

**MINUTES
WESTERN SCHOOL DIVISION – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

D.O. BOARD ROOM

Present: Darcy Wolfe, Lisa Burley, Brian Fransen, Susana Hawryshko,
Nicole Levesque
Division Office Admin: Stephen Ross, Marianne Fenn, Joey Sarto

1.00 AGENDA and MINUTES

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Motion #161-25 Moved that the Board approve the agenda as amended to include 3.03 A3d Universal Early Reading Screening Tools to Ensure No Student Left Behind and 3.03 A3e Education Week.
Fransen / Burley, Carried.

1.02 Adoption of Minutes

A. March 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
Motion #162-25 Moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
Burley / Levesque, Carried.

Motion #163-25 Moved that the Board move in-camera as a Committee of the Whole.
Fransen / Hawryshko, Carried

2.00 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (in camera) (7:00 – 7:30 PM)

Items discussed:

- A. Personnel
- B. Programming

Motion #164-25 Moved that the Board move out of in-camera and rise and report.
Fransen / Hawryshko, Carried

3.00 PRESENTATIONS and INFORMATION (7:30 PM)

Treaty Acknowledgement

The Western School Division operates on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and Dakota peoples. The Western School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory.

Invocation: Brian Fransen

3.01 Board Learning

3.02 Delegations and Other Timed Items

3.03 School and Division Administration Items

A. Reports

1. Board Priorities and Monitoring
 - a. Minnewasta Leaf School Report
 - b. Superintendent Hiring Process
 - c. Second Draft 2025-2026 Calendar
 - d. March 31 2025 YTD Financial Report
2. Programming
3. Manitoba Education
 - a. Religious Exercises and Instruction
 - b. ECE Week – April 27 to May 3
 - c. Funding Letter – Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning
4. Updated / New Administrative Procedures
5. Other Items
 - a. École Discovery Trails Update

B. Trustee Reports

4.00 BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Board By-Law 02-25 (Second & Final Reading)

Motion #165-25 Moved that the Board give the second reading of Board By-Law 02-25.

Fransen / Levesque, Carried.

Motion #166-25 Moved that the Board give the third and final reading of Board By-Law 02-25.

Burley / Fransen, Carried.

B. Authorization for Bus Purchase

Motion #167-25 Moved that the Board approve the purchase of two (2) unit – 77 passenger school busses as recommended by the Administration. Levesque / Burley, Carried.

C. 2025-2026 Wage and Benefit Statements

Motion #168-25 Moved that the Board approve the 2025/2026 Wage and Benefit Statements as presented.

Fransen / Levesque, Carried.

D. LOA Request Employee No. 1782

Motion #169-25 Moved that the Board approve the leave of absence request of employee # 1782 using her earned leave credits and the remaining are unpaid.

Fransen / Hawryshko, Carried.

E. LOA Request Employee No. 1856

Motion #170-25 Moved that the Board approve the leave of absence request of employee # 1856 using his earned leave credits and the remaining are unpaid.

Burley / Fransen, Carried.

4.01 Items from the Committee of the Whole

4.02 Progress Update on Board Priorities Plan

5.00 OTHER BUSINESS

5.01 Trustee Meeting Authorizations

5.02 Correspondence

- A. MSBA – E news April 2, 2025
- B. Navigating AI Risks and Governance
- C. Role of Trustees in Fostering Well Being
- D. Recruiting Trustees

5.03 Reminders

- A. April 28, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- B. May 5, 2025 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C. May 12, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- D. May 26, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- E. June 2, 2025 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

5.04 Queries Arising From the Meeting

Motion #171-25 Moved that the Board break for a short recess. (8:37 PM)
Levesque / Fransen, Carried.

Motion #172-25 Moved that the Board reconvene. (8:49 PM)
Levesque / Hawryshko, Carried.

Motion #173-25 Moved that the Board move in-camera as a Committee of the Whole.
(8:50 PM)
Hawryshko / Burley, Carried.

2.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (in camera)

Items discussed:

- B. Programming
- C. Policy
- D. Facilities
- E. Other Items

Motion #174-25 Moved that the Board move out of in-camera and rise and report.
Fransen / Levesque, Carried

6.00 ADJOURNMENT

Motion #175-25 Motion to adjourn. (9:42 PM)
Fransen / Levesque, Carried.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

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