

**Beautiful Plains School Division**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 18, 2025**

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, Vice Chairperson L. Biehn and Trustees K. Guillas, G. Hunter, 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) Leave Request Update
  - b) Leave Request
  - c) Senior Admin Evaluation
  
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
  - a) Land Acquisition Update
  - b) Portable Classroom Request
  - c) Support Staff
  - d) Budget 2025-26 Preparations

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:22 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the February 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of December 2024 were approved.
4. Superintendent's Business Report
  - a) Resignation from Kathie Roe, Itinerant Teacher at Sprucewood Colony School, Brookdale School and J.M. Young School was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

- b) The out of division school of choice request from Rachel Nowell and Austin Mustard who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their son Ethan Douglas Richard Mustard to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School effective September 3, 2025 was approved.
- c) The out of division school of choice request from Samantha Boswell and Madison Mitchell who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Griffin Mitchell to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2025 was approved.
- d) The out of division school of choice request from Joshua and Dana Ginter who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Luke David Dennis Ginter to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 3, 2025 was approved.
- e) The out of Division School of Choice request from Caitlin and Brad Nelson who reside in Rolling River School Division for their daughter Rylee Nelson to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2025 was approved.
- f) The within division school of choice request from Stephanie Berard for her child Brodie Berard-Reid to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School instead of Brookdale School effective September 3, 2025 was approved.
- g) The out of province, overnight trip request from Neepawa Collegiate, namely the Band Festival trip to Red Deer, Calgary, & Banff, AB on May 13 to May 16, 2026 was approved in principle only.
- h) 2024/25 Substitute Teachers: George Phillips, Kim Paetkau-Chapman
  - i) The request for a one year leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was denied.
  - j) Resignation from Bruce McCallum, Principal at Carberry Collegiate was accepted effective June 27, 2025.

#### 5. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The December 31, 2024 financial reports were approved.
- b) Anthony Phillips was added to the spare bus driver list effective February 18, 2025.

#### 6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - e-news – February 5, 2025 – MSBA extends a warm welcome to new Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning Tracy Schmidt. Details regarding workshops for the annual MSBA convention were included. Provincial Student Advisory Council applications are now being accepted.

- b) MSBA Memo - Roundtable Sessions at Convention February 2025 – A round table discussion will be part of the convention to connect boards from different regions. Boards have been split into four groups. Each group will answer questions designed to get to know fellow trustees & understand board processes for debate, meeting structure and other items.
- c) Memo to MSBA Members - CSBA 2025 Registration - 30 Jan 2025 – Registration is open to attend CSBA Congress July 2 – 5, 2025. Trustees indicated their availability.
- d) CSBA-ACCCS Invitation 2025 was circulated.
- e) Board/Principal Round Table Discussion – Topic 2 - “New Collective Agreement / Extenuating Leaves” - Feedback from these discussions was reviewed. Factors such as substitute staff rates, work being done to provide coverage, extra curricular impacts, collective agreement impacts and the process to balance these things were discussed.

#### 7. Superintendent’s Information and Correspondence

- a) Article - “Province Stays the Course on School Funding” – Funding of schools announcement details were provided in this article. An overall province-wide increase of 3.4% was announced. This is the same percentage announced last year for the current school year. Minor changes to the funding formula were made to use the highest annual enrolment figure over the last three years. This is a key determinant of each division’s annual funding allotment. The Minister of Education commented that the funding is stable and predictable and that the new formula does not stray too far from the status quo.
- b) MSBA Public Campaign – At last board meeting, the board requested we put together some campaign information for the Positive Publicity Campaign that MSBA has started. Initiatives featuring social justice, student leadership and student apprenticeship were presented.

#### 8. Secretary-Treasurer’s Information and Correspondence

- a) 2025/26 Division Funding – The Province of Manitoba has provided Beautiful Plains an increase in provincial funding of 2.7%, which brings total provincial funding to \$17.9M. The Backgrounder information provided with the announcement detailed the funding by division. The increase in funding ranged from a minimum of 1.0% to a maximum of 9.8%. It was noted that of the growing divisions in the Province, all except one division received 3.0% or less. Growing school divisions, which includes Beautiful Plains, have the lowest cost per pupil in the province and have received the lowest percentage increase.
- b) April 1, 2025 Regular Board Meeting has been cancelled.
- c) A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 4:30 pm to be held at the Division Office.

9. 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 February 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 3. That the December 31, 2024 expenditures be approved for a total of \$ 2,613,066.55.

Accounts Payable Cheques:

# 50884 - # 50960;  
# 50961 VOID;  
# 50962 - # 51116 \$ 1,277,138.29

Payroll Direct Deposits: #106240 - #107287 \$ 1,335,928.26 *Carried*

- 4. That the out of division school of choice request from Rachel Nowell and Austin Mustard who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their son Ethan Douglas Richard Mustard to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School effective September 3, 2025 be approved. *Carried*
- 5. That the out of division school of choice request from Samantha Boswell and Madison Mitchell who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Griffin Mitchell to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2025 be approved. *Carried*
- 6. That the out of division school of choice request from Joshua and Dana Ginter who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Luke David Dennis Ginter to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 3, 2025 be approved. *Carried*
- 7. That the out of Division School of Choice request from Caitlin and Brad Nelson who reside in Rolling River School Division for their daughter Rylee Nelson to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 3, 2025 be approved. *Carried*

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8. That the within division school of choice request from Stephanie Berard for her child Brodie Berard-Reid to attend Kindergarten at R.J. Waugh School instead of Brookdale School effective September 3, 2025 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the out of province, overnight trip request from Neepawa Collegiate, namely the Band Festival trip to Red Deer, Calgary, & Banff, AB on May 13 to May 16, 2026 be approved in principle only. *Carried*
10. That the request for a one year leave of absence without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved provided a suitable replacement can be hired. *Defeated*
11. That the December 31st, 2024 financial reports be approved. *Carried*
12. That Anthony Phillips be added to the spare bus driver list effective February 18, 2025. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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