

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 May 28
7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers (Chair)
Donica LeBlanc (Vice Chair)
Pat Johansen
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen
Trudy Tuchenhausen
Leah Vanderwey
Ryan Sitch

Emily Drake (Indigenous
Student Trustee)
Morgann De Franceschi
(Student Trustee)

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Scottie Wemigwans (Indigenous Trustee)
AJ Keene, Superintendent of Education

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

FEDERATION/UNION REPRESENTATIVES:

Nancy Nix, Union Representative, LETO-Lakehead Elementary Teachers of Ontario
Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead (representing managers), Lakehead District
School Board
Leesa McCarville, Vice Principal, McKenzie Public School

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting No. 20, May 28, 2024 be approved."

CARRIED

2. Resolve into Committee of the Whole – Closed Session

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

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. 19 - April 23, 2024*
 - *Personnel Matter (057-24)*
 - *Legal Matter*

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 Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT the Report of the Regular Board-Committee of the Whole – Closed Session be adopted with the following recommendations therein:

1. *'THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Committee of the Whole – Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 19, April 23, 2024.'*
2. *'THAT the Memorandum of Settlement, Appendix A to Report No. 057-24, as negotiated between the Lakehead District School Board and the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Lakehead Elementary Occasional Teachers' Local Bargaining Unit 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. Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Saarinen read the land acknowledgement and acknowledged that history was made in parliament today when Sol Mamakwa spoke for the first time in Anishiniimowin (also known as Oji-Cree) language in the Ontario Legislature.

6. Delegations/ Presentations:

6.1. Trustee Recognition Award - Andrea Lampo

Trustee LeBlanc presented Andrea Lampo, Teacher/Math Chair, Hammarskjold High School, with the Trustee Recognition Award for her selfless devotion of her time and energy to supporting Lakehead Public School students on their math journey. Andrea was recently awarded the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education's Award for Exceptional and Creative Teaching in Secondary Mathematics, which recognizes secondary school mathematics educators who demonstrate excellence in mathematics education and contributes to overall student development. Andrea also became a lifetime member of the Society of Descartes Medallists, a Rene Descartes Foundation for the Advancement of Mathematics at the University of Waterloo initiative that pays tribute to Ontario math and computer science educators who are worthy of special recognition.

6.2. Celebrating Student Achievement –École Elsie MacGill Public School – Creating a Community within a Community

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, introduced Erin Aylward, Principal and Mike Judge, Vice Principal, École Elsie MacGill Public School, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

7. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No.19, April 23, 2024."

CARRIED

MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION:

8. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Sitch updated the Board that there have been changes to the non-profit legislation that impact the timing that Lakehead District School Board elects its OPSBA voting delegates and director representative. The Board will need to pass a motion at the next Regular Board meeting to approve the selected delegates and inform OPSBA. Trustee Sitch informed the Board that he will send out two motions for consideration. The voting delegate will take the response to the OPSBA AGM (July 2-5).

9. Student Trustee Report

Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee, presented her May report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: a visit to Hammar skjold High School to discuss their student led project, a meeting with Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute's principal and vice principals to discuss some concerns brought to the student trustees by the school's Student Activities Council, attendance at the Grade 8 Award of Excellence banquet as Master of Ceremony with Indigenous Student Trustee Drake. All trustees' questions were addressed.

10. Indigenous Student Trustee Report

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee, presented her May report to the Board. Items addressed in the report included: organizing and implementing a Grades 9-11 Indigenous based survey at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, a trustee mentor meeting with Trustee Saarinen, attendance at the Grade 8 Award of Excellence Banquet as a Master of Ceremony and gave a virtual presentation to the Reach Ahead Class with Student Trustee De Franceschi. All trustees' questions were addressed.

11. Updates from the Chair/ Director

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, informed the Board she wanted to extend thanks to all the trustees' who attended the OPSBA Take your MPP to School day at Kakabeka Falls Public School and Whitefish Valley Public School with MPP Holland. Director Pharand reminded the Board of the Pride flag raising event at Hammar skjold High School on Friday, May 31, 2024 and at the Board Office on Monday, June 3, 2024. Director Pharand touched on the importance of members in public education showing their support of inclusivity in times where hate has been dividing our society. Director Pharand reminded the Board of the up coming play, The Wizard of Oz, at Hammar skjold High School and of the Thunder Pride Youth Awareness Brunch on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Director Pharand informed the Board that she is looking forward to celebrating all the upcoming events (graduations, awards ceremonies and retirement dinners) that celebrate the achievements of Lakehead Public Schools students and staff.

Chair Ellen Chambers informed the Board that she had no further updates.

12. Mental Health Report (066-24)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, introduced Megan Semeniuk, Mental Health Lead, who presented the report. All trustees' questions were addressed.

13. Human Rights, Equity, and Inclusive Education Report (065-24)

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

MATTERS FOR DECISION

14. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

Policy Review–9030 Playground Structures Policy (059-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 9030 Playground Structures Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 059-24.”

CARRIED

15. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

Policy Review – 3093 Electronic Information Security Policy, 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use Policy, 8092 Code of Conduct Policy (061-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Saarinen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the review of 3093 Electronic Information Security Policy, 3096 Information/Communication Technology Use Policy and 8092 Code of Conduct Policy.”

CARRIED

16. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

Policy Review – 8020 Access to Schools Policy (060-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve 8020 Access to Schools Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 060-24.”

CARRIED

17. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

Policy Review – 3061 Reclamation of Properties Policy (042-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

“THAT Lakehead District School Board Approve 3061 Reclamation of Properties Policy, Appendix A to Report No. 042-24.”

CARRIED

18. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

Approval of 2024-2025 Board Advisory Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule(062-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2024-2025 Board Advisory Committee and Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 062-24.”

CARRIED

19. Recommendations from the Board Advisory Committee (067-24)

2024 to 2032 Policy Review Schedule (056-24)

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the 2024 to 2032 Policy Review Schedule, Appendix A to Report No. 056-24.”

CARRIED

20. Ad Hoc and Special Committee Reports

Special Education Advisory Committee Request for Approval of Correspondence (064-24)

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhagen

“THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the request from the Special Education Advisory Committee to send correspondence of support to the Minister of Education, as outlined in Report No. 064-24.”

CARRIED

21. New Reports

22. New Business

23. Notices of Motion

24. Information and Inquiries

24.1. Chair Chambers informed the Board that the following events were attended by trustees:

Nor'wester View Public School's performance of Matilda Jr at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute - May 15 -16, 2024.

- Trustees' Saarinen, Johansen and Director Pharand.

Grade 8 Award of Excellence Banquet – May 16, 2024

- Trustees' Tuchenhagen, Saarinen, LeBlanc, Sitch, Johansen, Chambers, Indigenous Student Trustee Drake, Student Trustee De Franceschi, Superintendents' Lower and Harris and Director Pharand.

OPSBA Take your MPP to School Week at Kakabeka Falls Public School and Whitefish Valley Public School - May 22, 2024

- Trustees' LeBlanc, Vanderwey, Johansen, Chambers, Superintendent Keene, Jamie Smith, Communications Supervisor, and Director Pharand.

Spring All-Star Concert at École Elsie MacGill Public School – May 23, 2024

- Trustees' Tuchenhagen, Vanderwey and Saarinen.

25. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"THAT we do now adjourn at 9:06 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – June 25, 2024


Chair


Secretary