

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Board Room / Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2025 FEB 18
7:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Ellen Chambers
Ron Oikonen (MS Teams)
Patricia Johansen
Leah Vanderwey

Scottie Wemigwans (Chair)
Ryan Sitch
Trudy Tuchenhausen
Donica LeBlanc

TRUSTEES WITH REGRETS:

George Saarinen (Vice Chair)

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION:

Sherri-Lynne Pharand, Director of Education
Jane Lower, Superintendent of Education
Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business
Michelle Probizanski, Superintendent of Education
Nicholas Sacevich, Associate Superintendent of Education

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION WITH REGRETS:

Heather Harris, Superintendent of Education

RESOURCE:

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services
Simona Serrao, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Trustee Wemigwans, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

There were no disclosures of Conflict of Interest.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Wemigwans provided the Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Chambers

Seconded by Trustee Vanderwey

"THAT the Agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting of February 18, 2025, be approved."

CARRIED

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Approval Of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhausen

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

"THAT the Finance Committee approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, December 11, 2024."

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes of December 11, 2024.

8. Information Reports

8.1 2024-2025 Budget Variance as of January 31st, 2025 (025-25)

Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services, presented the 2024-2025 budget variance report. All questions were addressed.

8.2 Preliminary Analysis 2025-2026 Budget (024-25)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, presented the 2025-2026 preliminary analysis budget report: guiding principles and budget process timelines. All questions were addressed.

9. New Reports

There were no new reports.

10. Information and Inquires

10.1 Trustees echoed general feedback on inadequate funding for the Northern School Boards.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Vanderwey

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

"THAT we do now adjourn at 7:36 p.m."

CARRIED