waste Management of Canada Corporation for \$372,981.00.

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) **Motion: 22-R80 J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda**

That the Board award the contract for Redwood Public School, site redevelopment-phase 1-tender #2022-15 to Interpaving Limited for \$188,679.60.

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-R81 J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar**

That the Board award the contract for Redwood Public School, window replacement-tender #2022-16 to Alwind Industries Ltd. for \$188,635.00.

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

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

a) **2022/2023 Budget**

Motion: 22-R82 D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the Rainbow District School Board 2022/2023 budget 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) **Audit Committee**

Motion 22-R83 D.Morrison/M.Stringer

That the 2022-2023 Internal Audit Plan and Multi-Year Internal Audit Plan be approved as recommended by the Audit Committee.

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. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion: 22-R84 J.Hunda/L.Debassige

That the short term borrowing bylaw 2022-02 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: 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. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

3 **Director's Remarks**

Balanced budget

In approving a balanced budget this evening, Trustees... you have provided the financial framework for staff to continue to implement our Strategic Directions for 2022 to 2027 for the benefit of students in Rainbow Schools.

I would like to thank Superintendent Bazinet and the Finance department for their hard work to establish a balanced budget. This is a tremendous accomplishment.

Trustees, tonight I share that Superintendent Bazinet has informed me that he will be retiring from the Board in December. Superintendent Bazinet has been a calm and steady leader of our business departments since assuming this important role in February 2016.

He has led facilities maintenance and operations, information services, and finance. He also oversees the development of the Board's annual budget, long-term capital and accommodation plans, and revitalization projects.

Dennis came to the role with 25 years of experience in the education sector, primarily at the senior level. He also had experience in the private sector. We are fortunate to have a leader of his caliber and character guiding us from a financial perspective. He certainly deserves a wonderful retirement. Congratulations Superintendent Bazinet!

Everyone counts. Census 2022

We are in the final stages of preparing the Student Census that will be administered this fall. I would like to thank the many stakeholders who participated in the input sessions that were held throughout the school year. I would also like to thank the Census Steering Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee of Trustees for your contribution. This summer, we will implement a communications campaign to build understanding and awareness as we get ready to invite our students and families to complete the Census. The data will enable us to gain a deeper understanding of the students that we serve so we can better meet their needs.

Special Education Highlights

In the 2021-2022 school year, Empower Reading was offered in 32 Rainbow Schools! Approximately 180 students participated in this evidenced based reading intervention program that closes achievement gaps in reading. Students gained 1-3 years of growth in their reading in one school year!

61 grade 4-6 students in 8 Rainbow Elementary Schools, along with 23 teachers participated in a Math Pilot Project to support students with special needs to narrow achievement gaps in mathematics. All 61 students increased their academic achievement in mathematics and became more confident math learners!

Over 2000 students from 22 Elementary Schools and 5 Secondary Schools received training on G-suite tools such as google read & write to support their learning!

Families, Staff and students gathered at Laurentian University Track for the 2022 Challenge Meet. More than 300 students from 22 Rainbow Schools participated in track and field events. Participants enjoyed a BBQ lunch provided by the Kinsmen Club of Sudbury.

Growth of positive relationships

At the beginning of the school year, we prioritized the safe return to school for students and staff. We also focused on reconnecting in person and online. The continued growth of positive relationships was certainly evident at the many graduations that we attended recently. It was very gratifying to see our students come forward to accept their diplomas. We also had the pleasure of attending Grade 8 graduations and Stepping Up ceremonies for students going from Grade 6 to Grade 7. Lots of smiles all around which really warmed our hearts. Being surrounded by a strong circle of caring adults and having a positive peer group and collaborative colleagues help to foster mental health and well-being. Over time, there were gains in student achievement as we invested resources in closing learning gaps. There is a renewed sense of public confidence. At this time, we are focused on transitions and succession planning as we look ahead to the start of the new school year. We will continue to provide emotionally and culturally safe, caring and connected places to learn.

Truth and Reconciliation

Last fall, Canada celebrated its first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Thanks to Hazel Recollet Fox we held a sunrise ceremony here at the Centre for Education. We remain focused on moving beyond commitment to action and will have a strong team leading those efforts as we go forward.

Next year we will welcome System Principal of Indigenous Education Kathy Dokis back from secondment and Nicole Nicolas will be returning to join Tim Nadjiwon as VP's of Indig Education.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and staff for your outstanding advocacy and support of our students and staff. It is truly a privilege for me to

work with you. I would also like to share my gratitude to the incredible leadership and staff of our schools. Our Executive Council, Board Office, School Administration and school staff have worked so hard to serve our students and it is inspiring to see their dedication, professionalism and genuine care for our students. It is an honour for us to work collectively to serve the families of Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island as, together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society. In addition, I would like to thank parents/guardians for their patience and support throughout the year.

As you set out to enjoy summer, please remember that the kindness you share each day however big or small makes a positive difference in the lives of others. Thank you for being difference makers. Once again, on behalf of Executive Council, I wish all Rainbow families and all staff an enjoyable, safe and restful summer. Have fun!! We look forward to seeing you this fall!!

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Director – Trustee Kosmerly attended the Board of Director’s meeting June 9th and the AGM in Ottawa on June 10-11th. She shared that boards across the province were seeing major staffing issues with respect to Teachers, Educational Assistants and ECE’s. On June 10th, elections were held and Kathryn Pierroz of the Rainy River DSB was elected the 2nd vice president which gives a voice for the northern boards at the executive table. Also at the meeting, Directors approved 6 policy resolutions, one of which was to give consideration for a hybrid meeting model for OPSBA board meetings and another being a call on the government to introduce an Indigenous course requirement in collaboration with the Indigenous Trustee Council. OPSBA’s annual report was approved for release and has been posted on the OPSBA website.

Student Trustee - Student Trustee Yao expressed his appreciation to Trustees for all of their support over his term as student trustee. He shared it has been an extremely rewarding experience and it has been a journey he will never forget.

5. **Trustees’ Remarks/Questions**

Trustees expressed their pleasure in being able to attend events in person and seeing the joy and pride on the students faces. Attending events like graduations, Challenge Meet, Track and Field and Free To Be Me has been wonderful. The trustees shared their congratulations to graduating students and wish all a relaxing summer.

6. **Chairperson’s Remarks**

Today was the last day of school for students. I want to thank students, families and staff for their patience and understanding as we continued to live and learn with protocols designed to keep everyone safe. Through it all, you remained resilient and we are so proud of you.

This school year marked a turning point in the pandemic as we were able to slowly resume community use and in person gatherings, like graduations. What a wonderful feeling to come together again, to be active, to have fun and to celebrate.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to acknowledge graduates for their hard work and dedication. We wish you the very best in all that you do.

And to the trustees

I want to thank you for your confidence in me as chair of the Board. It has been a learning experience to say the least. Having meetings with Director Bruce Bourget at the beginning solidified my role as a trustee and not administration. The staff always keeps me abreast of board items ahead of time, so I am always in the loop. It makes my job so much easier and thank you Cindy for keeping me on track. I appreciate your reminders.

I would like to thank all trustees for serving our students and families. And thank you for supporting our committed staff. Your dedication to the work of the Board is very much appreciated.

So have a great summer, see you in August.

Now, let's take a look at a few ways our vision, mission, values and priorities came to life in Rainbow Schools.

The Kindness Ninjas from Larchwood Public School prepared cards and gifts to brighten the day for Intensive Care nurses at Health Sciences North.

Kindergarten students from Adamsdale Public School witnessed the magical life cycle of caterpillars, which culminated with a butterfly release.

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 at R.H. Murray Public School took their math outside to measure objects in nature.

Grade 6 students from Walden Public School spent a day at the Lake Laurentian Conservation Area learning about survival skills.

Students in a variety of grades took part in a special outdoor musical presentation at Valley View Public School.

Grade 8 students from MacLeod Public School enjoyed a special field trip at Eagle Lake.

Families from Walden Public School joined together for their annual outdoor booknic.

Princess Anne Public School's Grade 6 students wrote, illustrated, and published their own story books.

Reading buddies from CVDCS enjoyed stories in the schoolyard.

R.L. Beattie Public School celebrated Canadian Multiculturalism Day with a culture carousel. Students moved from class to class to share and learn about diverse cultures.

Grade 11 Physics students at Lo-Ellen Park measured the speed of sound.

Larchwood Public School raised \$2,700 for this year's Jump Rope for Heart campaign.

IMPORTANT DATES

Schools will close on Friday, July 8th and will reopen on Monday, August 22nd. Register now for the fall, if you have not done so already.

While schools are closed, parents/guardians are invited to email info@rainbowschools.ca for assistance.

I will end with a tribute to our graduates from Henry David Thoreau:

*"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined."*

Or as Dr. Seuss so eloquently said:

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."*

*Congratulations!
To all students and staff....
Have a healthy and happy summer.*

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

First Nations Advisory Committee (FNAC) minutes February 17, 2022 (official)
Audit Committee minutes May 2, 2022 (official)
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes May 4, 2022 (official)

2. Non-Staff Communications

June 14, 2022 letter to Chair Allan Tam, York Region District School Board
RE: Passing of Student Trustee
June 24, 2022 letter to Premier Ford, Minister of Education, Minister of Health and Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
RE: Changes to the provision of health support services in schools.

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Meeting August 30, 2022 5:00 pm

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting September 13, 2022 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 22-R85 D.Morrison/D.Dewar

That we do now adjourn at 7:01p.m. – **Carried**

UNOFFICIAL

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
BORROWING RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (THE "Board")

- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the "Act"), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2023 (the "Period").
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education from time to time.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers' acceptance from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in Subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Act), and to give to CIBC or to any other approved lender promissory notes or bankers' acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC or any other approved lender;
- 2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing;
- 3. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board;
- 4. The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC or any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowings of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution of the Board in the Province of Ontario, duly passed at a meeting of the Board and that this Resolution is in force and effect.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2022.

Chair

Secretary

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| Title: | 2022-2023 In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contact: | Dennis Bazinet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date Submitted: | August 30, 2022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Background | <p>As noted in memo 2019:SB06 2019-20 Estimates (District School Boards), the ministry has included a new requirement where an in-year deficit elimination plan and school board resolution must be submitted by a school board, showing the elimination of the in-year deficit within two years.</p> <p>For this purpose, the in-year deficit shall be adjusted to exclude the amortization expense of ministry approved committed capital projects.</p> <p>Ministry calculated 2022-2023 in-year deficit:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Projected operating accumulated surplus</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">\$11,957</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Committed Capital Projects</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amortization</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(\$651,622)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adjustment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$417,769</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(\$233,853)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calculated deficit</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">(\$221,896)</td> </tr> </table> <p>2022-2023 In-year deficit elimination plan</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Deficit amount to be eliminated</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">(\$ 221,896)</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>2023-2024 (Year 1)</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Decreases in operating expenses due to school consolidation</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;"><u>\$221,896</u></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 221,896</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Estimated deficit August 31, 2023 \$0</p> | | | Projected operating accumulated surplus | | \$11,957 | Committed Capital Projects | | | Total amortization | (\$651,622) | | Adjustment | \$417,769 | (\$233,853) | Calculated deficit | | (\$221,896) | Deficit amount to be eliminated | | (\$ 221,896) | Decreases in operating expenses due to school consolidation | <u>\$221,896</u> | | | | <u>\$ 221,896</u> |
| Projected operating accumulated surplus | | \$11,957 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Perseverance. Resilience. Dedication. Three words that are truly fitting for all of us in education during Ontario's third school year of the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit Ontario with three successive waves starting in September 2021. There were many challenges over the year as Ontario school boards took on new COVID-19 monitoring, reporting, testing, and masking mandates. Our member boards each adapted to the change in different ways that worked for their local circumstances, and we thank our trustees, senior administration, principals and vice-principals, teachers, education workers, and school communities for their commitment to keeping our schools as safe as possible in the Delta and Omicron eras.

Across the province, OPSBA and our member boards continued working primarily remotely until the spring, holding virtual board and staff meetings via platforms like Zoom, Google Meet, and Microsoft Teams. In June, we had our much-awaited opportunity to come together in Ottawa for our first in-person event since January 2020 – the [2022 Annual General Meeting and Program](#).

Our association continued to advocate effectively on behalf of the best interests and needs of the public education system in Ontario, amidst a heavy workload with many virtual meetings, constant email communications and new initiatives for both OPSBA and member boards. As we head into the 2022-23 school year, we will continue our strong advocacy with the newly re-elected government, the opposition parties and critics, key stakeholders and the wider public. In everything we do, our priority is ensuring Ontario's public education system remains strong, while constantly adapting and improving – no matter what circumstances we face. We remain committed to the vital importance of in-person learning and will be supporting our members for a normal start of school and the return of many regular programs and activities.

Governance was a central theme this year as we made strong progress in Phase Two of Project Compass, which began its work in January 2021. This initiative is a comprehensive review of OPSBA's governance framework and foundational policies, including the Association's Mission, Vision and Values, the strategic planning process, governance structures and policies and procedures. The changes initiated through this process have been improved following our AGM, and the implementation is well-underway. Twenty-eight committee members participated in more than 44 meetings between January 2021 and February 2022, and they were joined by 80 trustees who contributed to our consultations.

During these incredibly challenging times, we nevertheless saw a continued drive to move forward in creating a more equitable, diverse and inclusive public education system for all students, staff and broader communities. At OPSBA, this is reflected in the actions we've taken as an Association following an internal Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) audit of our own structures and practices. We now have a dedicated EDI staff person who is leading us in this work of further infusing these important principles in everything we do. More information, including the full EDI audit report, can be found on [our website](#).

It has also been a busy year for elections at all levels of government. Last fall, OPSBA created public education advocacy resources to support the [Federal Election](#). In the lead up to the recently held provincial election, OPSBA engaged with all major political parties during the platform development processes, ensuring that each party was aware of our priorities. Once the party platforms were released, OPSBA publicized [our analysis](#) of how each platform aligned with our priorities. In addition, we provided our members with a variety of materials to help them raise the profile and awareness of public education in their communities across the province.

The October 2022 [Municipal and School Board Elections](#) are approaching quickly, and our work to prepare includes an updated elections website, our [Making a Difference](#) guide for running for school trustee, the *2022-2026 Guide to Good Governance*, and a multimedia campaign to increase voter turnout and awareness of the importance of School Board Elections. The *Guide* will be ready for the new term of office that starts in November. We thank all those trustees who served this past term and look forward to working with new and returning trustees throughout the 2022-2026 term.

Looking ahead to 2022-23, we're hopeful that our schools and communities will continue to transition out of the long storm of the pandemic. This crisis has given us a rare once-in-a-lifetime chance to reset how we go about education, a critical moment that needs everyone's voice – students, educators, parents, trustees, everyone in our school communities. We're excited to see what the future holds for Ontario's public education system, already one of the very best in the world.

With collective agreements expiring at the end of August, OPSBA has already begun its work as the Designated Bargaining Agent on behalf of its member boards. We are fortunate to have an experienced [Labour Relations](#) team with outstanding expertise and credibility working to ensure student achievement and well-being are at the forefront of all discussions and decisions.

We have a 34-year non-partisan history of building positive and mutually respectful working relationships with politicians and staff from all parties represented in the Ontario Legislature. These relationships allow us to successfully represent the voice of our members on the many issues that affect our students and communities.

While much of the advocacy work can be seen in our public submissions and meetings with key stakeholders, there is a great amount of day-to-day work that is done behind the scenes. OPSBA staff have direct and constant access to both the bureaucracy and political staff in the government, as well as in the opposition parties. These relationships allow us to proactively take action on our common priorities and quickly address any unexpected challenges that may arise on behalf of our members.

OPSBA continues to be represented on key government working tables and our work has resulted in a number of successful outcomes. For more information, please see our [2021-22 Annual Report](#) and our [advocacy work](#) related to the provincial government's legislative and regulatory agenda.

Our programs and services are highly cost effective. The financial benefits of membership far exceed not only the membership fee itself, but the outcomes that could be achieved by boards acting individually. Our collective voice is a strong one. Working with our partners at [the OESC](#), our interventions on copyright tariffs, natural gas rates and electricity rates have continued to create significant savings for all school boards and cover membership fees many times over. When this is combined with the other benefits created through our coordination and advocacy, the real value of membership is clear.

Examples of 2021-22 savings realized for:

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Savings in Copyright Fees: \$36,150

Savings in Energy Costs: \$191,100

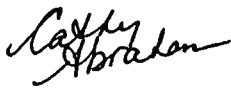
Please note: For the fifth year in a row, the OPSBA Board of Directors has approved a 0% increase for total membership fees. We have therefore kept the total membership fee (31 school boards and 10 school authorities combined) the same for six consecutive years. There may however be a slight change, up or down, to your individual board membership fee based on the fee model which is composed of a base amount and a percentage of your Board Administration and Governance Grant.

The 2022-2023 OPSBA membership fee for your board is \$39,331.

OPSBA represents more than 1.3 million students, or nearly 70% of the entire K-12 student population, including all 31 English public school boards, as well as 10 school authorities. Collectively, this makes our organization the number one stakeholder voice for education in Ontario. Your school board is clearly a very big part of who we are and what we do. We advocate for public education every day, and our voice is stronger and more credible because the government knows we have the weight of all of our members behind us.

Thank you for your continued support as a member of OPSBA and for your dedication to public education. You can learn more about the valuable services OPSBA offers your board by visiting www.opsba.org.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Invoice for the 2022-23 OPSBA membership fee



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