

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



*Our Mission:* "Inspiring our students to succeed and make a difference"

*Our Vision:* "We are leaders in providing quality learning experiences in our small school communities"

*Our Values:* "Caring, Fairness, Empathy, Responsibility, Honesty, Resilience, Respect, Perseverance and Innovation"

*Our Motto:* "Small schools make a difference"

### Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board ... (SGDSB) .....12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON  
Manitouwadge High School ..... (MNHS) .....200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, ON  
Lake Superior High School ..... (LSHS) .....Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON  
Nipigon-Red Rock District High School ..... (NRHS) .....20 Frost Street, Red Rock, ON  
Geraldton Composite High School ..... (GCHS) .....500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

### Regular Board Meeting 2013/03

*Committee of Whole Board In-Camera  
(Closed to Public) 6:41-7:07 p.m.*

*Regular Board Meeting: (Open to Public)  
Followed conclusion of In-Camera at 7:07 p.m.*

## MINUTES

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Designated Site: Superior-Greenstone DSB Meeting Room 12, Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

**Board Chair:** P. McRae

**Director:** David Tamblyn

VC Sites: GCHS / LSHS / MNHS / NRHS

Teleconference Moderator: RM. Joannette

PART I: Committee of Whole Board

Section (A) In-Camera: : – (closed to public): 6:41 p.m.

PART II: Regular Board Meeting

Section (B) : – (open to public) 7:07 p.m.



*That the Board accepts the recommendation outlined in the BPRC minutes of January 15, 2013 and approves as reviewed:*

- *P-509 Fundraising*

- *MG -509 Fundraising*

- *P-527 Voluntary Aboriginal Student Self Identification;*

*all of which are to be posted to the Board website with an implementation date February 20, 2013, and all shall supersede any previous policies and management guidelines.*

- 10.2 Aaron MacGregor: Student Trustees' Update  
A. MacGregor provided an update on the Student Senate meeting he chaired on February 13, 2013 as hosted by Director Tamblyn. He noted that there are some activities in schools, run mostly throughout the school days. With the current state of labour relations with the Ministry's imposition of collective agreements on teachers and other school bargaining unit personnel, student frustration with the severe curtailment of extra-curricular activities in some schools is prevalent. Intramural activities have been stepped up in areas, but the uncertainty around the supervision, coaching and travel to district and/or provincial level sporting events has cast gloom in schools.

**11.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee** *(Business /Negotiations Chair: D. Keenan)*

*Superintendent of Business: C. Tsubouchi*

- 11.1 Report No. 15: Report of the Audit Committee – January 28, 2013  
Superintendent of Business C. Tsubouchi provided a detailed overview of Report No. 15 provided an explanation about regarding several of the reports forwarded with the Board agenda.

- 11.2 Report No 16: 2011/2012 Financial Statements  
C. Tsubouchi reported that the Audit Committee having met on January 28, 2013 has recommended approval of the financial statements. She provided highlights of the salient issues and noting the background for the transfers of reserves being recommended.

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*Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto Second: Trustee D. Keenan*

***That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB accepts Report No. 16: 2011/2012 Audited Financial Statements, pending the Minister's approval and makes the following reserve transfers:***

<b><i>From Retirement Gratuities Reserve</i></b>	<b><i>\$802,000.00</i></b>
<b><i>From Winning Teams Reserve</i></b>	<b><i>\$15,732.00</i></b>

***Carried***

- 11.3 Report No. 17: Interim Report No 1  
C. Tsubouchi provided an overview of Report No. 17, providing an explanation on the subject of

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*Moved by: Trustee C. Brown*

*Second: Trustee M. Mannisto*

***That***

15.2 Trustees' Reports: Constituent Concerns

Trustee C. Brown reported a constituent concern relayed to her about the recent Fraser Institute of BC release of Canadian schools' student achievement statistics. She notes that Margaret Twomey Public School from among the 2,714 schools on the list is rated as 2,508. She asked to have these findings investigated in light of downward trend at MTPS, which in 2009 showed Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results at a rating of 7.2, but currently its rate is 3.2.

15.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

P. McRae requested that when Board members respond to the Board Meeting call, that they also copy her; this so that she has the required information regarding meeting the quorum.

15.4 Miscellaneous

D. Keenan inquired about the status of First Nation Representative appointment to fill the vacancy created in December. D. Tamblyn advised that as yet, there has been nobody nominated to fill the First Nation Representative vacancy on the board. The nomination must come from First Nations tuition agreement partners with Superior-Greenstone DSB.

**16.0 Notice of Motion**

Nil

**17.0 Trustee Associations and Other Boards**

17.1 OPSBA

P. McRae, D. Keenan and M. Mannisto each provided a brief overview of the session they attended during the 2013 Public Education Symposium. P. McRae suggested that the DISC program, which helps to delineate personal skills and attributes is a program she found quite informative. She suggested this as a possible future professional development for the Board as a whole because understanding the work styles among the group could be beneficial when members are deciding on work group tasks and projects

D. Keenan noted that the new Premier Kathleen Wynne introduced herself and her Minister of Education Liz Sandals. Keenan noted that there is some optimism over the premier's choice for minister because Sandals has experience as a school board trustee and was once the president of the OPSBA, their trustee association.

M. Mannisto reported the Good Governance professional development sessions done by SGDSB with facilitator Marilyn Gouthro was highlighted.