Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2026

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, Vice Chairperson G. Hunter and Trustees L. Biehn K. Guillas, S. Kohinski, J. McNeily, R. Toews

Also Present: J. Young, K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets:

BPTA: M. Kolbe (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report

   a) Student Suspensions
   b) Request for Maternity/Parental Leave
   c) Request for Maternity/Parental Leave
   d) Staff Update
   e) Superintendent Evaluation

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report

   a) Provincial Bus Tender
   b) Support Staff
   c) Recognition
   d) Budget 2026-27 Preparations

3. MSBA Bargaining – Provincial Bargaining – At request of S-T

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of January 2026 were approved.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

   a) Approval of Policy J.R. - Patriotic Observances and Land Acknowledgements – The requirements for the national anthem, land acknowledgements & Remembrance Day observances are included in this policy as per legislation.

5. Superintendent's Business Report

   a) Resignation from Lisa Whyte, Teacher at Carberry Collegiate was accepted effective February 20, 2026.

   b) Resignation from Lisa Gillies, Teacher at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 30, 2026.

   c) The request for maternity/parental leave from April 20, 2026 to April 20, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.

   d) The request for maternity/parental leave from May 4, 2026 to August 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date was approved.

6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

   a) The January 31, 2026 financial reports were approved.

   b) Resignation from Naiden Maramara, Accounting Assistant, Division Office was accepted effective June 30, 2026.

   c) Resignation from Kevin Dagg, Custodian, J. M. Young School was accepted effective February 28, 2026.

   d) Resignation from Dorothy Falk, Bus Driver was accepted effective June 30, 2026.

   e) The lowest quotations from Powerland, Elco Systems and Carlyle Printers for the 2026/27 bulk purchase of desktops, monitors, laptops and viewboards were approved.

7. Other Reports

   a) MSBA Memo - March Annual Convention Workshop Registration Feb 2026 – Trustees indicated their workshop preferences.

   b) MSBA – 2026 Convention Resolutions and Special Business were distributed.

   c) MSBA Memo
   - Trustee Co-Chairs for Provincial Teacher Collective Bargaining Table Team 2026 were announced in this memo.

   d) MSBA – e-news February 25, 2026 was circulated.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

   a) MASS - Statement - Funding Announcement – This memo outlines the reason MASS provides their perspective on the funding announcement and the process used to provide their comment. The MASS statement highlights their commitment to work in partnership with the province and provides context for the funding announcement. MASS noted the funding announcement details and the shift in funding from province to tax payers.

b) BPTA Supper Meeting – Confirm Date and Topics – Confirmed date is April 21 for the board and BPTA to meet. BPTA topic will be based on social media while the board topic will be budget and FRAME document details.

c) Follow-up Trustee Colony Tour – Historically, from time to time, trustees would visit our colony schools in conjunction with property tours. Discussions with colony leaders will be held to see what is possible.

d) MSBA Safety Forum – MSBA is handling funding from the province directed towards school safety. Forum one of three was held last week with multiple departments contributing in an effort to capitalize on synergies.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

a) Neepawa Middle School Classroom Addition Update – Work has continued to prepare for the new concrete pour.

b) Article - Beautiful Plains Faces Tough Budget Choices – This article provides preliminary budget details including funding increase of 1.9% ($340,000), cost increases of 6.2% ($1.9 Million), the possible reductions being considered in staffing and potential municipal tax increases due to the gap between these.

c) Article - Province Shifts Tax Load to Rural School Divisions – This editorial indicates how teacher salary harmonization costs will be felt a greater degree outside of Winnipeg. Information regarding the impact on Beautiful Plains was included in this editorial.

10. Open Forum

a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

b) Coming Events were circulated.

<u>Resolutions:</u>

1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*

2. That the minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That the January 31, 2026 expenditures be approved for a total of $ 2,593,600.40.

Accounts Payable Cheques:		
#54039 - #54326	$ 1,388,725.60	
Accounts Payable EFT Payments:		
	$ -	
Payroll Direct Deposits:		
#115728 - #116422	$1,204,874.80	*Carried*

4. That the following policy be approved as presented this date:

   - J.R. - Patriotic Observances and Land Acknowledgements *Carried*

5. That the request for maternity/parental leave from April 20, 2026 to April 20, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*

6. That the request for maternity/parental leave from May 4, 2026 to August 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item c) of this date be approved. *Carried*

7. That the January 31, 2026 financial reports be approved. *Carried*

8. That the lowest quotations from Powerland, Elco Systems and Carlyle Printers for the 2026/27 bulk purchase of desktops, monitors, laptops and viewboards be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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