

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

2023 DEC 05
6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers
Donica LeBlanc
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen
Leah Vanderwey
Ryan Sitch

Trudy Tuchenhagen
Scottie Wemigwans
Pat Johansen
Morgann De Franceschi (Student Trustee)
Emily Drake (Indigenous Student Trustee)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, called the meeting to order.

2. **Introduction of Scrutineers**

AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education, and Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, were introduced as the scrutineers for the elections.

3. Election of Chair of the Board

Sherrilynne 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 Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT nominations for the Office of Chair of Lakehead District School Board be closed."

CARRIED

Trustee Chambers was declared chair of the Board by acclamation. Trustee Chambers assumed the chair.

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

4. Election of Vice Chair of the Board

Chair Chambers announced the pre-nomination of Trustee LeBlanc by Trustee Saarinen. 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 Saarinen

"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 by acclamation.

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

5. Election of a Member and Alternate to the Coordinating Committee

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

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT nominations for a Member to the Coordinating Committee be closed."

CARRIED

Trustee Saarinen was declared the member of the Coordinating Committee by acclamation.

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

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT nominations for an Alternate Member to the Coordinating Committee be closed."

CARRIED

Trustee Johansen was declared the alternate member of the Coordinating Committee by acclamation.

6. Director's Annual Report 2022-2023 (001-24)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented a summary of her report. Director Pharand thanked senior administration, and the communications team, Stephanie Rea, Communications Officer and Casey Zywina, Graphics and Information Service Technician, for their work on the Annual Report.

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Director's Annual Report 2022-2023."

CARRIED

7. Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report (002-24)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the report. Director Pharand thanked the Board members and parents who are members of this committee. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

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

CARRIED

8. Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2024 (003-24)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the report. Director Pharand thanked the trustees for their time and commitment to Lakehead District School Board.

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2024 as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 003-24."

CARRIED

9. Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (004-24)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced vice chair of Special Education Advisory Committee, Alina Cameron, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee."

CARRIED

10. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (005-24)

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee."

CARRIED

11. Audit Committee Annual Report (006-24)

Trustee Scottie Wemigwans, chair of the Audit Committee presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Audit Committee."

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen


"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:06 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – January 23, 2024



Chair



Secretary