

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 25**

Virtual  
Via Microsoft Teams

2020 NOV 24  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers (Chair)  
Trudy Tuchenhausen (Vice Chair)  
Marg Arnone  
Sue Doughty-Smith  
Ron Oikonen  
Deborah Massaro

George Saarinen  
Ryan Sitch  
Scottie Wemigwans  
Keira Essex (Indigenous Student  
Trustee)  
Simran Talpade (Student Trustee)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

Ian MacRae, Director of Education  
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business  
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education  
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jim Desaulniers, Managers

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 25, November 24, 2020 be approved."*

**CARRIED**

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session with Trustee Chambers in the chair to consider the following:*

- *Confirmation of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of:*
  - *Board Meeting No. 13 (Special), July 2, 2020;*
  - *Board Meeting No. 22 (Special), October 16, 2020;*
  - *Regular Board Meeting No. 23, October 27, 2020; and*
  - *Board Meeting No. 24 (Special), November 4, 2020.*
- *Legal Matter*

*and that this meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act as amended.”*

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – CLOSED SESSION:

3. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session items were dealt with in their entirety.

PUBLIC SESSION:

4. Report of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT the Report of the Regular Board – Committee of the Whole – Closed Session be adopted with the following recommendations therein:*

*‘THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of:*

- *Board Meeting No. 13 (Special), July 2, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 22 (Special), October 16, 2020;*
- *Regular Board Meeting No. 23, October 27, 2020; and*
- *Board Meeting No. 24 (Special), November 4, 2020.”*

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Sith

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of:*

- *Board Meeting No. 13 (Special), July 2, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 14 (Special), July 8, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 15 (Special), July 10, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 16 (Special), July 28, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 17 (Special), August 5, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 18 (Special), September 9, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 20 (Special), September 23, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 21 (Special), September 28, 2020;*
- *Board Meeting No. 22 (Special), October 16, 2020;*
- *Regular Board Meeting No. 23, October 27, 2020; and*
- *Board Meeting No. 24 (Special), November 4, 2020.”*

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

6. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Chambers, Ontario Public School Boards' Association Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that the next Board of Directors meeting will be November 28, 2020.

7. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting, planning of a mental health virtual conference, the strategic plan stakeholder engagement session, the Student Census Pilot project, the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting, Student Senate and Student Mentorship program, and the implementation of the anonymous rainbow boxes and medicine tables. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Student Trustee Report

Simran Talpade, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Fall General Meeting, the strategic plan stakeholder engagement session, Student Mentorship Program, Student Senate, the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting. All trustees' questions were addressed.

9. Environment: Multi-Year Capital Plan (086-20)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, introduced Jim Desaulniers, Manager of Property Services, who presented the report along with a PowerPoint presentation. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Legal Representation for 2019-2020 (087-20)

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, presented the report.

11. Lakehead Public Schools International Report (088-20)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Steven Johnson, International Student Coordinator, who presented the report. Steven Johnson introduced Dylan Ma, an international student from China, who spoke to his experiences as an international student. All trustees' questions were addressed.

12. COVID-19 General Update

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, introduced AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, who provided a verbal update on current COVID-19 matters affecting Lakehead District School Board. All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2020

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, presented the Parent Involvement Committee meeting minutes.

14. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
- September 17, 2020

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

15. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (091-20)

Policy Review – 1020 Equity and Inclusive Education (078-20)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 1020 Equity and Inclusive Education Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 078-20.”*

CARRIED

Policy Review – 3080 Research (079-20)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3080 Research Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 079-20.”*

CARRIED

Policy Review – 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment (080-20)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 080-20.”*

CARRIED

Policy Development – Hiring Policy (083-20)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the development of a Hiring Policy as indicated in Report No. 083-20.”*

CARRIED

16. Approval of Appointments to the Special Education Advisory Committee (084-20)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Anne Antenucci as representative and Tracy Paquette as alternate representative to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Autism Ontario Thunder Bay, for the term ending November 30, 2022.”*

CARRIED

17. Appointments to the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee (085-20)

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the following appointments to the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee:*

- *Yolanda Wanakamik, Parent Member;*
- *Keli Cristofaro, Councillor at Large, Thunder Bay Métis Council, Community Member;*  
*and*
- *Renee Tookenay, Alternate Community Elder/Knowledge Keeper.”*

CARRIED

18. By-Law No.119 – 2020 Tax Levy (089-20)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve By-law No. 119 – 2021 Tax Levy (Appendix A) authorizing the 2021 tax levy at the prescribed rates set by Ontario Regulation 400/98 as amended, as outlined in Report No. 089-20.”*

CARRIED

19. Policy Development – Conflict of Interest (090-20)

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the development of Conflict of Interest Policy as indicated in Report No. 090-20.”*

CARRIED

20. Cancellation of Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2020 (097-20)

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board cancel the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting”*

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 9:39 p.m.”*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – January 26, 2021

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Chair

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Secretary