Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2026

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

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

Regrets: S. Kohinski,

BPTA: B. Boyle (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report

   a) Request for Maternity/Parental Leave
   b) Staffing Update
   c) Superintendent Evaluation

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report

   a) Leave Request
   b) Workplace Safety & Health Legislation
   c) Review of Wards for Election Purposes

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as amended.

2. The minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and March 10, 2026 Special Meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Superintendent's Business Report

   a) The request for maternity/parental leave from September 8, 2026 to February 8, 2028, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

   a) The request for 2 days leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date was defeated.

5. Committee Reports

   a) The Workplace Safety & Health meeting agenda for March 17, 2026 was reviewed. The quarterly committee meeting was held today with only two items to make note of from quarterly checklists. The variance application process will start in December 2026, which is needed to allow for one committee for the division rather than each workplace.

6. New Business & Correspondence for Action

   a) First Reading of Revised Policy G.F.A. – Long Service Awards

   b) First Reading of Revised Policy G.F.B. – Recognition of Staff Services - Administrative, Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
   Proposed revision for these policies is to remove the wording that refers to an annual function where awards and recognition are presented to reflect current practice over the last several years.

7. Other Reports

   a) MSBA - e-news March 11, 2026 – Details regarding the upcoming Annual Convention this week were included. Information for The Vimy Ridge Prize which is for youth to learn about the First and Second World War was included.

   b) MSBA - Treaty Education Workshop Memo and Registration – MSBA is partnering with Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba to offer a workshop specifically for trustees. Trustees indicated their availability.

   c) MSBA - Executive Highlights Feb. 9, 2026 – Highlights included an approval of a new executive by-law and an update to the executive manual to provide better alignment with the resolution cycle. The 2025 CSBA conference had a profit of just over $10,000. President's Council Awards received an unprecedented level of nominations. The draft budget for next year was approved. Provincial Teacher bargaining co-chairs were announced.

   d) MSBA – School Safety Funding Eligibility and Access – This memo provides the direction that divisions must send expressions of interest to MSBA to request the funding for training & safety assessments. We have requested further information on what topics will be covered so we can determine who should attend this training.

8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

   a) BPTA Supper Meeting – Framework for Discussion – At this meeting, the board topic will be budget and FRAME.

   b) 24/25 Suspension Data – Suspension data for 2024 – 25 was reviewed.

9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

   a) School Trustee Elections Campaign Financing – New legislation is in place for the 2026 Trustee Elections to govern campaign financing. Details on the requirements were provided.

b) J.M. Young Hygiene Room – Approval to issue an RFP for this project has been provided.

c) Neepawa Middle School Classroom Addition Update – Concrete slab was repoured last week. Deficiency work is ongoing. Updated schedule has not yet been received.

d) Article – Rural School Boards Approve Property Tax Increases – This article summarizes the key budget details for two neighbouring divisions and BPSD. Delivers the message that there has been a property tax increase for all three divisions to a varying degree.

e) April 7, 2026 regular board meeting was cancelled.

10. Open Forum

a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

b) Coming Events were circulated.

Resolutions:

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

2. That the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and the March 10, 2026 Special Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That the request for maternity/parental leave from September 8, 2026 to February 8, 2028, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

4. That the request for 2 days leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Defeated*

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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