

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 28, 2024

at 2:36 PM

Chairperson S. Humphries in the Chair.

TRUSTEES Present: L. Boland; D. Dobson; K. Dougherty; M. Guenette; D. Kaiser; J. Primeau (departed early); K. Rajamani; G. Ding (Student Trustee)

TRUSTEES Absent (With Regret): C. Ruddy; A. Beggs (Student Trustee)

STAFF: K. Niemi; J. Barnes; J. Poirier; R. Cousineau; J. Smith; M. Caplan Jamieson; S. McIntyre

STAFF Absent (With Regret): K. Riddell

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson S. Humphries called the meeting to order.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee D. Dobson read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was read by Trustee K. Dougherty.

4. ATTENDANCE

Attendance for today's meeting was recorded.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by D. Dobson that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the agenda for today's meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairperson S. Humphries asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED K. DOUGHERTY seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the [minutes of the April 23, 2024 Board Meeting](#).

The motion was CARRIED

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director of Education K. Niemi presented her [Director's Report](#).

9. PRESENTATION – Preparation of Students for Future Success

Director of Education K. Niemi welcomed Principal Krista Recoskie and students Nick McCaffrey (MVDHS), Noa LeMay (FHS) and Jenna Kenopic (RCI). The three students shared what secondary experiences and opportunities helped to prepare them for future success. These students explained how they are each pursuing

different post secondary pathways including a college community integration through co-operative education program, university and apprenticeship. Nick, Noa and Jenna shared their thoughts by [video presentation](#) then, Trustees had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with the students.

10. **STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

[Graduation Data](#)

Director of Education K. Niemi provided information on the RCDSB Graduation Data.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

Finance & Resources Committee

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland, Chairperson of the Finance and Resources Committee, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

MOVED BY L. BOLAND, seconded by D. Dobson that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Open Session Report of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED

Equity & Inclusion Committee

Board Chairperson S. Humphries, Acting Chairperson of the Equity and Inclusion Committee, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

MOVED BY S. HUMPHRIES seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED

Program & Student Achievement Committee

Trustee M. Guenette, Chairperson of the Program & Student Achievement Committee, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Program & Student Achievement Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE, seconded by L. Boland that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Open Session Report of the Program & Student Achievement Committee meeting held on May 14, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Open Session Report

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland, Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of Committee of the Whole from today's meeting.

MOVED BY L. BOLAND, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Open Session Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

Committee of the Whole Closed Session Report

Vice-Chairperson L. Boland, Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the Closed Session Report of Committee of the Whole from today's meeting.

MOVED BY L. BOLAND, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Closed Session Report of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion was CARRIED

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)

(1) OPSBA Update

The OPSBA Update highlighted several noteworthy activities that included attending the Labour Relations and Human Relations conference. OPSBA's Board of Directors also convened for a productive meeting that addressed key issues. Additionally, there was an engaging presentation by OSTA-AECO, where Trustees learned about their initiatives and impact.

(2) [OPSBA Membership Appointments](#)

Chairperson S. Humphries explained that boards are required to appoint a Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and a representative to OPSBA's Board of Directors 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

MOVED BY D. DOBSON seconded K. Dougherty That the Renfrew County District School Board approve the following appointments to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association for 2024-2025 Term of Office:

- 1. That Trustee K. Rajamani be appointed as the OPSBA Board of Director Member;**
- 2. That Trustee K. Rajamani be appointed as the OPSBA Voting Delegate;**
- 3. That Chair S. Humphries be appointed as the OPSBA Alternate Voting Delegate.**

The motion was CARRIED

12. UPDATES

Chair: Chairperson S. Humphries presented her [Chair's Report](#).

Student Trustees: Student Trustee G. Ding presented the [Student Trustees Report](#).

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair S. Humphries encouraged everyone to visit the Options Skilled Trades Fair tomorrow, May 29th, at the Pembroke Memorial Centre. Opening Ceremonies begins at 8:30 AM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY S. HUMPHRIES seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board meeting of May 28, 2024 be adjourned. Time: 4:28 PM

The motion was CARRIED