

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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

Virtual  
Via Microsoft Teams

2022 APR 26  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

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

George Saarinen  
Ryan Sitch  
Scottie Wemigwans  
Jesslynn Friday (Indigenous Student  
Trustee)  
Mehtar Mago (Student Trustee)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Erin Aylward, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals  
Lori Carson, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals  
Dave Covello, Managers

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

*"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 7, April 26, 2022, be approved."*

**CARRIED**

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Doughty-Smith

*“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 – March 22, 2022;*

*- Legal 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 Tuchenhagen

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

*‘THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 5 – March 22, 2022.*

CARRIED

5. 2022-2026 Indigenous Trustee

Ellen Chambers, Chair, announced that Trustee Wemigwans has been appointed as the 2022-2026 Indigenous Trustee by Fort William First Nation.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Massaro

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

*- Regular Board Meeting No. 5, March 22, 2022; and*

*- Board Meeting (Special) No. 6, March 11, 2022.”*

CARRIED

## MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

### 7. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed trustees that he will be attending the upcoming OPSBA Board of Directors' meeting by teleconference. Trustee Chambers added that she had attended the recent Northern Regional meeting and that there was a motion discussed for the Annual General Meeting. This motion was regarding having more virtual meetings to make things more equitable and reduce the impact on the environment. Trustee Chambers also mentioned that the Northern Regional Chair, Sheryl Evans, would not be running again in the next OPSBA election.

### 8. Student Trustee April Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout for her April report. Items addressed included: Student Senate, community organization assisting students with special learning abilities, incoming Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway, and visit from the Honourable Patty Hajdu at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

### 9. Indigenous Student Trustee April Report

Jesslynn Friday, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout for her April report. Items addressed included: Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting, Indigenous Student Survey, Regional Multicultural Youth Council Student Working Group, Youth Indigenous Voices Panel, Ontario Student Trustees' Association Indigenous Relations Working Group, April 12, 2022 Standing Committee meeting, and visit from the Honourable Patty Hajdu at Hammarskjold High School.

### 10. COVID-19 General Update

Ian MacRae, Director of Education, introduced AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, who provided a verbal update on COVID-19 related matters affecting Lakehead District School Board.

Trustee Chambers left the meeting at 7:45 PM and Trustee Tuchenhausen assumed the position of chair for the remainder of the meeting.

## MATTERS FOR DECISION:

### 11. Recommendations from the Standing Committee (046-22)

#### Policy Development – 8066 Safe Arrival (037-22)

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Massaro

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8066 Safe Arrival Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 037-22.”*

CARRIED

Policy Review – 3001 Governance (042-22)

Moved by Trustee Massaro

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the review of 3001 Governance Policy as indicated in Report No. 042-22.”*

CARRIED

Policy Review – 3060 Leasing of Space (043-22)

Moved by Trustee Doughty-Smith

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3060 Leasing of Space Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 043-22.”*

CARRIED

Policy Review – 7020 Equitable Employment (045-22)

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7020 Equitable Employment Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 045-22.”*

CARRIED

12. By-Law No. 121 – 2022 Municipal Election – Alternative Voting Methods (044-22)

The report presenter was having technical difficulties joining the meeting. As a result, trustees moved to have the report received at the next Board meeting. The presenter was then able to fix their technical issues. The presenter indicated that the report was time sensitive and should be presented at this Board meeting. Trustees then moved to rescind the previous motion to allow for the report to be presented at the current meeting. Both motions are listed below along with the motion recommended by the original report.

Postpone Report

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustees

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board move Report No. 044-22 to the next Board meeting for approval.”*

CARRIED

Rescind Previous Motion

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board rescind the previous motion to postpone Report No. 044-22 to the next Board meeting.”*

CARRIED (met threshold of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote in favour)

By-Law No. 121 – 2022 Municipal Election – Alternative Voting Methods (044-22)

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT:*

1. *Lakehead District School Board rescind By-Law No. 115 authorizing the use of an alternative voting method for the 2018 election of trustees.*
2. *Lakehead District School Board adopt By-Law No. 121, Alternative Voting Methods for Municipal Elections, authorizing the use of an alternative voting method for the 2022 election of trustees for the Province of Ontario localities - Auden, Armstrong, Collins, Ferland, Kashabowie, and Lakehead (areas without municipal organization) as outlined in Appendix A of Report No. 044-22.”*

CARRIED

13. Information and Inquiries

- 13.1 Trustee Sitch informed trustees that he is stepping down from the Special Education Advisory Committee due to scheduling conflicts. Trustee Tuchenhagen indicated that she, as the SEAC alternate, would be taking on the role of primary member to replace Trustee Sitch.
- 13.2 Trustee Tuchenhagen updated trustees on the visits from the Honourable Patty Hajdu to Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute and Hammarskjold High School.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Arnone

*“THAT we do now adjourn at 8:10 p.m.”*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – May 24, 2022

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Chair

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Secretary