

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

held in person and electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Farrow (Chair), B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison (via Google Meet),
D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, A. McCauley, Student
Trustee Guenette
Absent: L. Debassige, Student Trustee Cyr
Officials: B. Bourget – Director and Secretary of the Board
A. Guilbault – Superintendent of Business
D. Koziar, L. Mantle, M. McNamara, D. Williamson – Superintendents
Staff: G. Bastien, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, R. Jones, N. Mousseau,
D. Peristeridis, C. Whitson
Other: Members of the public

Chair Farrow called the meeting to order and 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: 26-R73, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of June 9, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
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. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. PRESENTATIONS NIL

D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD

Motion: 26-R74, A.Gibson/B.Clement

That motion #26-W13 RE: Personnel, be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Previous Minutes

Motion: 26-R75, L. Corbiere-Addison/D. Dewar

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Absent
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. Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees

i.) Governance Policy & By-Law Review Committee

Notice of Motion: 26-R76, J. Kosmerly

That the changes to *Governance By-Law 12: By-Laws*, as attached, be approved.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026-2027 Budget Presentation

Superintendent of Business Guilbault provided a line-by-line review of the 2026-2027 budget presentation.

This draft budget meets the Ministry of Education compliance standards as a balanced budget.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were encouraged to submit any questions to Superintendent Guilbault prior to the June 30, 2026 Board meeting.

2. Notice of Absence

Chair Farrow stated that Student Trustee Cyr sent her regrets and Trustee Corbiere-Addison requested to attend virtually, meeting the criteria of By-Law 14.

3. **Chief Executive Officer's Remarks**

I would like to thank Superintendent Guillbault, Manager Cecchetto and the Finance department for their hard work to prepare the DRAFT budget presentation for Trustees this evening. As you know, the budget information was shared by the Ministry in May and there has been a tremendous amount of work done since then to prepare for today.

Administrative Appointments and Transfers:

Acting Vice-Principal Jake Jouppi transferred to Algonquin Public School effective September 2, 2026.

Sarah McDougall appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Churchill Public School effective September 2, 2026.

April Phay appointed Acting Vice-Principal of Redwood Acres Public School effective September 2, 2026.

Vice Principal Kim Reisiger transferred to Walden Public School effective August 26, 2026.

Vice-Principal Caitlin Angeloff transferred to Confederation Secondary School effective August 26, 2026.

Vice-Principal Amanda Norquay Burke transferred to Lively District Secondary School effective August 26, 2026.

Graduations have begun. Today Superintendent Williamson and I had the privilege of attending a wonderful graduation ceremony at Mishko. We all look forward to the upcoming celebrations of student success.

I would like to close by expressing our gratitude to our incredible team of Principals and Vice-Principals for their leadership, dedication and commitment. As we visit schools and attend events, the energy and enthusiasm our amazing administrators provide is so evident and appreciated. We are so fortunate to have such great people in leadership roles.

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Representative - Trustee Kosmerly shared that MPP Jamie West and MPP France G linas visited 2 Rainbow Schools as part of OPSBA's Take Your MPP to school event during the week of May 19th. Trustee Corbiere-Addison is also working with MPP Bill Rosenberg's office to arrange a visit on Manitoulin Island. The OPSBA annual meeting was held virtually on June 5th with presentations on Bill 101 and local advocacy and governing for the public good. Recordings and slides from the presentations will be available on the OPSBA website. Kathleen Woodcock, President, and Jan Johnstone, Vice President, were acclaimed for the next two years, while Bill Steer was acclaimed chair for the northeast region. Trustee Kosmerly and Heather Whitley were acclaimed members of the policy development working group. She shared that OPSBA has withdrawn as a member of the Canadian School Board Association and over the summer OPSBA plans to begin a refresh of its strategic priorities.

Student Trustee - Student Trustee Guenette shared that she attended the OSTA annual general meeting in May along with fellow Student Trustee Cyr and the incoming Student Trustees. They received some great professional development and heard from many wonderful speakers. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to attend the conferences over the year. At the final Student Senate meeting, the group debriefed about the Stand Up Speak Out conference, and received some excellent feedback for the incoming group of senators as they look to transition in for next year. There will be one final

meeting for senators on June 29th where they will say goodbye to the graduates moving on and welcome the new senators.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee Corbiere-Addison shared that MPP Bill Rosenberg will be visiting Central Manitoulin Public School and Manitoulin Secondary School on June 11th. She also mentioned that OPSBA's First Nation, Inuit and Métis Trustee Council Liaison are in the process of confirming appointments to the committee, which she hopes to be on the Education Program Working Group.

Trustee Kosmerly applauded this year's Energy Beacon Award winners, Espanola High School, Confederation Secondary School, Queen Elizabeth Public School and CR Judd Public School. As part of the Environmental Education Committee's February challenge, Rainbow schools were challenged to save as much electricity as possible during the month in comparison to the past 5 years. Congratulations to all.

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

Good evening everyone:

I had the pleasure of attending a mural unveiling at Lasalle Secondary School on May 19th. The mural, created by students and faculty in the Design and Visual Arts program at Cambrian College, features monarch butterflies as a metaphor for student growth as they transition from Grade 7 to Grade 12. The mural is a wonderful legacy to the school and the community - reflecting the power of partnerships and public art - and will serve as a source of inspiration for students each and every day.

An enriching educational experience awaits two students from Rainbow Schools who have been accepted into the prestigious Shad Canada program this summer. Grade 11 students Shivani Iyer of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School and Amara Wilson-Zegil of Manitoulin Secondary School will join hundreds of secondary students from across Canada to explore the exciting world of STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, and Entrepreneurship. Congratulations Shivani and Amara!

Daniela Grottoli, a Grade 12 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, has earned the distinction of being among the inaugural cohort of Wolf Scholars that will begin their studies at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Arts & Science this fall. Among the most immersive undergraduate scholarship programs globally, valued at over \$100,000 per student, Wolf Scholars will develop as multidisciplinary thinkers, gain first-hand global exposure through international travel, and have the opportunity to complete internships at some of the country's leading and most respected organizations. Congratulations, Daniela!

Ariana Demers, a Grade 10 student from Lockerby Composite School, earned a Bronze Excellence Award at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Edmonton. Ariana's project used machine learning to study axolotl regeneration data to compare with human gene activity. Congratulations, Ariana!

Airah Junkala, a Grade 3 student from Walden Public School, garnered top honours in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Competition. Airah demonstrated exceptional confidence, poise and speaking ability throughout each level of the competition. She

captured First Place at Branch, Zone, District and Area levels, advancing to the Provincial Competition where she achieved Runner-Up. Congratulations, Airah!

If you have a child starting school this fall in the Rainbow District School Board, you are invited to register them for Kindergarten Camp. Rainbow elementary schools will offer the half-day program from Wednesday, August 26th to Friday, August 28th. The deadline to register is June 22nd. The link to register is available on the board website. The program will proceed where there is sufficient enrolment and staff.

This summer, the board will offer a variety of programs for Summer School at the secondary level including credit recovery, upgrading, new credits, co-operative education and e-Learning. The last day to register for Summer School is Thursday, July 2nd. More information is available on the board website.

I would like to extend the very best to secondary students during final exams, which are set to take place the week of June 22nd.

It's a magical time of the year for students, whose achievements are celebrated at graduation ceremonies across the board. Graduations are taking place over the coming weeks. Trustees, I hope you enjoy this opportunity to celebrate student success and achievement.

And that concludes my remarks for this evening.

Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**
First Nations Advisory Committee minutes February 19, 2026
Special Education Advisory Committee minutes April 1, 2026
Governance Policy & By-Law Review Committee minutes April 21, 2026
2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals**
Tender 2026-03 Confederation Secondary School
Tender 2026-05 Manitoulin Secondary School
Tender 2026-06 Lasalle Secondary School
Tender 2026-08 Copper Cliff Public School
Tender 2026-11 Sudbury Secondary School
3. **Non-Staff Communications**
Board Meeting dates 2026-2027

H. FUTURE MEETINGS

Board Meeting June 30, 2026 5:00 pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 26-R77, J.Kosmerly

That we do now adjourn at 5:47 p.m. - **Carried**