

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 6**

Board Room/Microsoft Teams  
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 MAR 28  
7:30 p.m.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Ellen Chambers (Chair)  
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)  
Pat Johansen  
Ron Oikonen  
George Saarinen (Virtual)  
Ryan Sitch

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

**TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:**

Scottie Wemigwans

**SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:**

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

**FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Nancy Nix, ETFO-Elementary Occasional Teachers  
Jenny Fenton, Managers

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

*“THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 6, March 28, 2023 be approved.”*

**CARRIED**

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

*“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*
  - *Regular Board Meeting No. 4*
  - *January 24, 2023*
- *Negotiations Update (046-23)*
- *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 Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

*“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. 4, January 24, 2023.’*

*‘THAT Lakehead District School Board rescind the motion from the March 22, 2011, Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Report No. 055-11 that “Lakehead District School Board begin the disposal process of teacherages # 5 and the trailer in Armstrong School”.’*

*and*

*‘THAT the Memorandum of Settlement, as negotiated between the Lakehead District School Board and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 2486 effective September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, 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. Trustee Character Award – Linda Thingstad, École Gron Morgan Public School

Trustee Tuchenhagen, on behalf of the Board, presented Linda Thingstad, École Gron Morgan Public School, with the Trustee Character Award. Linda was recognized for her caring, kindness and positive presence at the school. The Board would like to recognize Linda for her 43 years of service at Lakehead District School Board.

6. Trustee Character Award – Kris Sandberg, McKellar Park Central Public School

Trustee Oikonen, on behalf of the Board, presented Kris Sandberg, McKellar Park Central Public School, with the Trustee Character Award. Kris was recognized for his devotion to his school community and for his dedication to his students in encouraging their skills building, teamwork and self-confidence.

7. Paediatric Clinic Presentation

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced Dr. Linda Bakovic, Chief of Paediatrics, Thunder Bay Regional Health and Science Centre, who presented information to the Board regarding the Lakehead Public School's Collaborative Paediatric Clinic. All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

*"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 5, February 28, 2023."*

CARRIED

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

Trustee Sitch informed the Board that Trustee Vanderwey was listed as moving motions in the February 28, 2023 meeting which she was absent from. The minutes will be corrected by Executive Secretary Tavares.

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

10. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Director and voting delegate, informed the Board that there would be an OPSBA Northern Regional Symposium on April 1, 2023, virtually, at 9:30 a.m.

11. Student Trustee Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her involvement in the 2023-2024 student trustees interviews that took place on February 27, 2023, her involvement in the virtual student senate on March 1, 2023 and her meeting with the incoming student trustee on March 7, 2023.

12. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Alexa Sagutcheway, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout as her report. Items addressed included: her involvement in the 2023-2024 student trustees interviews that took place on February 27, 2023 and her involvement in the virtual student senate that took place on March 1, 2023.

13. Special Education – Empower Reading (047-23)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced Maggie Fredrickson, System Principal - Special Education, and Ruth Ann Fay, Special Education Resource Teacher, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

14. Student Achievement (045-23)

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, introduced Fred Van Elburg, Program Coordinator, and Linda Grassia, Student Success Lead, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

15. Bus Transportation Final Costs for 2022-2023 (044-23)

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.

16. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the January 11, 2023 minutes for information.

17. Parent Involvement Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2023

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the January 16, 2023 minutes for information.

18. Information and Inquiries

18.1 Trustee Saarinen reminded trustees about the OPSBA Northern Regional meeting on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. He also informed trustees that the OPSBA Northern Regional Symposium will be held on October 13-14, 2023 in Sault Ste. Marie.

18.2 Trustee Chambers informed trustees that she, Trustee LeBlanc and Director Pharand met with MPP Kevin Holland on March 24, 2023. The topics they presented for consideration to MPP Holland were the need for funding for renovations of the Armstrong teacherages, retaining Student Support Professionals (SSPs) and the discrepancy in their pay, and the need to recognize the regional needs in the education budget.

18.3 Trustee LeBlanc requested a moment of silence in memory of Julie Gayoski-Luke, Vice Principal, Claude E. Garton Public School.

19. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

*"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:58 p.m."*

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – April 25, 2023



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Chair



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Secretary