

**RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025**  
**4:02 PM**

*Chairperson L. Boland in the Chair.*

**TRUSTEES Present:** K. Dougherty; M. Guenette; D. Kaiser (departed early); J. Primeau; K. Rajamani; C. Ruddy; G. Ding & S. Dougherty (Student Trustees)

**TRUSTEES Absent (With Regret):** S. Humphries

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** K. Niemi; J. Poirier; J. Barnes; J. Smith; C. Kronwald; S. Nichol; S. McIntyre; C. Dunn

**STAFF Absent (With Regret):**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson L. Boland called the meeting to order.

**2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Student Trustee G. Ding.

**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 K. Dougherty 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 L. Boland asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED BY C. RUDDY seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the minutes of the Board Meeting on January 28, 2025.

**The motion was CARRIED.**

## **REFLECTIONS AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE LATE [TRUSTEE DAVE DOBSON](#)**

A solemn moment of silence was observed in memory of Trustee Dave Dobson, a dedicated trustee, whose sudden passing deeply saddened our community. The Board of Trustees, Director Niemi and Superintendents shared heartfelt reflections on his unwavering commitment to education and his remarkable contributions to student athletics, particularly volleyball. This moment of remembrance serves as a heartfelt tribute to Trustee Dobson's lasting influence — a testament to the profound impact he had on so many lives and the enduring legacy he leaves behind. Our deepest condolences go out to his loved ones, friends, and the many athletes he has mentored from all over the Ottawa Valley and well beyond.

### **8. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

### **9. STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD – OPEN SESSION**

#### **Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update 2024-25**

Director of Education K. Niemi and Senior Staff presented the [Strategic Plan Mid-Year Update](#) for 2024-25.

### **10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None to report.

### **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD – STATUTORY COMMITTEES**

#### **Audit Committee**

None to report.

#### **Parent Involvement Committee Meeting**

Trustee M. Guenette presented the Open Session Report of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on February 24, 2025.

**MOVED M. GUENETTE, seconded by C. Ruddy that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting held on February 25, 2025.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

#### **Special Education Advisory Committee**

Trustee M. Guenette presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 22, 2025.

**MOVED by M. GUENETTE, seconded by C. Ruddy that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on January 22, 2025.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

#### **Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)**

Trustee K. Dougherty provided a report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) meeting held on February 18, 2025. Eight SALs were approved at the meeting.

**MOVED BY K. DOUGHERTY, seconded by C. Ruddy that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning meeting on February 18, 2025.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

#### **Discipline**

None to report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD – STANDING COMMITTEES

### **Committee of the Whole Open Session Report**

Chair L. Boland, Acting Chairperson of Committee of the Whole, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of Committee of the Whole from February 11, 2025.

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

**The motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY M. GUENETTE, seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board move into Closed Session.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY C. Ruddy, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board move out of Closed Session.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

### **Policy Review Committee**

None to report.

### **Director's Review**

None to report.

### **Indigenous Education Advisory**

Trustee C. Ruddy presented the Open Session Report of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 20, 2025.

**MOVED by C. RUDDY, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting held on February 20, 2025.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

### **Student Senate**

Trustee M. Guenette presented the Open Session Report of the Student Senate meeting held on February 20, 2025.

**MOVED by M. GUENETTE, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Student Senate meeting held on February 20, 2025.**

**The motion was CARRIED.**

### **Calendar**

None to report.

### **Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)**

Trustee K. Rajamani presented the Open Session Report on recent activities from the Ontario Public School Board Association.

**MOVED by K. RAJAMANI, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Ontario Public School Board Association Open Session Report.**

The motion was CARRIED.

**MOVED BY K. Dougherty, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board move into Closed Session.**

The motion was CARRIED.

**MOVED BY C. RUDDY, seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board move out of Closed Session.**

The motion was CARRIED.

12. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairperson L. Boland presented his monthly [Chair's report](#) for February 25, 2025.

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEES REPORT**

Student Trustee S. Dougherty presented the [Student Trustees report](#) for February 25, 2025.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None to report.

15. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None to report.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY C. RUDDY seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board Meeting of February 25, 2025 be adjourned. Time: 6:48 PM**

The motion was CARRIED.