

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10th, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MANITOBA.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Board Chairperson, Gord Greasley Alan Campbell Sally Cook John Hueging Victoria Schindle François Uhres Bridget Yablonski

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent/CEO, Margaret Ward Assistant Superintendent, Tyler Moran Secretary-Treasurer, Melanie Mousseau

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

LAND AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with respect the history, culture, and language of the peoples with whom Treaty One was signed and the land upon which the Interlake School Division resides.

We acknowledge our responsibility as treaty members and honor the heritage and gifts of the Mètis people.

We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous peoples and communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

WOODLANDS SCHOOL PRESENTATION:

Woodlands School Principal Alison Marttila, Music Specialist Teacher Mandy Hallow and Grade 7-8 Teacher Larissa Rempel presented details of their school goal *Equitable Learning Opportunities* to the Board of Trustees. Referring to The Honorable Murray Sinclair's book, *Who We Are*, they seek to answer four questions: Who am I? (belonging); Where do I come from? (meaning); Why am I here? (purpose); Where am I going? (hope). The Board was provided with an overview of what teaching culture through music looks like, what it looks like in the school as a whole, and what it looks and sounds like in the Grade 7/8 class. Specific examples of students answering the *Who Am I* question and upcoming initiatives were also shared.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION #68/03/2025:

Moved by: S. Cook Seconded by: F. Uhres

THAT the agenda for the Monday, March 10th, 2025 regular Board meeting be approved, as distributed.

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION #69/03/2025:

Moved by: B. Yablonski Seconded by: V. Schindle

THAT the minutes of the Monday, February 24th, 2025 regular Board meeting be approved, as distributed.

Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE:

• E-news March 5, 2025

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENTS' DEPARTMENT REPORT:

FINAL 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The Board of Trustees was provided with an overview of the final 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.

STAFFING

The Board of Trustees was provided with a listing of staff changes that have been approved by the Superintendent as per Section 52 of the Public Schools Act as of March 10th, 2025.

OVERNIGHT/HIGH RISK TRIP APPROVALS

The Board of Trustees was informed of the following overnight/high risk trips that have been approved by the Superintendent:

School Information			Trip Information			
School	Grade(s)	Students	Category	Date(s)	Location(s)	Activities
Woodlands School	3-5	46	High Risk Trip	February 8 – March 26	Stride Place Portage La Prairie	Swimming Lessons
Collège Stonewall Collegiate	9-10	14	Overnight Trip Approval	February 28- March 1	Dauphin	Basketball (Swimming)
Collège Stonewall Collegiate	9-10	14	Overnight Trip Approval	March 12-15	Dauphin	Basketball Provincials (Swimming)
Rosser School	K-4	53	High Risk Trip	March 25	Pan Am Pool Winnipeg	Swimming
Rosser School	1-4	39	High Risk Trip	March 27	The Hive Climbing and Fitness Winnipeg	Rock Climbing Bouldering

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Board of Trustees was provided with financial reports to the end of January 2025. The report summaries were by program and by object.

The Board of Trustees was provided with a summary of the operating account cheques that were issued during the month of January 2025.

MOTION #70/03/2025:

Moved by: S. Cook Seconded by: B. Yablonski

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the operating account cheques nos. 139563 to nos. 139618 and direct deposit vouchers AP835470 to AP835803 in the amount of \$2,671,129.01 and net payroll in the amount of \$1,748,918.54 for a grand total of \$4,420,047.55 for the month of January 2025.

Carried

MOTION #71/03/2025:

Moved by: V. Schindle
Seconded by: A. Campbell
THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the U.S. operating account cheques nos. 1039 to nos. 1040 in the amount of \$645.22 for the month of January 2025.

Carried

MOTION #72/03/2025:

Moved by: F. Uhres Seconded by: V. Schindle

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval to the 2025 Special Levy. The amount of the 2025 Special Levy after the Tax Incentive Grant and Property Tax Offset Grant will be \$26,376,772. The mill rate will remain at 11.067 mills.

Prior to the vote being taken, Trustee Hueging requested that his vote be recorded.

Against – J. Hueging Carried

MOTION #73/03/2025:

Moved by: A. Campbell Seconded by: S. Cook

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval to the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in the amount of \$51,041,000, as presented.

Prior to the vote being taken, Trustee Hueging requested that his vote be recorded.

Against – J. Hueging Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustees Campbell, Hueging and Greasley participated in *I Love To Read Month* and shared their experiences reading to divisional students at Brant Argyle School, Warren Collegiate and Warren Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #74/03/2025:

Moved by: A. Campbell THAT we do adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER