

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 7**

Virtual  
Via Microsoft Teams

2021 MAY 25  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers (Chair)  
Marg Arnone  
Sue Doughty-Smith  
Deborah Massaro  
Ron Oikonen  
George Saarinen

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

**TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Trudy Tuchenhagen (Vice Chair)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Erin Aylward, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals  
Lori Ann Badanai, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

*“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 7, May 25, 2021, be approved.”*

**CARRIED**

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

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. 5, April 27, 2021; and*
  - *Board Meeting (Special) No. 6, May 12, 2021.*
  
- *Personnel Matters*

*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 Massaro

*“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. 5, April 27, 2021.’*

*‘THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Board Meeting (Special) No. 6, May 15, 2021.’*

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

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

- *Regular Board Meeting No. 5, April 27, 2021; and*
- *Board Meeting (Special) No. 6, May 12, 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, reminded the Board that the OPSBA Annual General Meeting will be held on June 12, 2021, virtually. He also informed the Board that the next Northern Director's meeting will be held on June 3, 2021.

7. Student Trustee Report

Simran Talpade, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECO) Annual General Meeting, Student Wellness Report, Mentorship Seminar, Parent Involvement Committee meeting, Trustee Communications Committee, and Cultural Mindfulness Training Session. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Keira Essex, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, meeting with incoming Indigenous Student Trustee Finlayson, Parent Involvement Committee meeting, Trustee Communications Committee, and Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting.

9. Aboriginal Education Report (042-21)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Anika Guthrie, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Coordinator, who presented the report, and Nick Sacevich, Student Success Lead, who provided support for responses to questions. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2021

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented the March 25, 2021 minutes for information.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

11. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (047-21)

2021 to 2029 Policy Review Schedule (032-21)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2021 to 2029 Policy Review Schedule, Appendix A to Report No. 032-21."*

CARRIED

Revised Trustee Appointments to Board Committees (039-21)

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Revised Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2021, as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 039-21.”*

CARRIED

Approval of Standing Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2021-2022 (040-21)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the revised Standing Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2021-2022, as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 040-21.”*

CARRIED

12. Information and Inquiries

- 12.1 Trustee Sitch noted that there was an error in the April 25, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes. He indicated that for the Notice of Motion, it should state that Trustee Sitch moved the motion. The minutes will be corrected.
- 12.2 Trustee Chambers informed the Board that she attended the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Speaker Series that covered a forthcoming discussion paper on what the future of schools will look like.
- 12.3 Trustee Chambers updated the Board on information from the teleconference with Minister Lecce.
- 12.4 Trustee Saarinen informed the Board that the OPSBA General Meeting will be held on June 12, 2021 and that further information will be provided soon.
- 12.5 Ian MacRae, Director of Education, introduced AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, who provided an update on the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out for the 12-17-year-old age group.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 8:45 p.m.”*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – June 22, 2021

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Chair

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Secretary