

**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Mission Statement

*In partnership with the students, the home and the community,  
Superior-Greenstone District School Board will address individual students' needs by providing:*

6:30 p.m.

*Follows conclusion of In-Camera*

**MINUTES**

Monday, April 21, 2008

Designated Site: Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge ON.

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / LSHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joanette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board  
PART II: Committee of Whole Board  
PART III: Regular Board Meeting

*Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:42 p.m.  
Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): N/A  
Section (C) : – (open to public): TBA*

**Attendance**

Fisher, Cindy			X			Sparrow, Julie (excused at 9:23P)			X		
Hunking, Lenay (Student)			X			Turner, Jim			X		

<b><u>Board Administrators</u></b>	Attendance Mode: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)				
		OS	TC	VC	A
Patti Pella: Director of Education		X			

**1.0 Roll Call**

The Board Chair Mark Mannisto conducted roll call at 6.41 p.m. Members were present as noted above.

PART I: *Committee of the Whole Board*

*Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:42 p.m.*

**2.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session**

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

**3.0 Committee of the Whole Board** *(In-Camera Closed)*

3.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board - Closed  
**104/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:42 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.

Carried

3.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

**105/08**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board (In-Camera Session) at 6:57 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.

Carried

## **9.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session**

There were no disclosures of interest offered at this time.

## **10.0 Delegation and/or Presentation: Part 1**

### **10.1 K-12 Model School**

Trustees consented to having this presentation precede board business scheduled under Item 10.0 as the hour was 7:05 p.m. and presenters attending to address the K-12 model school were on hand for delivery of their report.

Director of Education Patti Pella introduced Ignace School Principal Chantal Moore, who as a teleconference participant provided a comprehensive report regarding the Ignace School, which has been a functioning K-12 model school since its inception.

Ms. Moore's verbal report as a long-time principal of the K-12 school provided a detailed account of the Ignace School experience including the school's enrolment, use of school space, student arrivals and dismissal, example of student interactions, resource sharing, bussing and playground issues for students enrolled from kindergarten to grade 12.

Overall, Ms. Moore advised that the K-12 format has worked out very well with her and her staff experiences being indicative of a positive environment for all students.

Manitouwadge High School Principal Brian Johnson followed Ms. Moore, providing a similarly positive report on the K-12 model school of which he was a staff member in a school located northern Canada.

They concurred that a difficulty each experienced (though infrequent) was the need to send an occasional reminder about maintaining the boundary between the elementary and secondary student spaces. As well, careful scheduling for separate gymnasium time for elementary and secondary was necessary.

Behavioural problems were related as minimal in both experiences; each principal noting that the majority of the time, the older students were mindful of checking their behaviours knowing the younger students looked up to them. Parental involvement seems to be increased in the K-12 model because parents of elementary students tended to interact and attend at the school on their younger children's account wherein the same school their older children were enrolled in high school. There is a definite seamless transition for students entering grade 9 from grade 8, which is much less stressful on the young people.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Director Patti Pella advised that a community meeting was scheduled in Geraldton on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Ignace School Principal, Chantal Moore will attend by teleconference to share her information on the K-12 model she works in and field questions that parents/staff who attend the meeting may wish to ask.

**108/08**

*Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan*

*Seconded by: Trustee C. Brown*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information, the verbal reports from C. Moore, and B. Johnson regarding experiences related to K-12 Model Schools

Carried

## **11.0 Minutes**

### **11.1 Board Meetings:**

11.1.1 2008/04 Regular Board – March 17, 2008

**109/08**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

**That**, the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting be adopted:

- 2008/04 Regular Board, Monday, March 17, 2008

Carried



**14.0 Reports of the Director of Education**

*(Director: Patti Pella)*

**14.1 Report No. 24 Red Rock First Nation Request**

Patti Pella advised that the Red Rock First Nation presented a proposal to the Board at its regular meeting on March 17, 2008 to address tuition fee arrears. The First Nation indicated that they could pay between \$800,000 and \$900,000 toward the outstanding amount. In return for this payment, they requested the Board write-off the remainder of the outstanding balance. The requested write off would total between \$362,230 and \$462,230. This loss of revenue would severely erode the financial stability of Superior-Greenstone DSB and require the reduction of services to the students of the board.

**115/08**

*Moved by: Trustee J. Sparrow*

*Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons*

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives Report No. 24: Red Rock First Nation Request as presented.

Carried

**116/08**

*Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell*

*Seconded by: Trustee D. Keenan*

**That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB Board not accept Red Rock First Nation's request to write off outstanding tuition fees

Carried

**14.2 Report No 25: Policy 905 Pupil Accommodation**

Patti Pella advised that pupil accommodation review and facility organizational procedures have been developed to provide the framework for school organizational plans, boundary adjustments, to conduct pupil accommodation reviews for schools or groups of schools within the context of fiscal accountability and support for student learning.

Trustees have examined the enrolment, programming, staffing, school operations and maintenance costs as well as school program operating costs and have determined that an Accommodation Review Committee will be established for each of the following areas over three

14.3 Report No 26: 2007-2008 Employee Long Term Recognition  
**120/08**

Moved by: Trustee K. Notwell

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 26: 2007-2008 Employee Long Term Recognition Awards.

Carried

The Employee Long Term Recognition Award Report is produced annually in conjunction with Board Policy 712.

This year's 10-Year Service Milestones will be awarded to:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>
Sheila Cassie	Marjorie Mills PS	Elizabeth Harvey-Foulds	Nipigon-Red Rock DHS
Michael Lespi	Nipigon Area	Patrick Lalonde	Manitouwadge HS
Karen Annett	Marathon HS	Barbara Maine	Lake Superior HS
Maureen Martin	Manitouwadge HS	Debbie McDougall	Marathon HS
Marlene McParland	Lake Superior HS	Bonnie Roen	Lake Superior HS
Cameron Craig	Marathon HS	Gloria Simonaitis	Geraldton Composite HS
Maria Dicaire	Margaret Twomey PS	Stacey Wallwin	Lake Superior HS
Shawna Grouette	Marathon HS	Linda Penna	Marjorie Mills PS

Celebrations for twenty-five years of service will be held for:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>School</b>
Vivian Martel	Margaret Twomey PS	Garth Hamilton	Marathon HS
Marlene Dunbar	Red Rock PS	Holly Smith	Lake Superior HS
Karen Berg	Marathon HS	Judy Selinger	Geraldton Composite HS

**15.0 Reports of the Education Committee**

*(Education Chair: K. Notwell)*

Superintendent of Education:

15.1 Report No. 27: Elementary Teaching Staff Proposal 2008-2009  
**121/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee J. Turner

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 27: Elementary Teaching Staff Proposal 2008-2009 as presented with amendments.

Carried

Colleen Kappel advised that an update to the attached report was required and advised the Board verbally with regard to these refinements.

Elementary staffing proposed for a projected enrolment of 849 FTE students is 46.5 FTE teachers, while for the Special Education Resource Teachers and Early Intervention Teachers is set at 8.9 FTE.

**122/08**

Moved by: Trustee D. Keenan

Seconded by: Trustee T. Simmons

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves the 2008-2009 Elementary Teaching Staff Proposal as presented with amendments.

Carried

15.2 Report No. 28: 2008-2009 Secondary Staffing Proposal

**123/08**

Moved by: *Trustee J. Sparrow*

Seconded by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive Report No 28: 2008-2009 Secondary Staffing Proposal as presented.

Carried

Valerie Newton provided this report advising that secondary staffing is calculated as per Article 14 of the Collective Agreement between the Superior-Greenstone DSB and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. The staffing is based on the average of the two count dates, October 31 and March 31, of the respective years divided by 16. The secondary teaching staff proposal is set at 91.50 FTE teachers.

**124/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB, approves Report No. 28: 2008-2009 Secondary Staffing Proposal as presented.

Carried

15.3 Report No. 29: Student Success Overview

**125/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 29: Student Success Overview

Carried

Valerie Newton provided a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation regarding the School-based team training, whose focus it is to network and share best practices across the secondary student success teams.

15.4 Report No. 30: French as a Second Language Program Review

**126/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

**That**

16.1 Report No. 31: Enrolment-March 31, 2008

**128/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

**That** the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives as information Report No. 31: Enrolment March 31, 2008.

Carried

Bruce Rousseau reported that as of the March count date, elementary enrolment was down from projection by 7.50 FTE, while at the secondary level; enrolment was down by 19 FTE.

16.2 Report No. 32: Grant for Student Needs 2008-2009

**129/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

**That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives as information Report No. 32: Grant for Student Needs – 2008-2009.

Carried

Bruce Rousseau provided a comprehensive background on the Ministry of Education's release of 2008-2009 Grants for Student Needs Business Memo 2 that outlined the province's education spending, funding formulas information and explanation the changes afoot. Superior-Greenstone budget estimates are due into the ministry on June 30, 2008.

16.3 Report No. 33: 2007-2008 Transportation Contracts

**130/08**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Fisher*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receives Report No. 33: 2007-2008 Transportation Contracts as presented.

Carried

**131/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB approve the 2007-2008 Transportation Contracts as follows (GST extra).

• Ball Bus Service	\$ 571,973
• Beaulieu Bus Lines	\$ 348,325
• Holt Bus Lines	\$ 92,273
• Les Autobus Roy	\$ 67,703
• G.A. Trottier Bus Lines	\$ 713,692

Carried

Wayne Chiupka advised that one contract is yet to be finalized. He expects to have this figure available for the May Board meeting.

**17.0 Matters for Decision**

Board Chair: M. Mannisto

171 Report No.: 34: Disbursements – February and March 2008

**132/08**

Moved by: *Trustee K. Notwell*

Seconded by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

**That**, Superior-Greenstone DSB Board receives as information Report No. 34: Disbursements for February and March 2008.

Carried

17.2 Report No.: 35: Personnel – April 21, 2008  
**133/08**  
Moved by: *Trustee T. Simmons*

*Seconded by: Trustee K. Notwell*

**20.0 Observer Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**21.0 Adjournment**

**136/08**

Moved by: *Trustee D. Keenan*

Seconded by: *Trustee C. Brown*

**That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2008/05 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 21, 2008  
be adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Carried

Schedule: 2008 Board Meeting

<b>2008 Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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**SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Board Meeting 2008/05**

Committee of the Whole Board: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 21, 2008

Designated Site: Manitouwadge High School, Manitouwadge ON

**TOPICS**

**Board Chair:** Mark Mannisto

**Director:** Patti Pella

VC Sites at: BRD / GCHS / LSHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A): In-Camera – (closed to public) 6:30 p.m

1.0 Personnel Report: (Trustee Queries re Personnel Report No. 35)

(B. Draper)

2.0 Litigation

(W. Chiupka)

PART II: Committee of Whole Board

Section (B): In-Committee – (open to public): TBA

1.0

**In-Committee and Regular Board Meeting 2008/05**

No Reports

**Monday, April 21, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008**

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**SECRETARY**

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**CHAIR**