

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 2003-2006 Rainy River District School Board was held on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the Robert Moore School in Fort Frances.

Board Members Present D. Belluz, R. McAlister, G. McBride, M. Heyens, J. Eluik, M. Darrah

Regrets J. Leonard

Student Trustee Jay Neilson

In Attendance: W. Hoshizaki, L. Mills, L. Hill, I. Simpson, D. Ross, R. Roy

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #179 McBRIDE-HEYENS That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED agenda for August 31, 2005 Regular Board Meeting.

Res. #180 McBRIDE-HEYENS That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting CARRIED June 7, 2005 (Session 16) having been typed and distributed, be approved.

Res. #181 McBRIDE-HEYENS That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting CARRIED June 21, 2005 having been typed and distributed, be approved.

Res. #182 McBRIDE-HEYENS That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED following policies:

- 1.23 - Student Trustee
- 1.50 - Membership in OPSBA
- 2.63 - Video Surveillance
- 3.35 - Workplace Inspections
- 3.36 - Employees Working Alone
- 3.53 - Service Providers

Res. #183 McBRIDE-DARRAH That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED following policies for stakeholder consultation:

- 3.34 - Critical Injury Accident Investigation
- 3.50 - Course Subsidies Elementary Teaching Staff

Res. #184 ELUIK-HEYENS That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED 2005-2006 Budget.

Res. #185 DARRAH-McBRIDE That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED appointment of Jack McMaster as Director of Education on or before September 30, 2005.

Res. #186 McBRIDE-HEYENS That the Rainy River District School Board grant CARRIED authority as signing officer of the Board to Jack McMaster, Director of Education on date of appointment.

Res. #187 DARRAH-McBRIDE That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED appointment of Warren Hoshizaki as Interim Director of Education commencing September 1, 2005 and ending on the appointment date of Jack McMaster.

Res. #188 McALISTER-ELUIK That the Rainy River District School Board approve the CARRIED revised Personnel Report dated September, 2005 (copy attached).

Res. #189 ELUIK-McALISTER That the Rainy River District School Board meet, in CARRIED camera, in Committee of the Whole Board.

Res. #190 McALISTER-ELUIK That the Committee of the Whole Board rise and report CARRIED to the regular meeting.

SILENT REFLECTION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

- ▶ **Outers 40th Anniversary**
Darryl Gannon, Principal at Atikokan High School, provided highlights of the Outers 40th anniversary celebration. The committee began the work on this event a year ago and it was a week-long celebration during the summer. The event drew ex-Outers from the past 40 years back to Atikokan. The committee consisted of Peter Burton, David Kerr, Pat Halwachs, Linda Braun, Dennis Livicker, Nicole Halasz and Darryl Gannon. Although there was involvement by school staff and students of Atikokan High, it was a community event. Trustees were able to view segments of an Outers video which was a production in cooperation with staff, students and a professional film maker, Patricia Lampkin.

Dan Belluz presented a Certificate of Excellence to Darryl Gannon and Committee members for their outstanding efforts to work in a community partnership that has promoted student success in the Rainy River District for the past 40 years.

► **Learning Garden**

Penny Newman, Principal at Robert Moore School spoke about the creation of a garden in front of the Education Centre. Helen Crook, Chair of Communities in Bloom approached the Board in December, 2004 with her vision of a garden that would beautify the property and honour past employees. This project was an Innovative Project which was approved by the Ministry. The work for the Learning Garden started in May, 2005 and involved students, staff, the Robert Moore School Builders' Club and members of the community. Marie Anderson provided her expertise in planning and coordinating the project that encouraged student participation and promoted community involvement.

Dan Belluz presented a Certificate of Excellence to Marie Anderson and the participants of the Learning Garden project for their dedication to promoting community partnerships and supporting students in the Rainy River District.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Trustee Comments" were added under Chairman's Report.

The agenda for the August 31, 2005 meeting was approved. *(see resolution #179)*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 7, 2005 (Session 16). *(see resolution #180)*

The Board approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 21, 2005. *(see resolution #181)*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Trustees reviewed a letter prepared by the Chair and directed to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration regarding requirements under the Ontario Disabilities Act. There was no further discussion.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC nil

SYSTEM

Program/Curriculum Success

- √ Summer Facility Projects
Raymond Roy provided a visual presentation on facility projects completed over the summer months. Details of the projects completed at each school/facility can be found on pages 20-22 of the agenda. Funding sources for these projects included the Good Places to Learn Initiative and the Reinvestment in Facilities.

Trustees will send a letter of thanks to the Maintenance staff for their hard work and efforts over the summer to ensure that all projects were completed prior to the commencement of the new school year.

BOARD REPORTS

9.1 Policy Committee

The Board approved the following policies:

(see resolution #182)

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9.2 Budget Update

Laura Mills reported that the grant regulations were released at the end of June and the Board maintains a balanced budget for 2005-06. The only change noted from the preliminary budget report June 21, 2005 is additional school renewal money.

The Board approved the 2005-2006 Budget.

(see resolution #184)

9.3 Ontario Public School Boards' Assoc. Update

Judy Eluik reported a successful 17th Annual General Meeting June 9-12 where Rick Johnson was re-elected as President of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Ed Arnold also returns for a second term. Changes to the constitution were noted, specifically additional voting rights in the North. The Northern Regional meeting is scheduled for October 21-23 in Thunder Bay.

Gord McBride reported that the Northern Ontario Boards are experiencing a decline in enrolment while Boards in the South are seeing an increase. OPSBA is expecting a change in copyright laws which will affect school boards across the Province.

Ron McAlister spoke about the success of the conference and opportunities to discuss issues in the North.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Jay Neilson reported that he is looking forward to returning as Student Trustee for a second term as a representative of secondary students. He plans to form a Student Senate Committee where educational issues can be discussed.

REPORT OF CHAIR

Dan Belluz welcomed Jack McMaster as the new Director of Education for the Rainy River District School Board.

The Board approved the appointment of Jack McMaster as Director of Education on or before September 30, 2005. *(see resolution #185)*

The Board granted authority as signing officer to Jack McMaster, Director of Education, on date of appointment. *(see resolution #186)*

Trustee Comments:

Martin Darrah expressed concern about busing at Keating Avenue and King's Highway where the road is currently under construction. Laura Mills reported that the traffic flow is being monitored by the Board and the Ontario Provincial Police at peak periods during the day. Bus operators will be given the option to use the gated roadway from Keating through the Fort Frances High School property. Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, assured Trustees that the Board will continue to monitor the busing throughout the construction period to ensure safety of students.

Judy Eluik encouraged Trustees to join one of the schools within the Rainy River District School Board in the Terry Fox Run on September 16th.

Gord McBride thanked Warren Hoshizaki for his support of students, staff and Trustees throughout his term as Director of Education with the Rainy River District School Board.

Martin Darrah asked that the Board provide a memorial for Struchan Gilson, retired teacher, who passed away.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

12.1 Director's Update

- ▶ increase in enrolment from projections although overall numbers continue to decline
- ▶ increase of 55 students in the elementary panel and 44 additional students in secondary than projected

Provincial

- ▶ secondary education credits required
- ▶ consultation with Boards for students staying in school after four years
- ▶ "Education for All" reports Special Education funds available in literacy/numeracy

Region

- ▶ Terry Ellwood commences his job with Superior-Greenstone DSB as the Director of Education
- ▶ Heather Wilson-Boast has accepted a position with the Literacy & Numeracy Secretariat in Toronto

Board

- ▶ Warren Hoshizaki extended a thank you to all Trustees for their support during his term as Director with the Rainy River District School Board and looks forward to new position with District School Board of Niagara

12.2 Personnel Report

The Board approved the revised Personnel Report as presented for September, 2005.

(see resolution #188)

The Personnel Report included the following:

Appointment

Bill James, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RMS (LTO), June 1, 2005 to June 23, 2005
Clara Ryan, 1.0 FTE Teacher, AHS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Julie Angus, 0.5 FTE Teacher, CRS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to December 22, 2005
Lisa Leonard, 0.5 FTE Teacher, CRS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to December 22, 2005
Jennifer Erickson, 1.0 FTE Teacher, HUF (LTO), August 29, 2005 to January 26, 2006
Heather Bridgeman, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to February 17, 2006
Dawn Bruys, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Christa Tuttle, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to March 10, 2006
Sam Archie, 0.8 FTE Teacher, RMS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Melissa Angus, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RMS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Kendra Halvorsen, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RIV (LTO), August 29, 2005 to April 1, 2006
Rose Kelly, 0.2 FTE Teacher, HUF (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Cathy Richards, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RMS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to November 1, 2005
Ryan Bryk, 1.0 FTE Teacher, AHS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to December 4, 2005
Brad Gascoigne, 1.0 FTE Teacher, AHS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to April 29, 2006
Andrew Hallikas, 0.17 FTE Teacher, FHS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to January 27, 2006
Jason Cain, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS (LTO), August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Doreen Skinaway, 0.4 FTE Teacher, CRS, commencing August 29, 2005
Julie Angus, 0.5 FTE Teacher, CRS, commencing August 29, 2005
Brad Gushulak, 1.0 FTE Teacher, CRS, commencing August 29, 2005
Julie Taylor, 0.5 FTE Teacher, DYS, commencing August 29, 2005
Joanne Brown, 1.0 FTE Teacher, HUF, commencing August 29, 2005
Hue Eldridge, 0.5 FTE Teacher, HUF, commencing August 29, 2005
Michelle Cain, 0.4 FTE Teacher, JWS, commencing August 29, 2005
Shannon Davidson-George, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS, commencing August 29, 2005
Sarah McTavish, 1.0 FTE Teacher, MCT, commencing August 29, 2005
Debra Sloan, 1.0 FTE Teacher, NFS, commencing August 29, 2005
Rose Kelly, 0.1 FTE Teacher JWS, commencing August 29, 2005
Sean Culp, 1.0 FTE Teacher, NSC/AHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Shannon Produniuk, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Ryan Bryk, 0.33 FTE Teacher, AHS, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Rose Kelly, 0.67 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Kim McKinnon, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Laura Craig, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Laura Mason, 0.83 FTE Teacher, RHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Christopher Dube, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Mary Jarvis, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Ray Koprowski, 1.0 FTE Teacher, SCAP, commencing August 29, 2005
Vince Gouin, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Adam Craig, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Kelly Connor, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, commencing August 29, 2005
Lee Anne Hines, 1.0 FTE Teacher, SCAP, commencing August 29, 2005

Change in Assignment / FTE

Gord McCabe, 1.0 FTE Principal, FHS, commencing September 1, 2005
Peg Keffer, Rescind Deferred LOA
Vicki Loney, 0.6 FTE Teacher, DYS, commencing August 29, 2005
Wilma Esselink, 1.0 FTE Teacher, DYS, commencing August 29, 2005
Lisa McCart, 1.0 FTE Teacher, DYS, commencing August 29, 2005
Sharlene Gilbert, 0.9 FTE Teacher, JWS, commencing August 29, 2005
Christa McTaggart, 1.0 FTE Teacher, RMS, commencing August 29, 2005
Vicki Ogilvie, 1.0 FTE Teacher, SCS, commencing August 29, 2005

Leave of Absence

Donna Skinn, 0.67 FTE Teacher, AHS, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Julie Shuh, 1.0 FTE Teacher, FHS, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Pam Avis, 1.0 FTE LOA, December 3, 2004 to December 3, 2005
Pam Avis, 1.0 FTE LOA, December 5, 2005 to January 27, 2006
Pam Avis, 0.67 FTE Teacher, FHS, January 30, 2006 to June 23, 2006
Jen Leishman, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS, July 30, 2005 to July 30, 2006
Shannon Richard, 1.0 FTE LOA, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Barb Eldridge, 0.4 FTE Teacher, RMS, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Glenna Kehl, 1.0 FTE Teacher, AHS, June 14, 2005 to June 14, 2006
Glenna Kehl, 1.0 FTE Teacher, AHS, June 14, 2006 to June 23, 2006
Christine Evans-Duquette, 0.5 FTE Teacher, NSC, August 29, 2005 to June 23, 2006
Laureen Morrish, 1.0 FTE Comm. Asst., HUF, August 30, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Resignation

Kate Woods, 1.0 FTE Teacher, NFS, August 29, 2005
Brian Donnelly, 1.0 FTE Teacher, JWS, August 31, 2005
Fay Edwards, 0.2 FTE Teacher, CRS, August 29, 2005
Warren Hoshizaki, 1.0 FTE Director of Education, August 31, 2005
Idalina Ferreira, 1.0 FTE Caretaker, RIV/RHS, September 1, 2005

Retirement

Nancy Fretter, Principal, DYS, September 30, 2005

12.3 Summer Institute / Summer Programs

Linda Hill, Assistant Superintendent of Education, spoke about Summer Programs for teachers (JK-6) sponsored by the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat. Summer program workshops in literacy and numeracy were held in Boards across the District and the Region. The goal of the Ministry is to train all primary and junior teachers on best practices for literacy and numeracy as determined in the Expert Panel Report.

12.4 Summer School / Credit Recovery

Ian Simpson, Assistant Superintendent of Education, reported that Summer School programs in remedial language and mathematics for grade 7 to 10 students were offered over the summer. The program was offered at Atikokan High School and Fort Frances High School which operated during the month of July. This program is open to Big Grassy, Mine Centre, Atikokan Separate Board and Northwest Catholic along with Rainy River District School Board. Over 20 full time equivalent students attended the program. The Board also offered a Credit Recovery Program at Fort Frances High School for students who were not successful in obtaining credits in Math, English, Civics or Career Studies. All students enrolled were successful in achieving their credits. Atikokan High School also offered the Credit Recovery Program with successful results. Rainy River DSB provided its first Additional Qualification Course for teachers this past summer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees reviewed correspondence. Discussion followed on item #3 - correspondence received from the Town of Fort Frances regarding Crossing Guards. A response will be forwarded to the Town of Fort Frances regarding this matter.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Special Board Meeting** - Wednesday, September 14, 2005 - 7:00 p.m., Robert Moore School
- **Next Regular Board Meeting** - Tuesday, October 4, 2005 - 7:00 p.m., Robert Moore School, Fort Frances
- **Special Education Advisory Committee** - September 8, 2005, Program Support Office, 12:00 noon
- **Occupational Health & Safety Committee/Joint Training Day** - October 5, 2005 - Atikokan High School

WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS nil

INCAMERA SESSION

The Board met in camera. *(see resolution #189)*

The Board returned to the public session and reported. *(see resolution #190)*

Res. #191 ELUIK-McALISTER That we do adjourn at 8:48 p.m.
CARRIED

Director of Education/Secretary

Chair