

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ONTARIO NORTH EAST

MINUTES of the regular Board Meeting of District School Board Ontario North East held at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Schumacher Board Office, 153 Croatia Avenue, Schumacher, on **September 8, 2009**.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Saunders Porter (Chair)
Howard Archibald
Bill Brookfield
Tom Henderson
Richard Knowles
Juergen Leukert
Peter Osterberg (left before start of public session)
Rosemary Pochopsky (Vice-Chair)
Albert Schaffer

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Heather Bozzer
Dennis Draves

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Linda Knight - Director of Education
Michelle Leigh - Superintendent of Schools
Jo-Anne Plaunt - Superintendent of Schools
Steve Pladzyk - Superintendent of Schools
Ken Ryan - Superintendent of Human Resources

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Barry Peterson - Superintendent of Business and Finance

GUESTS

Christine Mallette-Widdifield - Student, Wahgoshig First Nation Adult Education Program
Cheryl Tremblay - Administrative Assistant, Wahgoshig First Nation Adult Education Program
Michelle Durant-Dudley - Teacher – District School Board Ontario North East
Liz Babin - Education Manager – Wahgoshig First Nation
Corinna Wrona - Community Use of School Facilities Outreach Co-ordinator

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janice Sharpe

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Saunders Porter, Chair at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (IN-CAMERA):

3799-09 KNOWLES/LEUKERT:

THAT this board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, (In-Camera).

CARRIED.

- 3800-09 LEUKERT/KNOWLES:** **THAT** this board reconvene in regular session.
CARRIED.
- 3801-09 LEUKERT/SCHAFFER:** **THAT** the Agenda for the regular Board Meeting dated September 8, 2009 be approved as printed.
CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There was no conflict of interest declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

- 3802-09 BROOKFIELD/SCHAFFER:** **THAT** the Minutes of the regular board meeting held June 16, 2009 be approved.
CARRIED.
- 3803-09 POCHOPSKY/SCHAFFER:** **THAT** the Minutes for the special Board Meeting dated June 29, 2009 be approved as printed.
CARRIED.
- 3804-09 KNOWLES/SCHAFFER:** **THAT** the Minutes for the special Board Meeting dated August 25, 2009 be approved as printed.
CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 3805-09 SCHAFFER/BROOKFIELD:** **THAT** Peter Osterberg be appointed Chair of the Timmins New School Committee.
CARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS

Wahgoshig Adult Education Program

Michelle Dudley-Durant, a teacher with District School Board Ontario North East, gave trustees an overview of the events leading to the success of the current Wahgoshig First Nation Adult Education Program. Michelle noted that with the agreement and partnership of Chief David Babin, Education Manager Liz Babin, and District School Board Ontario North East, the Wahgoshig Adult Education program began in February 2009.

Student Christine Mallette-Widdifield spoke passionately about her success within the program, despite setbacks in her past, which will allow her to proudly graduate with her high school diploma in September 2009.

Aboriginal Education Framework

Michelle Leigh, Superintendent of Schools, gave trustees a summary of Planned Activities in 2009 – 2010 within the Aboriginal Education Framework.

Student Success/Learning to 18

Michelle Leigh, Superintendent of Schools, discussed Student Success/Learning to 18's Focus in 2009 2010. Areas of discussion were the 4 key focus areas with include: Student achievement in mathematics; differentiating of instructional strategies to meet needs of all learners; closing performance gaps between specific student populations and; providing all students with access to positive outcomes and pathways towards post-secondary education and/or employment.

3806-09 ARCHIBALD/LEUKERT: **THAT** the presentation titled Wahgoshig First Nation Adult Education Alternative Education Program (New Beginnings) by Michelle Dudley-Durant, be received.
CARRIED.

3807-09 KNOWLES/HENDERSON: **THAT** the presentation titled "Aboriginal Framework" by Michelle Leigh, superintendent of Schools, be received.
CARRIED.

3808-09 SCHAFFER/BROOKFIELD: **THAT** the presentation titled Student Success by Michelle Leigh, Superintendent of Schools, be received.
CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**Staffing**

3809-09 SCHAFFER/BROOKFIELD: **THAT** the Board approve the service agreement of Steven Pladzyk, superintendent of Schools.
CARRIED.

3810-09 KNOWLES/LEUKERT: **THAT** the Board approve the service agreement of Michelle Leigh, Superintendent of Schools.
CARRIED.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

3811-09 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** the Minutes of the Parent Involvement Committee Meeting held August 20, 2009 be received.
CARRIED.

ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

3812-09 HENDERSON/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** District School Board Ontario North East renew its membership with the Ontario Public Schools Boards' Association for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010.
CARRIED.

3813-09 LEUKERT/HENDERSON: **THAT** up to 11 trustees attend the OPSBA Northern Regional Meeting held October 16 – 18, 2009 in Sault Ste. Marie.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

3814-09 BROOKFIELD/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** the following Correspondence be received:

- a) Thank you – P. Scagnetti
- b) Thank you – B. Mortson
- c) Thank you – H. Gillissie
- d) Municipality of Temagami

CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

3815-09 SCHAFFER/POCHOPSKY: **THAT** we do now adjourn.

CARRIED.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE BOARD