

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 13

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2023, NOV 28
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)
Pat Johansen
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen (virtual)
Scottie Wemlgwans (virtual)
Trudy Tuchenhagen

Leah Vanderwey (virtual)
Emily Drake (Indigenous Student
Trustee)
Morgann De Franceschi (Student
Trustee)

TRUSTEE ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Ryan Sitch

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Sherri-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 (virtual- closed session only)
Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Nikki Marks, Lakehead District School Board Principals/ Vice Principals
Angela Delorey, Lakehead District School Board Principals/ Vice Principals
Jim Desaulniers, Lakehead District School Board Managers
Nancy Nix, Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO)- Elementary Occasional
Teachers

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 13, November 28, 2023 be approved."

CARRIED

2. **Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session**

Moved by Trustee Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"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. 10*
 - *September 26, 2023*
- *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 Oikonen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"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. 10, September 26, 2023.'

CARRIED

5. **Delegations/ Presentations:**

5.1 **Trustee Recognition Award**

Chair Chambers introduced Trustee Johansen to present the Trustee Recognition Award to Anika Guthrie. Anika Guthrie received the Trustee Recognition award in acknowledgement of her Recognition for Outstanding Indigenous Educator award from the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

5.2 **Celebrating Student Achievement- Westmount Public School**

Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education, introduced Mark Moorhouse, Principal, Inga Anderson-Foster, Vice Principal, Aaren Johansen, Teacher and Trina- Lee Mench, Student Support Professional, from Westmount Public School who, presented the information regarding their *Journey as a Legacy School* initiative. All trustees' questions were addressed.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 11- October 24, 2023."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

7. **Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Vanderwey reminded trustees about an OPSBA information item regarding the Ontario budget consultation and the online survey. Trustee Vanderwey encouraged trustees to have a look at it before the deadline, January 31, 2024.

8. **Student Trustee Report**

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, provided a handout of her November report. Items addressed included: attending Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting, and collecting input from LDSB Student Advisory Committees (SAC) on Accelerated Apprenticeship Program.

9. **Indigenous Student Trustee Report**

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, provided a handout of her November report. Items addressed included: Word of the Day initiative, Minister Patti Hajdu visit to Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute (SCVI); and collaboration with SAC executive council at SCVI.

10. **Updates from the Chair/ Director**

Director Pharand updated the Board on a very busy October. Topics included: Trustee Saarinen, Trustee Oikonen, Superintendent Alaksa and Director Pharand met with MPP Holland to follow up on trustee concerns regarding transportation. There have been a few Student Achievement Nights in the past month: for the first time in more than 25 years, Hammarskjold High School's football team won the local championship and was at the Northern Bowl over the weekend. Also, for the first time in many years, SCVI has revised their football program. This past Friday, Dr. Bakovic, Dr. Rowana, Superintendent Probizanski along with Principal of Special Education, Maggie Fredrickson, presented at the 67th annual Council for Exceptional Children. They shared a presentation on our paediatric clinic as an innovative practice. Director Pharand had a meeting with Thunder Bay Police Service's (TBPS) Chief Fleury and Deputy Chief Hughes as a part of the ongoing collaborative work with the TBPS, and Director Pharand met with members representing Fort William First Nations (FWFN) to speak about education supports and services that LDSB and FWFN can work on together.

11. **Legal Representation for 2022-2023 (115-23)**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the Legal Representation for 2022-2023 report to the Board. All trustees' questions were addressed.

12. 2023-2024 Capital Plan (117-23)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, introduced Jim Desaulniers, Manager of Property Services, who presented the 2023-2024 Capital Plan Report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Matters For Decision

13. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Appointment to the 2023-2024 Special Education Committee (108-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Scott McBean as a replacement member to the Special Education Advisory Committee representing Children's Centre Thunder Bay, for the term ending November 30, 2026, as outlined in Report No 108-23."

CARRIED

14. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 7090 Accountability (113-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7090 Accountability Policy as indicated in Report No. 113-23."

CARRIED

15. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 3026 Budget Variance (110-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 3026 Budget Variance Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 110-23."

CARRIED

16. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 6020 Extended Field Trip (111-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Wernigwans

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 6020 Extended Field Trip Policy as outlined in Report No 111-23 as amended."

CARRIED

17. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 6021 Day Field Trip (109-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 6021 Day Field Trip Policy as outlined in Report No 109-23."

CARRIED

18. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 7011 Teacher Performance Appraisal (106-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 7011 Teacher Performance Appraisal Policy as outlined in Report No 106-23."

CARRIED

19. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (119-23)

Policy Review – 8011 Use of School Buildings, Facilities and Grounds (107-23)

Moved by Trustee Leblanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8011 Use of School Buildings, Facilities and Grounds, as indicated in Report No. 107-23."

CARRIED

20. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

21. New Reports

21.1 By-Law No. 123-2024 Tax Levy (116-23)

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve By-law No. 123-2024 Tax Levy (appendix A) authorizing the 2024 tax levy at the prescribed rates set by Ontario Regulation 400/98 as amended, as outlined in Report No.116-23."

CARRIED

21.2 Appointment to the 2023-2024 Parent Involvement Committee

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the appointment of Dawn-Marie Francis to the 2023-2024 Parent Involvement Committee for the term November 15, 2023, to November 14, 2024."

CARRIED

22. New Business

23. Notices of Motion

24. Information and Inquiries

25. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9.02 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – December 19, 2023



Chair



Secretary