

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

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

Also Present: K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets: J. Young

BPTA: K. Turner (Regular Meeting Only)

***In Camera***

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
  - a) Staff Update
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
  - a) Budget 2026-27 Preparations
3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the November 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. The accounts and payroll deposits for the month of September 2025 were approved.
4. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting
  - a) Revised Policy J.G.D – Student Suspension was approved. Revisions were made to align with the new Provincial Code of Conduct.
  - b) Revised Policy J.G.E. – Student Expulsion was approved. The definitions are as defined in the Provincial Code of Conduct.
5. Superintendent's Business Report
  - a) 2025/26 Substitute Teachers: Lyndsey Dunning, Victoria Charkiewich, Donna Christison, Kim Chapman

## 6. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) The September 30, 2025 financial reports were approved.

## 7. Other Reports

- a) MSBA e-news – November 5, 2025 – The articles included were in regards to the November 24 trustee professional development, school trustee elections in October 2026, The Vimy Pilgrimage Award, The Prime Minister's award for exceptional teachers and educators and bullying awareness and prevention week was November 9 – 15.
- b) MSBA - Executive Highlights Nov. 3, 2025 – Member statement of integrity along with membership expectations were formally adopted. Wayne Ewasko, Opposition Advocate for Education and Early Childhood Learning appeared as a delegate and MSBA is providing support to the Western Canadian Student Teacher Conference, which will be held at the University of Winnipeg in February 2026 to help promote visibility.
- c) MSBA - Memo to Members - Statement of Integrity - 12 November 2025 – Key items of the statement were reviewed with the board including the expectation to act as ambassadors for education and the expected standards of conduct. When standards are not met, concerns will be addressed to the Association President. If matters are raised, nothing will be accepted anonymously and matters will be reviewed with the member, which may be done at a special meeting. The Member has the opportunity to respond or reply. Potential resolution outcomes were reviewed.

## 8. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Contingency Funding Letter – We have received \$115,853 from the Province in response to increased needs for special needs.
- b) Elders and Knowledge Keepers Grant - We have received \$25,000 from the Province for this grant. Funding is based on the follow-up done after year-end to confirm spending levels.
- c) Policy J.F.E. Acceptance of International Students – Presented existing policy for the board to consider current school based needs. Potential changes will be further discussed.

Policy J.N. Divisional Nutrition Policy draft – New legislation, Bill 17, requires divisions to put a policy in place for a universal nutrition program and make sure all parents are informed of that program at the start of every year. A revision to our current policy was presented to the board for information.

- d) BPTA Supper Meeting Follow-up – List of topics over past meetings were reviewed along with other possible board topics.

- e) Enhancing Guidelines for Early Identification and Assessment for K-4 – Notice was received in April 2025 that School Divisions will be required to have a universal reading screening tool in place by September 2026 which included the criteria for the reading screening tool. At BPSD, the existing early literacy team reviewed screening processes and considered student needs to choose the screening tool that meet the criteria.
- f) Bill 225 - The Public Schools Amendment Act - Early Reading Screening – Legislation is now in place that requires early reading screening and a screening tool. The screening tool has been chosen that meets the criteria. All our teachers will be trained by the end of the school year.

#### 9. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) Daycare Centers Cost Calculations – Rental calculations are completed annually as per the agreement the Division has with the day care centers in divisional buildings. Calculations were presented.
- b) Neepawa Middle School Classroom Addition Update – Construction continues on the stand-alone six-classroom addition. Work to date includes groundwork, weeping tile work and concrete work with completion scheduled for Summer 2026.
- c) Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit – The Manitoba government has passed legislation to implement Budget 2025, which includes increasing the Homeowner's Affordability Tax Credit from \$1,500 to \$1,600.
- d) Property Tour Date – The Operations and Finance Committee has scheduled property tours for December 1, 2025.
- e) January 6, 2026 Regular Board Meeting has been cancelled.

#### 10. Open Forum

- a) Board quote was approved for circulation.
- b) Coming Events were circulated.
- c) Staff Appreciation December – The board set the date to distribute to staff.
- d) Land Acknowledgement – The board discussed land acknowledgement placement and displays.

#### Resolutions:

- 1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*
- 2. That the minutes of the November 4, 2025 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

