

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Mission Statement

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address individual students' needs by providing:  
a diverse education that prepares for and honours their chosen path for success,  
avenues that foster a love of learning, and  
the means to honour varied learning styles.*



### Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board ... (SGDSB) ..... 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
 Manitouwadge High School ..... (MNHS) ..... 200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, ON  
 Marathon High School ..... (MRHS) ..... 14 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
 Lake Superior High School ..... (LSHS) ..... Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON  
 Nipigon-Red Rock District High School ..... (NRHS) ..... 20 Frost Street, Red Rock, ON  
 Geraldton Composite High School ..... (GCHS) ..... 500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

### Regular Board Meeting 2009/04

Committee of Whole Board In-Camera  
(Closed to Public) 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)  
Follows conclusion of In-Camera

## MINUTES

Monday, March 23, 2009

Designated Site: Geraldton Composite High School, Geraldton, ON

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: SGBO / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board  
PART II: Regular Board Meeting

Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.  
Section (B) : – (open to public): TBA

### Attendance

<u>Trustees</u>	Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Bartlett, Bette				X		Marszowski, Lisa (Student)					X
Brown, Cindy-joined 6:45p			X			Notwell, Kathryn					X
Fisher, Cindy			X			Richard, Kayla (Student)			X		
Keenan, Darlene			X			Simmons, Tina-joined 6:45P			X		
Kjellman, Kayla (Student)			X			Sparrow, Julie			X		
Mannisto, Mark	X					Turner, Jim	X				

<u>Board Administrators</u>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Patti Pella: Director of Education	X				
Rousseau, Bruce: Superintendent of Business			X		
Kappel, Colleen: Superintendent of Education	X				
Newton, Valerie: Student Success Coordinator		X			
Tsubouchi, Cathy: Manager of Accounting Services					X
Chiupka, Wayne: Manager of Plant Services/Transportation			X		
Paris, Marc: Coordinator of Maintenance					X
Draper, Barb: Coordinator of Human Resources Services					X
Ross, Brad: Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology			X		
Joannette, Rose-Marie: Administrative Assistant / Communications			X		

**1.0 Roll Call**

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.36 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board*

*Section (A) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:35 p.m.*

**2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session**

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

**3.0 Committee of the Whole Board** *(In-Camera Closed)*

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed

**83/09**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**84/09**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session at 6:47 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.*

Carried

PART II: *Regular Board Meeting*

*Section (B): – (open to public): 6:50 p.m.*

**4.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Board Chair M. Mannisto called the regular meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**5.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed) Report**

**85/09**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Turner*

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera, Section (A) Closed Session Report.*

Carried

**6.0 Approval of Agenda**

**86/09**

Moved by: *Trustee C. Brown*

Seconded by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ *That, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/04 Regular Board Meeting, March 23, 2009 be accepted and approved as amended to add Item 15.5 OPSBA.*

Carried

**7.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures regarding the open session.

## **8.0 Minutes Regular Board, Special Board, Statutory and Ad Hoc Committees**

**87/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2009/03 Regular Board, Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the Special Board Meeting be adopted:

- 03-2009 Special Board, Monday, March 9, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the SEAC Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- SEAC Meeting – Wednesday, March 4, 2009, and

That, the minutes from the Board Policy Review Committee Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- BPRC Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2009

That, the minutes from the B.A. Parker Design Steering Committee Meeting be acknowledged as received:

- BAPS Design Steering Committee – Thursday, February 12, 2009

Carried

## **9.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **10.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

### **10.1 International Student Program: Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge**

**88/09**

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report about an International Student Program from Dave Raymond, Economic Development Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge.

Carried

Dave Raymond, the Economic Development Officer for the Town of Manitouwadge presented information about a proposal from officials from Zhengzhou Province (China) to provide an all-English language instruction setting by developing a program at the Manitouwadge High School for Chinese student who are prepared to come to Canada.

Mr. Raymond advised that the International Student Program is an agency that develops such settings in Canada. Chinese students who attend all-English schools in our country learn how to develop their English skills more completely and by living here, they gain an understanding of the Canadian culture and the English language. . English is a highly valued skill in China.

He requested the Board consider support for helping in the development of a 12-month program to run out of the Manitouwadge High School.

### **10.2 Update: Student Trustees**

(Verbal - K. Kjellman)

Student Trustee K. Kjellman provided a brief report on a meeting with Director of Education Patti Pella on March 9, 2009. She noted that the Turtle Concepts Program is being very well advertised in schools and the campaign has the students quite interested in signing up for the program to run in a few days in Red Rock.

10.3 Excellence in Education: GCHS – Specialist High Skills Major  
**89/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report from Teacher Rob Haslam about the Specialist High Skills Major course in Communication Media underway at Geraldton Composite High School.

Carried

Geraldton Composite HS Teacher Rob Haslam provided an overview of the Special High Skills Major credit course underway this year at GCHS. He noted that the course in information communication technology has its focus on the Knightline Program. The course, which is fully subscribed (46 students between two classes) uses mainly broadcasting as a communication media.

The Knightline Program has evolved from a live production to a pre-taped digital format. Programming on the local community is of higher quality and requires that the students write, produce, direct and edit their own program, which has an on-air time slot on the local cable channel. Students learn about dealing with deadline, creative expression is encouraged, and technical skills from interviewing people, to camera skills and editing are all included. The students in the SHSM have an obligation to produce programs for slots each week from Wednesday to Saturday for one-half hour.

**11.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*(Director: Patti Pella)*

11.1 Report No 18: B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project  
**90/09**

Moved by: Trustee T. Simmons

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 18: B.A. Parker Public School Replacement Project.

Carried

Director Patti Pella provided a brief review of the last B.A. Parker PS Design Steering Committee meeting held February 12, 2009. The group studied numerous schematics and one was deemed to merit further investigation. She noted that a pressing concern through the exercise has been that all schematics have come in significantly over budget.

She advised that after a meeting with the ministry to discuss the developments to date, the Ministry reinforced the expectation that the project make more efficient use of the existing space at Geraldton Composite High School.

This information will be presented to the Steering Committee at the next meeting scheduled on April 7, 2009

**12.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

*Superintendent of Education:*

12.1 Report No. 19: Elementary Enrolment and Staffing Implications for September 2009  
**91/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 19: Elementary Enrolment and Staffing Implications for September 2009.

Carried

Superintendent of Education Colleen Kappel advised that the preliminary staffing report illustrate the statistics on the extent of the declining enrolment in Board schools. Economic challenges in all communities continue to force a downward trend with projections for 2009-2010 set at 798 students, a decrease of about 80 students or 10% from current enrolment. She outlined the guiding principals for developing the new school year staffing, among which is the implementation of full-time Junior Kindergarten.

12.2 Report No. 20: Performance Appraisal Processes  
**92/09**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, receives as information, Report No.20: Performance Appraisal Process.*

*Carried*

C. Kappel provided an overview of the report, noting that Teachers Performance Appraisal for Experienced Teachers and the New Teacher Induction Program has been implemented. Currently, a committee is reviewing the requirements for the Principal/Vice-Principal Performance Appraisal.

These processes are designed to foster staff development, provide meaningful appraisals that encourage professional learning and growth and identify opportunities for additional support where required. In the future, the Ministry of Education will provide information regarding the Superintendent Performance Appraisal.

12.3 Report No. 21: Focus on Improving Math Achievement (Intermediate Grades)  
**93/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

*✓ That,, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, receives as information, Report No.21: A Focus on Improving Mathematics Achievement in the Intermediate Grades.*

Valerie Newton, Student Success Leader reported that ministry's, Student Success and Learning to 18 Branch has announced additional funding directed at promoting best practices in mathematics instruction at the intermediate level across the province. This initiative involves educators acting as Math Coaches for intermediate classroom teachers in the Superior-Greenstone District School Board.

The short-term program is scheduled to run from April to June and will involved two administrators/teachers with specialist qualification to work with grade 7/8 teacher in their Professional Learning Communities.

The Math Coaches and classroom teachers will collect student achievement data both before and after the coaching process to review its impact on student learning.

*Carried*

12.4 Student-Led/Teacher-Facilitated Projects  
**94/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

*✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information the verbal report by V. Newton in regard to Student-Led / Teacher-Facilitated Projects.*

*Carried*

V. Newton reported that of three of five applications submitted to the ministry's Student Success and Learning to 18 Branch have been awarded with grant monies of \$1500.00 each. Ms. Newton said the program's goal is to look at the issue of engagement from perspective of students and

enhance participation, through a student led projects. The Dorion and the Red Rock Public Schools each received a grant, as did the Nipigon-Red Rock DHS.

**13.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

*Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau*

13.1 No Reports

**14.0 Matters for Decision**

*Board Chair: M. Mannisto*

14.1 Report No.: 22: Disbursements – February 2009

**95/09**

*Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner*

**✓ That, Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No 22: Disbursements for February 2009.**

Carried

14.2 Report No.: 23: Personnel – March 23, 2009

**96/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, Report No 23: Personnel dated March 23, 2009.**

Carried

**15.0 New Business**

15.1 Board Chair

Mark Mannisto noted he had received electronic letter from Minister Wynne regarding the governance review and there is a link on the website about the subject.

15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

M. Mannisto noted that a previous request to discuss water bottles in schools would be address at a future meeting. On this subject, Trustee Jim Turner advised that the ministry has initiated an Environmental Education Committee of which he is a member. The ministry has developed a framework package and the committee will work through the package to determine its implementation and provide a report in April.

15.5 OPSBA Directors Meeting

**97/09**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Turner*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

**✓ That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the attendance and registration of Trustee D. Keenan at the Parliamentary Procedures Workshop on April 24, 2009 being held in Toronto in conjunction with the OPSBA Director's Meeting.**

Carried

Trustee D. Keenan reminded group about the OPSBA Election for the OPSBA Annual General Meeting. She directed her colleagues to the OPSBA website for comprehensive information.

**16.0 Observer Comments**

*(Members of the public limited to 2-minute address)*

**17.0 Adjournment**  
**98/09**

Moved by: Trustee J. Turner

Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2009/04 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 23, 2009 be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Carried

2009 Board Meeting Schedule

<b>2009 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>		<b>2009 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location (TBA)</b>
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office		July 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		August 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Marathon Board Office
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS		September 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon Red Rock DHS		October 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Lake Superior HS		November 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Manitouwadge HS		December 7 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 p.m.	Geraldton Composite HS

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**A G E N D A**

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PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m.

- 1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 23) (B. Draper)
- 2.0 Update: Legal (P, Pella)
  - 2.1 Three Issues
- 3.0 Update: ETFO Negotiations

**Regular Board Meeting 2009/04**

Monday, March 23, 2009

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR