Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 19, 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

Regrets: S. Bayes

BPTA: L. Keller (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report

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

Jason Young was appointed acting Secretary-Treasurer for the meeting in the absence of Shannon Bayes.

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The minutes of the May 5, 2026 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Superintendent's Business Report

    a) 2025-2026 Substitute Teachers: Emmalee Mitchler, Jamie Holland

    b) The out of division school of choice request from Demetrios Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Paul Buckmaster Oliver to attend Grade 6 at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.

    c) The out of division school of choice request from Demetrios Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Kyle Buckmaster Oliver to attend Grade 4 at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.

d) The within division school of choice request from Pam and Mark Sumner for their daughter Myla Rose Sumner to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of Brookdale School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.

e) The within division school of choice request from Pam and Mark Sumner for their daughter Taryn Ida Sumner to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of Brookdale School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.

f) The within division school of choice request from Michelle and Myles Levandoski for their daughter Natalie Lynne Levandoski to attend Grade 6 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. young School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.

g) The request for maternity/parental leave from September 1, 2026 to September 1, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.

h) Resignation from Kiana Stevens, Grade 5 Teacher at Neepawa Middle school was accepted effective June 30, 2026.

i) Naomi Plett was employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.

j) Jocelyn Barnstable was employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract and part-time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Fairway Colony School.

k) Colleen Hallett was employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate.

l) Amber Sawchuk was employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned as Itinerant Resource for the Division.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

a) The quotation from Westward Ford in the amount of $49,574 (taxes included) for a new 2026 truck was accepted. Purchase was funded by the operating fund.

b) The tender from Raftaar Painting Inc. for the painting of Carberry Collegiate in the amount of $55,000 plus GST was accepted.

c) The summer use of the Neepawa Collegiate gymnasium for a volleyball camp from July 27 to 30, 2026 was approved.

5. Other Reports

a) MSBA – E-News – May 6, 2026 – TRCM provided links to resources and workshops available, next convention will be held on March 18-19, 2027, mental health resources for MB classrooms and communities were shared through jack.org; additional date observances were provided by MSBA; MSBA delivered remarks at the provincial economic summit in April and the upcoming school board election date was highlighted for Wednesday October 28, 2026.

b) MSBA Executive Highlights April 13, 2026 - an electronic vote took place to approve the convention location for 2027; executive reviewed convention evaluation summaries and shared feedback from each region; executive received an overview of upcoming virtual school board meeting election information sessions - all election related information will be available at www.elect2026.ca and can be accessed on our website.

c) MSBA – Call for Nominations & Resolutions Package May 2026 - the executive director Josh Watt shared a memo with general information to invite school boards to nominate candidates for the 2027-28 MSBA provincial executive and submit resolutions for consideration at the association's 2027 annual convention; possible positions for nominations were reviewed for consideration.

6. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

a) Policy A.D. Accessibility Draft - The Accessibility Secretariat contacted BPSD in March to offer assistance with updates needed to policy AD based on changes to Manitoba accessibility regulations. The secretariate is working with all school divisions to make sure that the policies align with the updates. The suggested changes for this policy were reviewed with the board to bring back to the next board meeting for first reading.

b) Policy IK-Use of Certified Service Animal in a School Draft – reviewed with the board to bring back to the next board meeting for first reading.

c) Policy IEA-Student Services-Early Identification Draft – recommended changes for Policy IEA were brought forward to the board as part of a requirement from the new Bill 225-legislation for early reading screening which includes processes that will be implemented beginning September 2026; the draft was reviewed to bring back to the next board meeting for first reading.

d) Policy – Staff Interactions with Students Draft – Bill 19 in Public Schools Act was updated on June 2025 requiring school divisions have a policy specific to Staff-Pupil appropriate and inappropriate interactions; the policy requires procedures for reporting and addressing violations and ensure that staff/coaches/volunteers complete sexual abuse prevention and school sport abuse prevention programs; a suggested draft was reviewed to bring back to the next board meeting for first reading.

e) Letter - Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct Appointment - the minister of education updated school boards with the appointment of a new commissioner of teacher professional conduct. Noni Classen who served as Director of Education of Support services at the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) will begin as the new commissioner effective May 18, 2026.

7. Open Forum

   a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

   b) Coming Events were circulated.

Resolutions:

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

2. That the minutes of the May 5, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That the out of division school of choice request from Demetrios Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Paul Buckmaster Oliver to attend Grade 6 at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

4. That the out of division school of choice request from Demetrios Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Kyle Buckmaster Oliver to attend Grade 4 at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

5. That the within division school of choice request from Pam and Mark Sumner for their daughter Myla Rose Sumner to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of Brookdale School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

6. That the within division school of choice request from Pam and Mark Sumner for their daughter Taryn Ida Sumner to attend Grade 8 at Neepawa Middle School instead of Brookdale School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

7. That the within division school of choice request from Michelle and Myles Levandoski for their daughter Natalie Lynne Levandoski to attend Grade 6 at Neepawa Middle School instead of J.M. young School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

8. That the request for maternity/parental leave from September 1, 2026 to September 1, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*

9. That Naomi Plett be employed as a teacher on a full time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*

10. That Jocelyn Barnstable be employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract and part-time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Fairway Colony School. *Carried*

11. That Colleen Hallett be employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Collegiate. *Carried*

12. That Amber Sawchuk be employed as a teacher on a part-time teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 and assigned as Itinerant Resource for the Division. *Carried*

13. That the quotation from Westward Ford in the amount of $49,574 (taxes included) for a new 2026 truck be accepted. Purchase to be funded by the operating fund. *Carried*

14. That the tender from Raftaar Painting Inc. for the painting of Carberry Collegiate in the amount of $ 55,000 plus GST be accepted. *Carried*

15. That the summer use of the Neepawa Collegiate gymnasium for a volleyball camp from July 27 to 30, 2026 be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes are available on the Division Web Site at www.beautifulplainssd.ca
This site also links to Division Schools.