

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
and livestreamed from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison, L. Debassige (via Google Meet),
D. Dewar (via Google Meet), D. Farrow, A. Gibson, J. Hunda,
J. Kosmerly, Student Trustee Greene
Absent: Student Trustee Jacko-Cywink
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
L. Fisher, M. McNamara, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
Staff: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, N. Charette, L. Mantle, M. McKelvey,
D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson

1. **Call to Order**

Director Bourget called the meeting to order and advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and archived.

Director Bourget read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

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

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 24-R01, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of November 21, 2023 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

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

3. **Election of Chair**

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

Bob Clement nominated David Farrow, seconded by Doreen Dewar.

- a) Motion: 24-R02, A.Gibson/L.Corbriere-Addison
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

David Farrow confirmed his willingness to stand for this office.

- b) Motion: 24-R03, B.Clement/D.Dewar
That David Farrow be acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

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

Chair Farrow thanked his fellow trustees for putting trust in him to sit as Chair and thanked Trustee Clement for his work over the last couple of years.

5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair**

Director Bourget shared a few words as follows:

Trustees:

I have had the pleasure of working with Bob Clement in his role as Chair of the Board for the past 2 years.

Trust Clement assumed the role of Chair during a time of renewal and challenge.

In the 2021-22 school year, as per your direction, I met with many of our stakeholders to seek input on our vision, mission, values and priorities. This input was shared with trustees, and after many consultations and conversations the board adopted the Strategic Plan that guides our work today.

Trustee Clement continued in his role as Chair as we entered in our first year of implementing the Strategic Directions, and I am grateful to past chair Clement and the entire board of trustees for establishing clear priorities that gives our work purpose, provides the framework for allocations of resources and certainly guides us to this day.

Also under Chair Clement's leadership, the board completed a comprehensive review of its governance bylaws, a collaborative effort of all trustees. This too was important work as it ensures the board remains effective and accountable to the communities that we serve.

While the role of the Chair isn't readily visible during board meetings at all times, it doesn't end after the meeting is adjourned. The Chair is called upon to represent the board at many events. This is one of many areas where Chair Clement, a real people person, was certainly in his element. Recognizing students who have been honored for saving a life, taking part in an unveiling of new programs and murals, greeting parents and guardians at the Parent Involvement Committee, participating in presentations at student awards or graduation ceremonies in his home community of Espanola and beyond.

He was equally as comfortable contributing to the boards many committees. Regardless of the ask, Chair Clement was positive, present, and ready to help in any way possible, often with little notice. As staff we appreciated your guidance Trustee Clement, and we are most grateful for your support as you fulfilled your leadership role on behalf of the board.

We know Trustee Bob Cement will remain a committed and dedicated trustee focused on student achievement and wellbeing. As a lifelong learner he believes that education opens doors and is the key to all success. It is his goal to help keep that door wide open and that all children can attain their dreams.

Trustee Clement please accept this watch as an expression of our gratitude.

Thank you for all you have done.

6. **Past Chair's Remarks**

Trustee Clement expressed his gratitude to Nicole, Cindy and Bruce and the rest of the administration for their assistance over his term. He also thanked his fellow trustees for working collaboratively and with a mission in moving forward.

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Anita Gibson nominated Linda Debassige, seconded by Judy Kosmerly.

- a) **Motion: 24-R04, A.Gibson/L.Corbriere-Addison**
That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Linda Debassige confirmed her willingness to stand for this office.

- b) **Motion: 24-R05, A.Gibson/J.Kosmerly**
That Linda Debassige be declared elected Vice-Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

8. **Committee Membership**

Motion: 24-R06, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the Membership of the Labour Relations Committee be amended to read “Five trustees including the Trustee Rep for OPSBA...”, as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

9. **OPSBA (Ontario Public School Board’s Association)**
- Director and Alternate

a) **OPSBA Delegate**

Bob Clement nominated Judy Kosmerly, seconded by Lisa Corbiere-Addison.

1. **Motion: 24-R07, A.Gibson/A.McCauley**

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

2. **Motion: 24-R08, A.McCauley/L.Debassige**

That Judy Kosmerly be declared elected Rainbow District School Board’s voting Director to the Ontario Public School Board’s Association.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

b) **OPSBA Alternate**

Judy Kosmerly nominated Bob Clement, seconded by Lisa Corbiere-Addison.

1. **Motion: 24-R09, J.Hunda/B.Clement**

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour

Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

David Farrow: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

2. **Motion: 24-R10, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda**

That Bob Clement be declared elected Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour

Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

David Farrow: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

10. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Motion: 24-R11, J.Kosmerly/L.Debassige

That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour

Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

David Farrow: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Accessibility Planning Committee

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Audit Committee

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Environmental Education Committee

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison
Student Trustee Sawyer Greene
Student Trustee Sonya Jacko-Cywink

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Alex McCauley

First Nation Advisory Committee (FNAC)

First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison

Labour Relations Committee

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Alex McCauley

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

Trustee Alex McCauley

School Year Structure Committee

Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Student Trustee Sawyer Greene
Student Trustee Sonya Jacko-Cywink

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison
Trustee Alex McCauley
Trustee Doreen Dewar (alternate)
Trustee Judy Kosmerly (alternate)

Strategic Planning Committee

Trustee Linda Debassige
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison
Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee David Farrow
Trustee Anita Gibson
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Judy Kosmerly
Trustee Dena Morrison

Student Senate

Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Judy Hunda
Student Trustee Sawyer Greene
Student Trustee Sonya Jacko-Cywink

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Representative

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Bob Clement (alternate)

11. **Governance 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 for first alternate.**

Judy Kosmerly nominated Bob Clement.
Alex McCauley nominated Judy Kosmerly.

Motion:

That nominations be closed.

Judy Kosmerly withdrew her name.

Motion: 24-R12, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That Bob Clement be acclaimed first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

b) **Call for nominations for second alternate.**

Bob Clement nominated Judy Kosmerly.

Motion: 24-R13, A.McCauley/D.Dewar

That nominations be closed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

Motion: 24-R14, B.Clement/J.Hunda

That Judy Kosmerly be acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

12. **Ballots**

Motion: 24-R15, J.Kosmerly/D.Dewar

That the ballots for all positions be destroyed.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
David Farrow: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Alex McCauley: In-favour

- Carried

13. **Adjournment**

Motion: 24-R16, L.Corbiere-Addison/J.Hunda

That we now adjourn at 6:10 p.m. – **Carried**