

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING**

Board Room  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2022 NOV 15  
6:00 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers  
Pat Johansen  
Donica LeBlanc  
Ron Oikonen  
George Saarinen  
Ryan Sitch

Trudy Tuchenhagen  
Leah Vanderwey  
Scottie Wemigwans  
Meahar Mago (Student Trustee)  
Alexa Sagutcheway (Indigenous  
Student Trustee)

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

Sherril-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education  
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education  
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education  
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Nancy Nix, ETFO – Elementary Occasional Teachers  
Kari Simpson, OSSTF – Student Support Professionals  
Jana Matikainen, COPE  
Lesa Ferguson, COPE  
David Covello, Manager

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Call to Order**

Sherril-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, called the meeting to order and reviewed the procedures for the meeting.

2. **Notification of Municipal Clerk's Certificates of Election or Acclamations**

Sherril-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, announced that verification had been received from the City of Thunder Bay for the election of the following trustees:

Ellen Chambers  
Pat Johansen  
Donica LeBlanc  
Ron Oikonen

George Saarinen  
Ryan Sitch  
Trudy Tuchenhagen  
Leah Vanderwey

3. Declaration and Oath of Allegiance

Trustees recited the Declaration and Oath of Allegiance. Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, declared the Board legally constituted.

4. Introduction of Scrutineers

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, and Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, were introduced as the scrutineers for elections.

5. Election of Chair of the Board

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, announced the pre-nomination of Trustee Chambers by Trustee Saarinen. Trustee Chambers accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT nominations for the Office of Chair of Lakehead District School Board be closed.”*

CARRIED

Trustee Chambers was acclaimed Chair of the Board. Trustee Chambers assumed the chair.

Chair Chambers thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board.

6. Election of Vice Chair of the Board

The chair announced the pre-nominations of Trustee Tuchenhagen by Trustee Saarinen and Trustee LeBlanc by Trustee Chambers. Trustee Tuchenhagen declined the nomination and Trustee LeBlanc accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

*“THAT nominations for the Office of Vice Chair of Lakehead District School Board be closed.”*

CARRIED

Trustee LeBlanc was declared vice chair of the Board.

Vice Chair LeBlanc thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as vice chair of the Board.

7. Election of a Member and Alternate of the Coordinating Committee

The chair announced the pre-nomination of Trustee Vanderwey by Trustee Saarinen for the position of member of the Coordinating Committee. Trustee Vanderwey accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*“THAT nominations for a member to the Coordinating Committee be closed.”*

CARRIED

Trustee Vanderwey was acclaimed as member of the Coordinating Committee.

The chair announced the pre-nomination of Trustee Saarinen by Trustee Chambers for the position of the alternate member of the Coordinating Committee. Trustee Saarinen accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

*“THAT nominations for an alternate member to the Coordinating Committee be closed.”*

CARRIED

Trustee Saarinen was acclaimed as alternate member of the Coordinating Committee.

8. Thunder Bay Public Library Board Annual Report (004-22)

Pat Johansen, Lakehead District School Board Appointee to the Thunder Bay Public Library Board, presented the annual report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report by Lakehead District School Board Appointee to the Thunder Bay Public Library Board.”*

CARRIED

9. Appointment to the Thunder Bay Public Library Board (007-23)

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board appoint Trustee Pat Johansen as its representative on the Thunder Bay Public Library Board for a four-year term ending November 30, 2026.”*

CARRIED

10. Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (006-23)

Suzanne Posthumus, Chair of the Special Education Advisory Committee, presented the annual report and the committee’s work plan. All trustees’ questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee.”*

CARRIED

11. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (005-23)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education and Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, presented the annual report. All trustees’ questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

*“THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee.”*

CARRIED

12. Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report (002-23)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the annual report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Parent Involvement Committee."*

CARRIED

13. Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2023 (003-23)

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2023 as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 003-23."*

CARRIED

14. Director's Annual Report 2021-2022 (001-23)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, introduced AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education and Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, who presented the report. The Director thanked senior administration, their executive secretaries, Christine Jones, Charity Rydholm and Michelle Tavares, Judy Hill, Executive Assistant to the Director, Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer, and Casey Zywina, Graphic Design and Information Services Technician, for their work over the past year. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Director's Annual Report 2021-2022."*

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

*"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:46 p.m."*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – November 22, 2022



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Chair



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Secretary