



INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 2026 IN THE BOARDROOM, 192-2ND AVENUE NORTH, STONEWALL, MANITOBA.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Board Chairperson, Alan Campbell	John Hueging
Sally Cook	Victoria Schindle
Gord Greasley	

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

François Uhres	Bridget Yablonski
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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

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.

PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION

Interlake School Division stakeholders were invited to attend the virtual presentation of the proposed 2026/2027 budget, which took place at 7:00 pm. Board Chairperson Alan Campbell and Superintendent Margaret Ward provided an overview of the projected revenue, proposed expenditures, proposed mill rate and impact on taxpayers and key drivers of the budget. Attendees were invited to offer their input by February 26th, 12:00 noon.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION #53/02/2026:

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

THAT the agenda for the Monday, February 23rd, 2026 regular Board meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION #54/02/2026:

Moved by: G. Greasley
Seconded by: J. Hueging

THAT the minutes of the Monday, January 26th, 2026 regular Board meeting be approved, as distributed.

Carried

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION:

- School closure policy letter to Ministers of Education and Early Learning, Health, Seniors and Long-term Care, and Families.

MANITOBA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CORRESPONDENCE:

- March Annual Convention – Workshop Registration
- 2026 Convention Resolution and Special Business
- Highlights – February 10, 2025
- E-news January 28, 2026
- E-news February 11, 2026

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENTS' DEPARTMENT REPORT:

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees was provided with an overview of the school nutrition program in the Division's public schools. The program is supported entirely by the Province of Manitoba. Funds received in the 2025-2026 school year total \$195,000. A minimum of 60% of the funds must be spent on food and beverages, while up to 40% of the funds may be spent on staffing and equipment.

Interlake School Division currently has two separate school nutrition models operating:

- Delivery-based model (eight public schools)
 - Balmoral, Brant-Argyle, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Grosse Isle, Warren Elementary, Warren Collegiate, Woodlands
 - Community partnership with Community Living Interlake
 - Weekly delivery of groceries to schools
- School-based purchase model (five schools)
 - Teulon Collegiate, Teulon Elementary, École R.W. Bobby Bend, École Stonewall Centennial, Collège Stonewall Collegiate
 - Allocation of one hour of educational assistant support per school
 - Schools manage their own grocery orders and deliveries

2025-2026 is the second year of the school nutrition program. Schools report positive impact as all students have unquestioned access to various snacks and beverages.

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 February 23rd, 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

The Board of Trustees was provided with a review of Administrative Procedures connected to school closures: *Administrative Procedure 4080 – Emergency School Closure* and *Administrative Procedure 4140 – School Bus Cancellation*.

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
Collège Stonewall Collegiate	10-12	2	Overnight Trip Approval	February 10-12	Virde Hamiota	Curling (Provincials)
Grosse Isle School	5-6	20	High Risk Trip	February 24	Springfield	Skiing Snowboarding
Grosse Isle School	7-8	22	High Risk Trip	February 25	La Rivière	Skiing
CSC TCI WCI	9-11	25-30	High Risk Trip	February 24	St. Laurent	Fish Harvest
Rosser School	1-4	47	High Risk Trip	March 25	Winnipeg	Indoor wall climbing Bouldering

SECRETARY TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Board of Trustees was provided with financial reports to the end of January 2026. 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 2026.

MOTION #55/02/2026:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the operating account cheques nos. 140222 to nos. 140266 and direct deposit vouchers AP839472 to AP839792 in the amount of \$1,869,203.55 and net payroll in the amount of \$1,693,193.24 for a grand total of \$3,562,396.79 for the month of January 2026.

Carried

MOTION #56/02/2026:

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

THAT the Board of Trustees give approval for payment to the U.S. operating account cheque no. 1064 in the amount of \$761.95 for the month of January 2026.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received regarding the Division’s school closure policies.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #57/02/2026:

Moved by: S. Cook
THAT we do adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER