Beautiful Plains School Division

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 10, 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:

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The board approved the 2026 - 27 budgeted expenditures in the amount of $36,662,367. This is an increase of $1,912,802 or 6.2% more than the current year. The budget includes a net staff reduction of 1.0 FTE, wage and harmonization increases for staff, increase in capital reserve contributions and a budget allocation to address accessibility and security building changes required by legislation. Reductions were noted in some expenditure areas. The local taxation for special levy for 2026 is $7,591,319 or 11.44 Mills. This represents a 10.4% increase. The budget presentation which outlines more budget details is available on the division website at www.beautifulplainssd.ca

3. As part of the bus replacement plan, 2 – 71 passenger buses that will be purchased through the provincial bus tender was approved. The bus replacement plan has been developed using the basis that buses have a useful life of 20 years. Currently, the division has several buses beyond 20 years of use with kilometers in excess of 400,000.

Resolutions:

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

2. That the 2026 Special Levy for Beautiful Plains School Division be established at $12,742,546 or 11.44 mills. *Carried*

3. That the 2026 - 27 Beautiful Plains School Division budgeted expenditures in the amount of $32,662,367 be approved. *Carried*

4. That the division purchase two 71 passenger school buses through the 2026 Provincial Bus Tender process at a cost of $438,702. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

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