

LAKEHEAD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE – Public Session

Board Room / Microsoft Teams
Jim McCuaig Education Centre

2026 FEB 3
6:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Scottie Wemigwans (Chair-virtual)
Ron Oikonen (virtual)
Patricia Johansen
Donica LeBlanc (virtual)

George Saarinen (Vice Chair-virtual)
Trudy Tuchenhagen
Leah Vanderwey
Ellen Chambers (virtual)

TRUSTEES ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Ryan Sitch

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

RESOURCE:

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order**

Trustee Vanderwey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and informed the committee of being the designate for the Chair, Trustee Wemigwans in his absence.

2. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

None disclosed.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Johansen

“THAT the Agenda for the Finance Committee Meeting of February 3, 2026, be approved.”

CARRIED

4. Land Acknowledgement

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business, acknowledged the lands and traditional territory.

5. Delegations/Presentations

There were no delegations or presentations.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Tuchenhagen

Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

“THAT the Finance Committee approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting – Public Session, December 9, 2025.”

CARRIED

7. Information Reports

7.1 Interim Financial Information – January 22, 2026 (014-26)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business and Angela Lee-Wiwcharyk, Manager of Financial Services presented the report.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

7.2 Preliminary Analysis 2026-2027 Budget (015-26)

Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business presented the report.

All trustees' questions were addressed.

8. New Reports

There were no new reports.

9. Unfinished Business and General Orders – N/A

10. Announcements

- Kirsti Alaksa, Superintendent of Business presented the draft 2026-2027 Budget Deputation Invitation Letter for Unions and Committees. Simona Serrao, Executive Secretary, will share the electronic version of the letter with the Finance Committee members.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Saarinen

Seconded by Trustee Chambers

“THAT we do now adjourn at 6:56 p.m.”

CARRIED