



PRESS RELEASE

At its regular board meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2015, the KDSB Board of Directors:

- Re-elected Barry Baltessen as the Chair for the Kenora District Services Board.
- Appointed Ron Kujansuu from Machin, Mayor Craig Nuttall from Dryden, Mayor Jerry O'Leary from Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls and Mayor Lee Kennard from Ignace to the Governance Committee of KDSB.
- Appointed Mayor Doug Lawrence from Sioux Lookout, Dan Sutton from Ear Falls, Mark Sobchuk from Lac Seul Unincorporated and Mayor Jerry O'Leary from Sioux Narrows-Nester Falls to the Audit Committee of KDSB.
- Approved and supported the Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to have the 2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan presented on March 26, 2015, prior to the regular Board meeting.
- Approved and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute a five year lease agreement with Boreal Investments Inc. for the relocation of the Sioux Lookout KDSB Office (Ontario Works, Housing and Child Care Fee Subsidies) from 59 King Street, Sioux Lookout to 64 King Street, Sioux Lookout. The new Office location will open on February 1, 2015.
- Approved and support an application for funding to be made for the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant. The funding will provide KDSB the opportunity to present and share the finding of the Service Mapping Coordinator with all of our community partners and to initiate coordinated planning efforts between all community partners in order to best support our aging population in all of our district communities. It is KDSB's position and belief that working in partnership with other providers will maximize available services in our communities without duplication.
- The Board was provided with an update on the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) implementation. The SAMS is a new complex computer system implemented by the Province of Ontario to administer the Ontario Works program. After three years of planning and development, the Ministry of Community and Social Services launched the new computer system on November 11, 2014. Following the launch, considerable local and provincial issues were identified. KDSB has been extremely fortunate in the ongoing commitment from its employees as we work with the Province to resolve the many issues. The dedication and commitment demonstrated by our employees has ensured that the clients KDSB serves are not being adversely impacted.
- Approved the carry forward of \$80,634 from the 2014 Special Purpose Reserves for Child Care for projects to be completed in 2015.

Barry Baltessen, Chair

Henry Wall, CAO