

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

2024 DEC 03
6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers
Donica LeBlanc
Ron Oikonen
George Saarinen
Leah Vanderwey

Ryan Sitch
Trudy Tuchenhausen
Scottie Wemigwans
Pat Johansen

ABSENT WITH REGRET:

Emily Drake, Indigenous Student Trustee
Morgann De Franceschi, Student Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education
Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education
Nick Sacevich, Associate Superintendent and Math/IT Lead

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Introduction of Scrutineers**

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education, and Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, were introduced as the scrutineer and assistant scrutineer, respectively for the elections.

3. Election of Chair of the Board

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, announced the pre-nomination of Trustee Chambers by Trustee Sitch. Trustee Chambers accepted the nomination. Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Secretary of the Board, announced the pre-nomination of Trustee Vanderwey by Trustee Wemigwans. Trustee Vanderwey accepted the nomination. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak to the Board as per Lakehead District School Boards' by-laws. Further nominations were called for from the floor.

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

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

CARRIED

The scrutineer and the assistant scrutineer distributed the ballots and conducted the election for the Office of Chair of the Board. Trustee Vanderwey was declared the winner.

Trustee Vanderwey assumed the chair.

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

4. Election of Vice Chair of the Board

Chair Vanderwey announced the pre-nomination of Trustee LeBlanc by Trustee Sitch. Trustee LeBlanc accepted the nomination. Nominations were called for from the floor. Trustee Johansen nominated Trustee Saarinen. Trustee Saarinen accepted the nomination. Further nominations were called for from the floor. Each candidate was given the opportunity to speak to the Board as per Lakehead District School Boards' by-laws.

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

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

CARRIED

The scrutineer and the assistant scrutineer distributed ballots and conducted the election for the Office of Vice Chair of the Board. Trustee LeBlanc was declared the winner.

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

- 5.1 There were no pre-nominations for Member of the Coordinating Committee. Nominations were called from the floor. Trustee Johansen nominated Trustee Tuchenhausen. Trustee Tuchenhausen accepted the nomination. Trustee LeBlanc nominated Trustee Chambers. Trustee Chambers accepted the nomination. Trustee Tuchenhausen chose to remove her name from the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Sitch

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

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

CARRIED

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

- 5.2 There were no pre-nominations for Alternate Member of the Coordinating Committee. Further nominations were called for from the floor. Trustee Tuchenhausen nominated Trustee Johansen. Trustee Johansen accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

"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. Motion to Destroy Ballots

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

"THAT all ballots be destroyed."

CARRIED

7. Director's Annual Report 2024 (001-25)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, invited the superintendents and Jamie Smith, Communications Supervisor, to present a summary of the report for their respective portfolios. Director Pharand thanked senior administration, and the communications team, Jamie Smith, Communications Officer and Casey Zywna, Graphics and Information Service Technician, for their work on the Annual Report.

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board receive the Director's Annual Report 2024."

CARRIED

8. Parent Involvement Committee Annual Report (002-25)

Michelle Riemer, Vice Chair of the Parent Involvement Committee, presented the report. Director Pharand thanked the Board members and parents who are members of this committee. There were no questions from trustees.

Moved by Trustee LeBlanc

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

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

CARRIED

9. Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2024 (003-25)

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, presented the report.

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the Trustee Appointments to Board Committees – 2025 as set out in Appendix A to Report No. 003-25."

CARRIED

10. Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (004-25)

Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education, presented the report. There were no questions from trustees.

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Tuchenhausen

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

CARRIED

11. Miiniwewinan: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Annual Report (005-25)

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

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Wemigwans

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

CARRIED

12. Adjournment


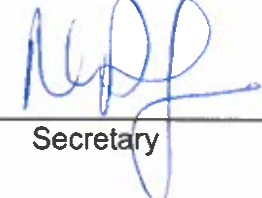
Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:23 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – January 28, 2025

	
_____ Chair	_____ Secretary

