

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Room/Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2024 DEC 17
7:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

Scottie Wemigwans (Indigenous
Trustee)
Morgan De Franceschi (Student
Trustee) (virtual)
Emily Drake (Indigenous Student
Trustee) (virtual)

TRUSTEE ABSENT, WITH REGRET:

Trudy Tuchenhausen

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting, December 17, 2024 be approved."

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR DECISION:

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (006-25)

Audit Committee Summarized Annual Report – August 31, 2024 (120-23)

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board:

- 1. Approve the Audit Committee Summarized Annual Report as outlined in Appendix A to Report No. 006-25; and*
- 2. Forward the report to the Ministry of Education.*

CARRIED

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (006-25)

2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements (123-24)

Moved by Trustee Wemigwans

Seconded by Trustee Oikonen

"THAT Lakehead District School Board approve the August 31, 2024, audited financial statements as outlined in Report No. 123-24, 2023-2024 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

4. Letter Re: Transportation Update – Minister of Education

Moved by Trustee Johansen

Seconded by Trustee Sitch

"That Lakehead District School Board:

- 1. approve Chair Vanderwey to send a letter updating the Minister of Education, Jill Dunlop, of ongoing concerns regarding student transportation funding;*
- 2. copy letter to the following:*
Denise Allyson Cole, Deputy Minister of Education
MPP Kevin Holland
MPP Lise Vaugeois
Stephanie Donaldson, OPSBA Executive Director
Craig Murphy, Consortium Manager, Student Transportation Services
Thunder Bay
JP Tennier, Director of Education Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board
Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education, Lakehead District School Board
Mireille Major-Levesque, Director of Education Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales
Sébastien Fontaine, Director of Education Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord;
and
- 3. approve that Dr. Bakovic co-sign the letter.*

CARRIED

5. Information and Inquiries

The following events were attended by trustees and senior administration,

- December 5, 2024 - Mayor Boschoff visited École Gron Morgan PS
- December 10, 2024 - Adams Family Production at Hammarkjold High School.
- December 16, 2024 - École Gron Morgan Choir performance at Thunder Bay City Council Meeting.
- December 17, 2024 - McKenzie Public School Annual Festive dinner
- December 18, 2024 - Gorham and Ware Community School Holiday Feast

6. Adjournment


Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:43 p.m."

CARRIED

CONFIRMED BY THE BOARD – January 28, 2025


Chair


Secretary