

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR 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
on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Farrow (Chair), B. Clement, L. Corbiere-Addison (via Google Meet),
L. Debassige (via Google Meet), A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly,
A. McCauley, Student Trustee Guenette

Absent: D. Dewar, 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, N. Charette, T. Hayes, K. MacKenzie,
P. Mackey, N. Mousseau, D. Peristeridis, A. Stevenson, C. Whitson

Other: H. Ulrichsen (Sudbury.com), Member 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-R78, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of June 30, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: Absent
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

i.) Outgoing Student Trustees (Daynara Cyr and Izabella Guenette) – CEO Bourget

This is the final board meeting for Student Trustees Daynara Cyr of Manitoulin Secondary School and Izabella Guenette of Lasalle Secondary School.

They co-chaired the Student Senate which included representatives from the Board's secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

Daynara Cyr also served as Vice-Chair of the Indigenous Student Trustee Council for the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA).

Izabella Guenette graduated from Lasalle Secondary School this month.

You may have heard her interview on CBC Morning North.

It occurred the day after her graduation where she delivered the Valedictorian address to the class of 2026.

Throughout secondary school, Izabella has been actively involved in her school community, including drama productions, school bands, and sports teams.

She has also supported Lasalle's Sport Health Academics and Leadership Program (SHAL) by helping out with tournaments and special events.

And she was President of the Student Council this year.

Izabella believes - and I quote - "Involvement in school and school life is extremely important as you get to experience new things and meet new people, which can lead to lifelong relationships. You also get to develop your strengths, such as leadership, confidence, responsibility and time management."

When she began her role as Student Trustee, Izabella talked about student voice and said: "When students have the opportunity to be heard, they are recognized as active participants in their education. They feel respected and know they matter."

Trustee Guenette is returning to Lasalle Secondary School this fall to further her education in theatre and music.

In the future, she plans to audition for theatre programs in Ontario.

She hopes to become a secondary school teacher of theatre (primarily) and music, as another option.

Thank you for your dedicated service as a student trustee Izabella. When it comes to student engagement, you have certainly led by example.

Our Indigenous Student Trustee, Daynara Cyr, was unable to join us this evening.

From Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, Daynara served as Indigenous Student Senator for Manitoulin Secondary School where she was in Grade 11 this year.

She is passionate about Indigenous advocacy, and sharing her language and culture.

Multi-talented, Daynara makes regalia, ribbon skirts, shirts, and vests.

She is building her brand as an Anishinaabe seamstress, aspiring to have her creations featured on runways.

Daynara Cyr values student voice and active involvement in school life.

And she was also a role model for student engagement.

We will ensure that Daynara is appropriately acknowledged for her contribution throughout the school year.

Thank you.

ii.) **Math Achievement Action Plan** - Superintendent Koziar

Superintendent Dan Koziar, Kate MacKenzie, Principal of Program, Amy Stevenson, Math Coordinator and Paula Mackey, Principal of Princess Anne Public School provided a progress report on the Math Achievement Action Plan, currently in its third year.

The Math Achievement Action Plan is a Ministry of Education initiative that addresses three priority areas for math instruction and outlines the board's strategic approach to advancing student achievement in mathematics.

Principal MacKenzie shared how our board is addressing each of the identified priority areas as well as some of the exciting initiatives in our schools related to math instruction. Math Coordinator Amy Stevenson and Principal Paula Mackey outlined some of the system and school based initiatives and actions being undertaken in support of math learning.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and were appreciative for all the work and progress made to date.

D. REPORT FROM THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE BOARD

i.) **Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal**

Motion: 26-R79, A.Gibson/A.McCauley

That the performance appraisal for the Chief Executive Officer, be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

ii.) **Personnel**

Motion: 26-R80, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That motion #26-W18 RE: Personnel, be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: Absent
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-R81, J.Kosmerly/A.Gibson

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Lisa Corbiere-Addison: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: Absent
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

Governance Policy & By-Law Review Committee

Motion: 26-R82, J.Kosmerly/J.Hunda

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

Poll vote

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

- Carried

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026-2027 Budget

Motion: 26-R83, J.Hunda/A.Gibson

That the Rainbow District School Board budget for 2026-2027 be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried unanimously

2. **Short Term Borrowing Bylaw**

Motion: 26-R84. J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the short term borrowing bylaw 2026-02 as attached be deemed to have been read three times and be approved.

Poll vote

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

- Carried

3. **Notice of Absence**

Chair Farrow stated that Trustee Dewar and Student Trustee Cyr were absent and Trustee Corbiere-Addison and Trustee Debassige requested to attend virtually, meeting the criteria of By-Law 14.

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

I'd like to begin by thanking Trustees for approving the 2026-2027 balanced budget. In doing so, you've provided the financial framework for staff to continue to implement our strategic directions for our students.

I'd like to thank Superintendent Guilbault, Manager Cecchetto and the finance department in cooperation with HR for their hard work to prepare the budget under very tight timelines. Our budget continues to maintain and prioritize high quality educational programs and opportunities for students.

We've maintained our current staffing levels and we look forward to another exciting school year in September.

Our facilities staff and contractors will be working on many school renewal projects throughout the summer as we upgrade facilities for our students and staff.

In appreciation, I'd like to thank all of you, the Board of Trustees for your incredible leadership and your unwavering support of our students and staff. Trustees, I wish you all a

very restful summer. Together we've accomplished so much this year and I hope you have a fun-filled break with family and friends. Please know, very sincerely, that your efforts make a difference in the lives of children and young adults in the communities that we serve.

I'd also like to express my gratitude to our amazing team of Principals and Vice Principals for their leadership, energy and commitment. We are thankful for the work they do each day in support of students and staff.

I'd also like to share our gratitude to our inspiring teachers and educational support staff for providing caring and supportive educational learning environments for our students and helping them achieve their full potential.

I'd be remiss in not also extending my sincere gratitude to our Executive Council, our System Principals, our Managers, Nicole Charette, Jennifer Battah-Chartrand and Cindy Whitson. We are very fortunate to work with great people who are tireless in their support of our schools and are excellent in what they do. They are true professionals and I appreciate the opportunity to work with each and every one of them.

Trustees, it's a privilege for us all 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.

And last, but by no means least, I'd like to thank the parents and guardians for their support. When we work together on behalf of students, anything is possible. The kindness and caring we share every day, however big or small, has a huge positive impact on the lives of others.

Positivity, energy, care and compassion in our schools are the primary ingredients for our continued success and our collective well-being. Thank you all for being difference makers and confidence builders.

To our students and families, have an enjoyable, safe and restful summer. Another exciting school year is just around the corner and we can't wait to see you all back in the fall.

5. **Other Items**

OPSBA Representative - Trustee Kosmerly shared that OPSBA is partnering with Wilfred Laurier University this summer to do a research project on Bill 101. Trustees have been asked to complete a very brief online survey by July 20th. Additional information and the link to the survey can be found in Jennifer McInture's June 29th email to Trustees.

Student Trustee - Student Trustee Guenette thanked the Board for the chance to serve as Student Trustee. She shared it was an incredible experience that provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with amazing people both at the Board and with fellow students across the province.

6. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions**

Trustee McCauley shared his appreciation to play a part in the graduation ceremonies, one of the most moving experiences. He congratulated the students and staff for the wonderful events.

Trustee Clement also expressed his gratitude in being a part of the graduations. The highlight is seeing the pride of the parents, guardians and students in their accomplishments.

Trustee Hunda shared it is the most incredible time of year as a Trustee to see our students being successful and is proud of the opportunities available for all to graduate.

Trustee Kosmerly shared what an honour it is to bring greetings on behalf of the board to our graduates and thanked Executive Council for all of their time and involvement in the ceremonies.

7. **Chairperson's Remarks**

I wanted to begin by reflecting on another successful school year.

Throughout the Board, classrooms and school communities have been filled with a sense of accomplishment and celebration. Students completed final projects, presentations, assessments and exams, while also taking part in milestone events that create lasting memories including graduations, stepping-up ceremonies, proms, banquets and year-end excursions.

These moments are a culmination of the dedication, care, energy and expertise of school administrators, educators and support staff. Every day, they create environments where students are challenged, supported and inspired to grow. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend a sincere thank you to all those who have made a difference in the lives of our students and families in the communities that we serve.

I also want to recognize our students - whose perseverance, curiosity, creativity and resilience were evident throughout the year. Whether achieving academic goals, developing new skills, or contributing to the world around them, they have so much to be proud of.

This gratitude also extends to parents, guardians and caregivers. Education is strongest when schools and families work together. We are fortunate to have engaged and supportive partners in our students' learning journeys. And this also includes our community partners who provide experiential learning opportunities for our students.

As Trustees, we are privileged to witness the impact of public education across our communities. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their ongoing commitment to student success and well-being. While the end of the school year invites us to reflect on what has been accomplished, it also reminds us of the importance and the inherent value of the work that we do together on behalf of children, young people and families.

Finally, I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2026. Graduation marks an ending and a beginning. As you move forward, carry with you the knowledge, experiences and relationships you have built along the way. Congratulations, and best wishes for a bright and successful future.

I would now like to share a few success stories:

Grade 6 students from R.L. Beattie Public School took their learning outdoors to participate in a bog restoration project within their school community. Students studied the biodiversity of a nearby ecosystem and learned about the critical role bogs play in storing carbon and supporting wildlife. Great work!

Dane Gibeault, a Grade 12 student from Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, received a Canadian Tooling & Machine Association High School Award. Congratulations, Dane!

Earlier this month, Rainbow Schools garnered gold and silver at the annual Mock Trial Competition. The Hennessy Cup was awarded to Lasalle Secondary School Team #2, and silver medals were presented to Sudbury Secondary School Team #1. The Competition is an outstanding example of how community partnerships enrich student learning.

Copies of the book *T is for Terry: An ABC of Courage* - an illustrated children's book inspired by the life of Canadian hero Terry Fox - have been distributed to libraries across Rainbow elementary schools thanks to a generous donation from the City of Lakeshore Chapter. This story will serve as an inspiration to students for years to come and remind us why we continue to honour Terry Fox's legacy.

In keeping with reading, Westmount Avenue Public School received a \$10,000 grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation to expand its school library. Funds will be used to create a welcoming space for students to learn and explore, and purchase a variety of books to support diversity, inclusion and essential social skills.

A shared commitment to the community brought students from R.L. Beattie and Lo-Ellen Park together to build and decorate custom benches for Extensicare Countryside. These were truly made with caring hands and kind hearts.

Six students from the Rainbow District School Board participated in the first ever OYAP Level 1 Carpentry class offered in partnership with the Local 2486 Carpenters Union. They now have a head start on their careers. This is another wonderful example of the power of partnerships.

New playground equipment was unveiled at Walden Public School thanks to the leadership of the School Council and incredible community support. Staff, students, families and community sponsors gathered for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 19, 2026.

Rainbow Schools, once again, achieved 100 per cent EcoSchools certifications, a reflection of our ongoing commitment to environmental education and sustainability. Congratulations!

Staff and students from Lansdowne Public School cycled their way to victory in the City of Greater Sudbury's 2026 Bike to School Week Challenge, recording an impressive 592 active transportation trips - the highest total among all participating schools. Well done!

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Enjoy a well-deserved break. Thank you.

G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Reports from Officials and Staff

2. Tenders/Requests for Proposals

Tender 2026-02 CR Judd Public School

Tender 2026-07 S. Geiger Public School

Tender 2026-12 Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School

Tender 2026-13 Northeastern Elementary School
Tender 2026-17 Lockerby Composite School

3. **Non-Staff Communications**

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board Meeting August 25, 2026 5:00 pm

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 26-R85, J.Kosmerly

That we do now adjourn at 6:16 p.m. - **Carried**

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