

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 4

Virtual
Via Microsoft Teams

2021 MAR 23
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Trudy Tuchenhagen (Vice Chair)
Marg Arnone
Sue Doughty-Smith
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Deborah Massaro

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:

Pauline Fontaine, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Maureen Abbott, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Helen Valnycki, Managers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 4, March 23, 2021, be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“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:*
 - *Regular Board Meeting No. 3 February 23, 2021*
- *Negotiations Update (027-21)*
- *Property 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 Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“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 Regular Board Meeting No. 3, February 23, 2021.’”

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Arnone

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

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

‘THAT the Memorandum of Settlement, Appendix A, as negotiated between the Lakehead District School Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation – Early Childhood Educators’ Bargaining Unit, effective September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2022, be ratified by the Board, and that the Officers of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board and affix the corporate seal thereto.’”

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 3, February 23, 2021.”

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

6. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Saarinen, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that he recently attended the Northern Region meeting and that plans for OPSBA's Annual General Meeting were under way to hold the event virtually in June. He indicated that he had sent out information through the executive secretary to trustees regarding a letter on mental health being sent from OPSBA to the Ministry of Education.

7. Bus Transportation Final Costs for 2020-2021 (029-21)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, introduced Craig Murphy, Consortium Manager, Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Student Trustee Report

Simran Talpade, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: Menstrual Product Accessibility Project, Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Conference, Parent Involvement Committee meeting, and Starlight Tours Seminar.

9. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: interview with CBC regarding move to virtual learning, Menstrual Product Accessibility Project, Parent Involvement Committee meeting, Lakehead District School Board Strategic Plan meeting, and future roundtable meeting regarding approaches to de-streaming.

10. COVID-19 General Update

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

11. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the January 20, 2021, minutes for information.

12. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2021

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the February 17, 2021, minutes for information. All trustees' questions were addressed.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

13. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (030-21)

Policy Review – 3030 Purchasing (025-21)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3030 Purchasing Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 025-21.”

CARRIED

Date Change of Standing Committee (026-21)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT Lakehead District School Board move the April Standing Committee meeting from April 13, 2021 to April 20, 2021.”

CARRIED

14. Appointment to the Special Education Advisory Committee (028-21)

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Cynthia Gomez as a replacement member to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Anishnawbe Mushkiki, for the term ending November 30, 2022.”

CARRIED

15. Information and Inquiries

15.1 Trustee Saarinen reported that he attended the second session of the Human Rights training and that a number of trustees were in attendance from across the province.

15.2 Chair Chambers reported that she and Trustee Tuchenhagen attended a meeting with Alexander Brown, Chair, Toronto District School Board (TDSB), along with the TDSB Vice Chair, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board chair and vice chair, to discuss issues facing the boards. Chair Chambers and Trustee Tuchenhagen were grateful for the help of Superintendent Alaksa in gathering information for the meeting. Trustee Tuchenhagen indicated that all of the boards seemed to be facing similar issues.

15.3 Chair Chambers reported on the weekly teleconference with the Minister of Education.

15.4 Chair Chambers reminded trustees, if they were interested, that Diversity Thunder Bay was doing a virtual presentation in place of the annual Diversity Breakfast.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

“THAT we do now adjourn at 8:25 p.m.”

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – April 27, 2021

Chair

Secretary