

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 9

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023 JUN 27
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Ryan Sitch
Trudy Tuchenhagen
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
Dave Covello, Managers
Nikki Marks, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals
Angela Delorey, Lakehead Principals/Vice Principals

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 9, June 27, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"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. 8*
 - *June 5, 2023*
- *Personnel Matters (086-22)*

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 LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

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CARRIED

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Achievement Award

Trustee Vanderwey presented the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Achievement Award to Marianne Stewart, Manager, Family and School Health along with Tanya Walker, Senior Public Health Nurse of Thunder Bay District Health Unit. The School and Family Health Team received the award for their commitment to tailoring mental health programming for Lakehead District School Board's students.

6. Kingsway Park Public School - Unpacking the Reading Rope

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Kali Bernst, Principal, Nicole Walter-Rowan, Vice Principal and Joyce Co Manary, Grade 6/7 teacher of Kingsway Park Public School, who presented the information regarding their *Unpacking the Reading Rope* initiative. All trustees' questions were addressed.

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 8, June 5, 2023."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

8. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report

Trustee Sitch, Ontario Public School Boards' Association Director and voting delegate, sent his regrets.

9. Student Trustee June Report

Mehar Mago, Student Trustee, presented her final report to the Board. Items addressed included: a year in review, highlights, regrets, and suggestions for the future.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Alexa Sagutcheway, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her final report to the Board. Items addressed included: a year in review, highlights, regrets, and suggestions for the future.

11. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Director Pharand thanked Student Trustee Mago and Indigenous Student Trustee Sagutcheway for all their contributions to Lakehead District School Board. Director Pharand informed the trustees that the first day of school is a Professional Development Day for LDSB Staff on September 5, 2023 and the first day of school for students is September 6, 2023. Congratulations were expressed to Deputy Minister of Education Nancy Naylor on her retirement. Director Pharand informed the Board of the 'Red for Riker' walk she attended at C.D. Howe Public School on June 26, 2023 for former student Riker McKelvey. She advised that there was a very large turn out for the walk. Congratulations were extended to all the graduates of LDSB.

Chair Chambers expressed to the Board that it has been a privilege to work with Director Pharand in her first year as director and that she is looking forward to the years ahead.

12. English Language Learners (083-23)

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, and Inga Foster-Anderson, English Language Learners Resource Teacher, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Human Rights, Equity and Inclusive Education (081-23)

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, and Anthony Jeethan, Human Rights and Equity Advisor, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

14. Annual Review of the Plan to Deliver Special Education Programs and Services: 2023-2024 (085-23)

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

15. Audit Committee Report (088-23)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Education, presented the report, in the absence of Trustee Wemigwans. All trustees' questions were addressed.

16. 2021-2024 Strategic Plan Report (088-23)

Sherry-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, introduced Superintendents of Education Alaksa, Keene, Probizanski and Lower, who presented the report along with Director Pharand. All trustees questions were addressed.

17. Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2023

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the May 17, 2023 minutes for information.

18. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2023

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, presented the May 11, 2023 minutes for information.

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

19. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (082-23)

Approval of Appointments to the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee
2023-2024 (070-23)

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board amend the original motion, to replace Linda Grassia, Student Success Lead with Meghan Smelow, Student Success Lead."

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the following appointments to the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for the 2023-2024 school year:

- *Donica LeBlanc, Trustee;*
- *Trudy Tuchenhausen, Trustee (Alternate);*
- *Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education;*
- *Meghan Smelow, Student Success Lead;*
- *Lorna Hunda, Executive Director, Youth Employment Services (YES) (Alternate);*
- *Stacy-Ann Dyer-McNish, Service Delivery Manager, YES; and*
- *Tom Nesti, Program Supervisor, YES."*

CARRIED

20. Policy Review – 8062 Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self-Identification (076-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8062 Voluntary First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Student Self-Identification Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 076-23."

CARRIED

21. Policy Review – 8065 Voluntary Aboriginal Staff Self-Identification (080-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT Lakehead District School Board rescind 8065 Voluntary Aboriginal Staff Self-Identification Policy."

CARRIED

22. Policy Update – 3096 Information Communication Technology (072-23)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3096 Information Communication Technology Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 072-23."

CARRIED

23. Recommendation from the Budget Committee (087-23)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2023-2024 operating and capital budget of \$160,920,734 as presented."

CARRIED

24. Trustees' Communications Committee Request for Approval of Correspondence (084-23)

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the request from the Trustees' Communications Committee to send correspondence of support to the minister of education as outlined in Report No. 084-23."

25. Information and Inquiries

25.1 Chair Chambers informed the Board that she attended the Hammarskjold High School graduation ceremonies on June 20, 2023

26. Adjournment

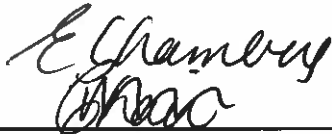
Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:55 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – September 26, 2023


Chair


Secretary