

Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 17, 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:

BPTA: C. Murray (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report
 - a) Request for Leave
 - b) Request for Maternity/Parental Leave
 - c) Superintendent Evaluation
 - d) MSBA Survey Follow-up
 - e) Budget Briefing

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report
 - a) Portable Classroom Request
 - b) Provincial Bus Tender
 - c) Former Student
 - d) Budget 2026-27 Preparations

The Business Meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.
2. The minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as circulated.
3. Superintendent's Business Report
 - a) Candis Olmstead was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 2, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Twilight Colony School.
 - b) Danica Murray was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 16, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.

- c) Kinnon Hnidy was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 17, 2026 to May 1, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.
- d) The request for 2 days leave without pay beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.
- e) 2025/26 Substitute Teachers: Rosana Maendel
- f) The out of division school of choice request from Jim Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Rhys B. Oliver to attend Grade 9 at Neepawa Area Collegiate effective February 2, 2026 was approved.
- g) The out of division school of choice request from Adrienne Mack and Tim Hodgson who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their son Miller Abe Hodgson to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.
- h) The out of division school of choice request from Ffion Lewis and Kyle Hulley who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their daughter Everly Grace Hulley to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.
- i) The within division school of choice request from Kayla and Kyle Kostenchuk for their daughter Rylee Kostenchuk to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.
- j) The out of division school of choice request from Dana and Joshua Ginter who reside in Turtle River School Division for their daughter Laura Samantha Donna Ginter to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 was approved.
- k) The request for maternity/parental leave from May 2, 2026 to September 1, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date was approved.
- l) The Division will support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2026 with a donation of \$250.⁰⁰.
- m) Resignation from Scott Freeman, Vice Principal at Hazel M Kellington School was accepted effective June 30, 2026.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

- a) Hernan Anchorez was employed as full-time Custodian at Neepawa Middle School effective February 17, 2026.

5. New Business & Correspondence for Action

- a) First Reading of Policy J.R. - Patriotic Observances and Land Acknowledgements – In accordance with the legislation passed in 2025, this policy establishes the requirements for patriotic observances, the acknowledgement of indigenous lands and Remembrance Day observances.

6. Other Reports

- a) MSBA - Distribution of Board Ballots – MSBA March Annual Convention – Board ballots are required for voting during the association business section of the agenda. Board ballot pick-up was assigned to trustees.
- b) MSBA - e-news February 11, 2026 was circulated.

7. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

- a) Agenda – February 5, 2026 Principals Meeting – Agenda was reviewed to provide awareness. Some items included policy updates and reviews, staffing levels compared to guidelines and classroom addition timelines with tentative plans.
- b) BPTA Supper Meeting Follow-up – BPTA and the Board of Trustees will finalize topics and schedule a meeting time tentatively for April.
- c) Article – Get Ready for Local Elections – This article was a reminder of upcoming elections in October 2026 for local councils/boards and indicated the importance of these elections as it is these councils and boards that will have the biggest impact on our lives.

8. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

- a) 2026/27 Provincial Education Funding – The Province of Manitoba has provided Beautiful Plains a 1.9% increase in provincial funding which is less than last year. This falls substantially short of covering our increased costs for teacher salary harmonization alone. This is compounded with cost increases for other staff, inflation and many additional costs. The board of trustees is facing incredibly difficult decisions. This funding announcement will result in reductions in staffing allocations and increases to local taxation. Proposed budget decisions will be available on the divisional website by March 3, 2026.
- b) Neepawa Middle School Classroom Addition Update – Construction schedule revisions indicate a mid-summer completion. New concrete is expected to be poured by end of February.
- c) A Special Board Meeting has been scheduled for March 10, 2026 at 4:00 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 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*
3. That Candis Olmstead be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 2, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Twilight Colony School. *Carried*
4. That Danica Murray be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective March 16, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*
5. That Kinnon Hnidy be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective February 17, 2026 to May 1, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*
6. That the request for 2 days leave without pay beyond the collective agreement as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*
7. That the out of division school of choice request from Jim Oliver and Monique Buckmaster who reside in Turtle River School Division for their son Rhys B. Oliver to attend Grade 9 at Neepawa Area Collegiate effective February 2, 2026 be approved. *Carried*
8. That the out of division school of choice request from Adrienne Mack and Tim Hodgson who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their son Miller Abe Hodgson to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*
9. That the out of division school of choice request from Ffion Lewis and Kyle Hulley who reside in Pine Creek School Division for their daughter Everly Grace Hulley to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*
10. That the within division school of choice request from Kayla and Kyle Kostenchuk for their daughter Rylee Kostenchuk to attend Kindergarten at Hazel M Kellington School instead of J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*
11. That the out of division school of choice request from Dana and Joshua Ginter who reside in Turtle River School Division for their daughter Laura Samantha Donna Ginter to attend Kindergarten at J.M. Young School effective September 8, 2026 be approved. *Carried*
12. That the request for maternity/parental leave from May 2, 2026 to September 1, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item b) of this date be approved. *Carried*
13. That the Division support the Western Manitoba Science Fair 2026 with a donation of \$250.⁰⁰. *Carried*

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14. That Hernan Anchorez be employed as full-time Custodian at Neepawa Middle School effective February 17, 2026.

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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This site also links to Division Schools.*