

## 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 2006/09

4:30 p.m. (*Committee of Whole Board*)

5:00 p.m. (*Regular Board Meeting*)

### MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2006

Designated Site: Marathon Board Room, Marathon, ON

Electronic via Teleconference:

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

Board Chair Designate: Guy Champagne

Director: Patti Pella

PART I Committee of Whole Board  
 PART II Committee of Whole Board  
 PART III

*Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 4:32 p.m.*  
*Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): 4:34 p.m.*  
*Regular Board Meeting – (open to public): 4:59 p.m.*

**Note:** Due to the extreme fire situation in the Geraldton area, and potential for road closures and/or evacuation orders, the Board Chair in consultation with the Director of Education amended the designated site for the Board Meeting from the Geraldton Composite High School to the Marathon Board Room, Marathon, ON. The schedule of school tours and joint school council meetings for B.A. Parker PS and Geraldton Composite HS were cancelled as a result.

In addition, the designated board chair for the Board Meeting was the Board Vice-Chair, Guy Champagne who attended on site in the company of a second board member as a requirement for quorum.

### Attendance

<u>Trustees</u>	<i>Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)</i>										
	OS	TC	VC	A	R		OS	TC	VC	A	R
Aylward Les				X		Mannisto, Mark	X				
Bartlett, Bette		X				Notwell, Kathryn	X				
Champagne, Guy	X					Sparrow, Julie ( <i>joined @ 4:46P</i> )	X				
Fisher, Cindy	X					Turner, Jim				X	
Keenan, Darlene		X				Marissa Asperjan ( <i>joined @ 4:59P</i> )		X			

<b><u>Board Administrators</u></b>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
	OS	TC	VC	A	R
Patti Pella: <i>Director of Education</i>	X				
Bruce Rousseau: <i>Superintendent of Business</i>	X				
Colleen Kappel: <i>Acting Superintendent of Education</i>	X				
John Robart: <i>Assistant to Superintendent of Education</i>	X				
Cathy Tsubouchi: <i>Manager of Accounting Services</i>	X				
Wayne Chiupka: <i>Manager of Plant Services</i>	X				
Mark Paris: <i>Coordinator of Maintenance</i>		X			
Barb Draper: <i>Coordinator of Human Resources Services</i>	X				
Brad Ross: <i>Coordinator of Systems and Information Technology</i>	X				
Rose-Marie Joannette: <i>Administrative Assistant to Director/Office Supervisor</i>	X				

**1.0 Roll Call**

Board Vice-Chair, G. Champagne, conducted roll call at 4:31 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board Section (A)*

*In-Camera Session 1: (Closed to Public): 4:32 p.m.*

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

There were no disclosures of interest offered.

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

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board  
**227/06**

Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 4:32 p.m., and that this portion is closed to the public.

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session  
**228/06**

Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

Seconded by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 4:34 p.m. and that this portion is open to the public.

Carried

PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board Section (B)*

*(Open to Public): 4:34 p.m.*

**4.0 See Committee of Whole: Section B**

4.1 Trustee Discussion on Board Meeting Rotation

Trustee, Kathie Notwell requested an open discussion regarding the schedule for Board Meeting Rotations citing a concern for the cohesion among the board. It is her observation that the board group experiences fewer opportunities to be together given the nature of the rotating format where the minimum requirement is that two trustees be present at the designated board meeting site in the various communities. In addition, the school tours and joint school council meetings that are associated with board meeting rotation also sees limited trustee participants and would welcome a discussion for ideas to increase trustee ability to attend.

Board Vice Chair, Guy Champagne suggested that trustees revisit this issue at the next board meeting once each has had an opportunity to think about the enhancement or alternatives and offer feedback.

4.2 Rise and Report from Open Session

**229/06**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Open Session at 4.58 p.m.

Carried

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PART III: *Regular Board Meeting*

(Open to Public): 4.59 p.m.

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**5.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order**

Board Vice Chair, G. Champagne called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

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

**230/06**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) Report.

Carried

**7.0 Approval of Committee of the Whole (Open) Report**

**231/06**

Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

Seconded by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the Committee of the Whole (Open) Report.

Carried

**8.0 Oath of Office: Student Trustee**

8.1 Swearing-In: Student Trustee – Marissa Asperjan (NRHS)

Board Vice Chair, provided trustees and administration to introduce themselves to Marissa Asperjan prior to taking her oath of office. A student of Nipigon-Red Rock DHS, Ms. Asperjan was sworn in and welcomed onto the board. She took her oath of office from the videoconference site at Nipigon-Red Rock District High School. Principal, Linda Browning-Morrow was present at this site as a witness to Ms. Asperjan's declaration.

**9.0 Approval of Agenda**

**232/06**

Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2006/09 Regular Board Meeting, September 18, 2006 be accepted and approved.

Carried

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

There were no disclosures of interest offered regarding the open session

## **11.0 Minutes**

### 11.1 Board Meetings:

#### 11.1.1 2006/08 Regular Board – August 28, 2006

**233/06**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

✓ **That**, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be and are hereby declared adopted:

- 2006/08 Regular Board, August 28, 2006

Carried

### 11.2 Statutory Committee Meetings

Nil

### 11.3 Standing Committee Meetings

Nil

### 11.4 Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Nil

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

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

## **13.0 Delegations and/or Presentations**

### 13.1 Student Trustee: Superior-Greenstone DSB

Student Trustee, Marissa Asperjan did not have an update at this time

## **14.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

(P. Pella)

### 14.1 Report No. 67: Additional Professional Activity Days

**234/06**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 67: Additional Professional Activity Days as presented.

Carried

The Ministry of Education has amended Ontario Regulation 304 and two additional professional activity days are available for the 2006-2007 school year bring the total to six days for teacher PD. These additional days are devoted to the professional development of teachers with respect to improving student outcomes in literacy and numeracy, and improving student success in making the transition from elementary to secondary school, graduating from secondary school and obtaining employment or attending college or university after graduation.

**235/06**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the addition of two Professional Activity Days to the 2006-2007 school year calendar on December 4, 2006 and April 20, 2007.

Carried

14.2 Report No. 68: Educational Assistants

**236/06**

Moved by: Trustee C. Fisher

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 68: Educational Assistants as presented.*

Carried

Patti Pella noted that in monitoring the level of support for students in our schools it has been determined that there are two areas of concern in regard to Educational Assistant staffing. George O'Neill Public School and Marathon High School do not have enough EA's to adequately support the number of students in need given that declining enrolment and the lack of INAC funding has reduced EA support by 40 staff. She advised that administration would only make use of the position if absolutely necessary and the complement is apart from the tuition agreement.

**237/06**

Moved by: Trustee B. Bartlett

Seconded by: Trustee M. Mannisto

✓ *That the Superior-Greenstone DSB accept Administration's recommendation for up to an additional five (5 FTE) Educational Assistant positions for the 2006-2007 school year, to be funded from reserves.*

Carried

14.3 Update: Regulation 357/06 - Honoraria for Board Members

Patti Pella provided a brief progress report advising that Regulation 357/06 Honoraria for Board Members. The regulation requires a Trustee Honoraria Citizen's Advisory Committee composed of school council chairs and/or a parent member of SEAC to be established to review and make recommendations on trustee honoraria retroactive from September 1, 2005 to November 30, 2006. It would also develop a recommendation for the rates for the incoming board for its four year mandate, effective December 1, 2006.

14.4 Correspondence: Scholarship Thank You

Jennifer Beaulieu and Julian Faust former Geraldton Composite and Nipigon-Red Rock District High Schools (respectively) have submitted thank you letters for receipt of scholarships upon graduation to post-secondary educational institutes.

**15.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

*Superintendent of Education:*

15.1 Report No. 69: 2005-2006 EQAO Results

**238/06**

Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow

Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 69 2005-2006 EQAO Results as presented for information*

Carried

Colleen Kappel, Acting Superintendent of Education provided an overview of the 2005-2006 EQAO results as outlined in the report.

**16.0 Reports of the Business Committee**

*(Business Chair: J. Turner)*

*Superintendent of Business: B. Rousseau*

16.1 Report No. 70: George O'Neill Public School Renovation - Sept 2006 Update

**239/06**

Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto

Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan

✓ *That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 70: George O'Neill Public School Renovation - Sept 2006 Update from the Plant Services Department as presented for information.*

Carried

Wayne, Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services referred briefly to the report noting that the information item is provided to keep trustees apprised of the progress of the project.

16.2 Report No. 71: Renewal Project Update 2005/2006  
**240/06**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 71: Renewal Project Update 2005/2006 from the Plant Services Department as presented for information.

Carried

Wayne, Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services provided a brief overview from the report noting in the past year that over 200 projects were addressed within his department.

16.3 Update: School Enrolments

Bruce Rousseau, Superintendent of Business informed the board that preliminary enrolment numbers illustrate that enrolment for 2006-2007 has declined by 35 FTE students. The ministry requires an official count to be submitted after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

16.4 2006 Borrowing Bylaw No. 105  
**241/06**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives the Bylaw to Borrow Funds No. 105 as per attachment presented.

Carried

**242/06**

Moved by: *Trustee M. Mannisto*

Seconded by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 105 being a bylaw to borrow funds as per attachment presented.

Carried

**17.0 Matters for Decision**

Board Chair: B. Bartlett

17.1 Report No. 72: Disbursements-August 2006  
**243/06**

Moved by: *Trustee B. Bartlett*

Seconded by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 72: Disbursements August 2006 as presented for information.

Carried

17.2 Report No.: 73: Personnel-September 18, 2006  
**244/06**

Moved by: *Trustee B. Bartlett*

Seconded by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

✓ **That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 73: Personnel dated September 18, 2006 as presented for information.

Carried

**18.0 New Business**

18.1 Chair  
Nil

18.2 Correspondence  
Nil

18.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items  
Nil

## **19.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

### **19.1 OPSBA**

Trustee, Mark Mannisto reported that the OPSBA Public Education Symposium is scheduled the first week of February 2007 in Toronto. There are no details to-date for the venue or agenda for the Northern Conference. He will inquire in this regard at the next Director's meeting.

## **20.0 Observer Comments**

There were no observer comments offered.

## **21.0 Adjournment**

**245/06**

Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto

Seconded by: Trustee C. Fisher

✓ **That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting 2006/09 adjourn at 5:59 p.m.**

Carried

### Schedule: 2006 Regular Board Meetings (Mondays)

<b>2006 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>2006 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mon. Jan. 23	*6:30P	LSHS venue change to NRHS	Mon. July 17	*6:30P	Brd Rm-Marathon ( <i>Cancelled</i> )
Mon. Feb. 20	*6:30P	MNHS	Mon. Aug. 28	*6:30P	<del>Brd Rm-Marathon</del> venue change to GCHS
Mon. Mar. 20	*6:30P	GCHS venue change to Brd-RM (Marathon)	Mon. Sept. 18	**4:30P	*** GCHS
Mon. Apr. 24	**4:30P	*** NRHS	Mon. Oct. 16	**4:30P	*** MRHS
Mon. May 15	**4.30P	*** LSHS	Mon. Nov. 20	*6:30P	NRHS venue change to LSHS
Mon. June 19	**4:30P	*** MNHS	Mon. Dec. 4	*6:30P	Brd Rm-Marathon

\* 6:30 pm Start: 6:30 - 7:00 pm Committee of Whole, In-Camera (closed to public) / 7:00 pm Regular Board (open to public)

\*\*4:30 pm Start 4:30-5:00 p.m. Committee of Whole, In-Camera (closed to public) / 5:00 pm Regular Board (open to public)

\*\*\*Dates Include: School Tours & Joint School Council Meetings. Itinerary based on travel times between communities

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Committee of the Whole Board: 4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 18, 2006

Designated Site: Marathon Board Room, Marathon, ON

Electronic via Teleconference

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

**TOPICS**

Board Chair Designate: Guy Champagne

Director: Patti Pella

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera-Session A)*

*(Closed Session): 4:30 p.m.*

1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 73)

*(B. Draper)*

PART II: *Committee of the Whole Board (Section B)*

*(Open Session): TBA*

1.0 See Discussion re Board Meeting Rotation at Item # 4.0

**In Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2006/09**

Monday, September 18, 2006

**MINUTES**

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR