

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2025 IN THE BOARDROOM, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MANITOBA.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Alan Campbell
Sally Cook
Gord Greasley

Victoria Schindle
Bridget Yablonski

TRUSTEES ABSENT

John Hueging

François Uhres

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 Métis 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION #10/09/2025:

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

THAT the agenda for the Monday, September 22nd, 2025 Regular Board meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION #11/09/2025:

Moved by: G. Greasley
Seconded by: S. Cook

THAT the minutes of the Monday, September 8th, 2025 Inaugural Board Meeting be approved, as distributed.

Carried

MOTION #12/09/2025:

Moved by: V. Schindle
Seconded by: S. Cook

THAT the minutes of the Monday, September 8th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved, as distributed.

Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:

Transportation Supervisor Jaret Thiessen presented the Board of Trustees with an update on the Division's school bus fleet and route operations. A comparison of diesel and propane buses highlighted the advantages of propane, which has led to all recent bus purchases being propane-powered.

An update on driver staffing was also shared. The addition of two full-time spare driver positions for the 2025–2026 school year has proven efficient in covering routes.

The Board of Trustees was provided with an update on recent and upcoming Transportation Department activities:

- Fall bus evacuations are scheduled to be completed by the third week of October, aligning with Bus Safety Week.
- Route mileage and driver pay calculations will be finalized at the end of September.
- A new bus routing system is currently being tested.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

Maintenance Supervisor Anthony Cornwell provided the Board of Trustees a summary of recent improvement projects at Divisional schools:

- New washroom partitions were installed at Balmoral School.
- At Brant-Argyle School, the gym floor was replaced with a new poured floor.
- Grosse Isle School had new basketball net motors installed.
- Rosser School received new flooring in the main and Administrator's offices, and the security system was upgraded.
- École Stonewall Centennial School had air conditioners and a new drop-down curtain installed in the gym, and the new staff bathrooms project has started.
- Collège Stonewall Collegiate received an upgrade to the intercom system and had an extensive classroom construction project completed.
- Stony Mountain School received new cabinetry in a classroom, and upgrade to the intercom system. The recent insurance claim work is complete.
- Upgraded front doors were installed at Teulon Elementary School, and the security system received an upgrade.
- Teulon Collegiate had the gym and library painted and new flooring installed in the library. New staff bathrooms are planned for fall.
- Warren Elementary School had new basketball net motors installed.
- Warren Collegiate had a new Culinary Arts room constructed and received an upgrade to the intercom system. An update on the track construction project was provided.
- Woodlands School had the long jump pit relocated, and had new safety stanchions installed on the West side of the parking lot.
- École R.W. Bobby School received new cabinetry in four classrooms.

Appreciation for the efforts of tradespeople, custodians and groundkeepers in readying schools for September school opening was shared.

The Board of Trustees was provided an overview of the new digital document process for custodian logs and record keeping, security system upgrades in schools, intercom system upgrades in schools and school security cameras.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MOTION #13/09/2025:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees give Second Reading to By-Law 5-2022, being the Trustee Indemnity By-Law of the Interlake School Division.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES CONTINUED:

MOTION #14A/09/2025:

Moved by: G. Greasley
Seconded by: V. Schindle

THAT the Board of Trustees amend Motion 14/09/2025, to include new clauses in By-Law 3-2024:

- 7. No Trustee elected to the position of Chair or Vice-Chair shall hold the position for longer than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms, without the interruption of at least one (1) term.
- 8. This provision will take effect at the inaugural meeting that follows the 2026 school board election.
- 9. Any service as Chair or Vice-Chair that precedes the date this policy takes effect will not count for the purposes of Clause 7.

Defeated

MOTION #14/09/2025:

Moved by: V. Schindle
Seconded by: S. Cook

THAT the Board of Trustees give Second Reading to By-Law 3-2024, being a Procedural By-Law of the Board of Trustees of the Interlake School Division.

Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE:

- E-new September 10, 2025
- Executive Highlights September 8, 2025
- MCCA Dr. Dan Wuori Presentation
- Accessibility Training Opportunities
- MSI Memo – Public and Monitored Access at School Buildings

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENTS’ DEPARTMENT REPORT:

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN HIGH-LEVERAGE STRATEGY: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Trustees was informed that a locally developed and facilitated leadership development learning network will begin in October. The network will include 8-10 Interlake Teachers’ Association members who will take part in four (4) in-person evening sessions and three (3) full-day school visits throughout the 2025-2026 school year. Participants will partner with a mentor from the Division’s current leadership group for the full-day school visits in order to showcase the experience and expertise of school-based and divisional leaders. Topics explored in the learning network will include *leading for high-quality learning, leading for continuous improvement, and leading for school communities.*

STAFFING

The Board of Trustees was provided with a listing of staff changes that have been approved by the Superintendent/CEO as per Section 52 of the Public Schools Act as of September 22nd, 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/CEO:

School Information			Trip Information			
School	Grade(s)	Students	Category	Date(s)	Location(s)	Activities
Collège Stonewall Collegiate	9-12	8	Overnight Trip Approval	September 18-19	Virden	Golf Provincials
Warren Collegiate Institute	9-10	12	Overnight Trip Approval	September 19-20	Brandon	Volleyball

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Teulon Collegiate Institute	11-12	14	Overnight Trip Approval	September 26-27	Somerset Carman	Volleyball (Swimming)
Teulon Collegiate Institute	9-10	12	Overnight Trip Approval	September 26-27	Virden	Volleyball
Teulon Collegiate Institute	9-10	14	Overnight Trip Approval	October 31 – November 1	Somerset Carman	Volleyball (Swimming)

MOTION #15/09/2025:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees appoint Deanne Evans to the position of Human Resources Officer for the Interlake School Division, commencing October 6, 2025.

Carried

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Board of Trustees was provided with a preliminary summary report of the 2024-2025 financial operations.

The Board of Trustees was provided with a summary of the operating account cheques that were issued during the months of June, July and August 2025.

MOTION #16/09/2025:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the operating account cheques nos. 139847 to nos. 139914 and direct deposit vouchers AP837094 to AP837552 in the amount of \$2,010,850.19 and net payroll in the amount of \$1,997,351.52 for a grand total of \$4,008,201.71 for the month of June 2025.

Carried

MOTION #17/09/2025:

Moved by: S. Cook
Seconded by: V. Schindle

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the operating account cheques nos. 139915 to nos. 139979 and direct deposit vouchers AP837553 to AP837863 in the amount of \$4,543,273.46 and net payroll in the amount of \$1,750,069.28 for a grand total of \$6,293,342.74 for the month of July 2025.

Carried

MOTION #18/09/2025:

Moved by: S. Cook
Seconded by: V. Schindle

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the U.S. operating account cheques nos. 1047 to nos. 1049 in the amount of \$1,415.00 for the month of July 2025.

Carried

MOTION #19/09/2025:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the operating account cheques nos. 139980 to nos. 140018 and direct deposit vouchers AP837864 to AP838024 in the amount of \$706,615.61 and net payroll in the amount of \$1,474,145.38 for a grand total of \$2,180,760.99 for the month of August 2025.

Carried

IN-CAMERA:

MOTION #20/09/2025:

Moved by: G. Greasley
Seconded by: S. Cook

THAT the Board of Trustees go into Committee of the Whole In-Camera and upon completion of discussions that we resume regular sitting of the Board.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #21/09/2025:

Moved by: B. Yablonski

THAT we do adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER