

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2024

4:00 PM

TRUSTEES Present: L. Boland; D. Dobson; K. Dougherty; M. Guenette; S. Humphries; J. Primeau; K. Rajamani; C. Ruddy; G. Ding & S. Dougherty (Student Trustees)

TRUSTEES Absent (With Regret): D. Kaiser

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. K. Niemi, Director of Education and Secretary to the Board, chaired the meeting until the election of the Chairperson.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Territorial Acknowledgement was read by Director of Education K. Niemi.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was read by Director of Education K. Niemi.

4. ATTENDANCE

Attendance for today's meeting was recorded.

5. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

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

The motion was CARRIED.

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Director of Education K. Niemi asked for declarations of conflict. None were forthcoming.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY L. BOLAND seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the [minutes](#) of the Board Meeting on October 29, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

8. ELECTION – CHAIRPERSON

The Director of Education presided during the election of the Chairperson and asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson.

MOVED BY S. HUMPHRIES, seconded by M. Guenette that Trustee Leo Boland be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the coming year.

Trustee Leo Boland indicated that he was willing to serve as Chairperson of the Board.

The motion was CARRIED.

Trustee Leo Boland assumed his position as Chairperson of the Board. Trustee S. Humphries' nomination can be found [here](#).

ELECTION – VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson L. Boland presided during the election of the Vice-Chairperson and asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by M. Guenette that Trustee Susan Humphries be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the coming year.

Trustee Susan Humphries indicated that she was willing to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

The motion was CARRIED.

Trustee Susan Humphries assumed her position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

9. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Director K. Niemi gave her [monthly report for November 26, 2024](#).

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A motion to move into Closed Session was moved by K. Rajamani seconded by M. Guenette.

The motion was CARRIED.

MOVED by S. HUMPHRIES seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board move out of Closed Session.

The motion was CARRIED.

Audit Committee Meeting Report (Including Draft Consolidated Financial Statements)

L. Boland, Chairperson of the Audit Committee, presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Audit Committee meeting held on November 21, 2024.

MOVED by S. HUMPHRIES, seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Open Session Report of the Audit Committee meeting held on November 21, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

Accumulated Surplus/Appropriation Transfers

Superintendent J. Barnes, Manager of Finance T. Hoffman and External Auditor T. Sylvestre presented and requested approval for transfers into Internally Appropriated Accumulated Surplus. As normal practice, part of the final stages of the year-end audit requires District approved motions on the books for the transfer of funds to and from the Accumulated Surplus/Appropriation (Reserves) Accounts.

As required by the auditors, the following recommendation was made by K. RAJAMANI, seconded by D. Dobson:

THAT the Renfrew County District School Board approves the internal appropriation in the 2023/2024 year as follows:

Accumulated Surplus/Internally Appropriated

1. **Transfer of \$460,578 from internally appropriated for Retirement Gratuities to fund the current year amortization of the future benefit for retirement gratuities**

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Program & Student Achievement Committee

Chair L. Boland presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Program & Student Achievement Committee meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MOVED by L. BOLAND, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Program & Student Achievement Committee meeting held on November 12, 2024.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Equity & Inclusion Committee

Vice-Chair S. Humphries presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Equity & Inclusion Committee meeting held on November 12, 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 November 12, 2024.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Finance & Resources Committee

Chair L. Boland presented the [Open Session Report](#) of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on November 12, 2024.

MOVED by L. BOLAND, seconded by S. Humphries that the Renfrew County District School Board adopts the Open Session Report of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on November 12, 2024.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL)

D. Dobson provided a report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) meeting held on November 21, 2024. Nine SALs were approved at the meeting.

MOVED BY D. DOBSON, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning meeting on November 21, 2024.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC)

Chair L. Boland provided a report of the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) meeting held on November 26, 2024.

MOVED BY L. BOLAND, seconded by K. Rajamani that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Open Session Report for the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium's meeting on November 26, 2024.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

Trustee C. Ruddy provided a summary of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council meeting held on November 7, 2024.

MOVED BY C. RUDDY, seconded by M. Guenette that the Renfrew County District School Board receives the Report of the Indigenous Education Advisory Council meeting held on November 7, 2024.

The motion was CARRIED.

Parent Involvement Committee

None to report.

Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

None to report.

Student Senate

None to report.

Policy Review Committee

None to report.

Discipline Committee

None to report.

Director's Review Committee

None to report.

Calendar Committee

None to report.

Ontario Public School Board Association (OPSBA)

None to report.

11. **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by C. Ruddy that the Renfrew County District School Board confirms the Trustee membership for the [2025 Committee Assignments](#).

The motion was CARRIED.

12. **STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

Capital Priorities 2024-25

Manager of Facilities, B. Murray presented the [Capital Priorities for 2024-25](#).

MOVED by S. HUMPHRIES, seconded by D. Dobson THAT the Renfrew County District School Board approve the 2024-2025 Capital Priorities as presented in the amount of \$17,809,150.

The motion was CARRIED.

Signing Officer Resolution

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the [Signing Officer Resolution](#).

The motion was CARRIED.

Borrowing Resolution

MOVED BY K. RAJAMANI seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board approves the [Borrowing Resolution](#).

The motion was CARRIED.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson L. Boland referenced the [Letter](#) from Simcoe County DSB to the Minister of Education regarding Student Nutrition Program.

14. CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Chairperson L. Boland presented his [Chairperson's Address](#).

15. OTHER BUSINESS

None to report.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY M. GUENETTE seconded by K. Dougherty that the Renfrew County District School Board Organizational Meeting of November 26, 2024 be adjourned. Time: 5:38 PM

The motion was CARRIED.