

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee, virtual

REGRETS: Darlene Gerrior, Vice-Chair

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Amarbeer Bhandari, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, virtual
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Darcy Cormack, Assistant Superintendent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Michelle Jean-Paul, Assistant Superintendent Staff Services
Nicholas Kelly, Divisional Principal
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 4 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chris Sigurdson, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:31 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Nemeth

The Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) brings together a community of schools on the traditional land of the Anishinaabek, Ininewak, and Dakota. Our division is located on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We recognize that Manitoba is also the traditional land of the Anishininwak and Dene.

We respect the treaties made on this land and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. We dedicate ourselves to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation.

We recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, the source of Winnipeg's life-sustaining drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide the electricity that powers daily activity throughout the province and beyond.

The ongoing development of LRSD's land acknowledgement is guided by our Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, and we thank them for their generosity and collaboration.

1.2 Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone participating in the hybrid meeting and advised that Board meetings are audio recorded for accuracy. Unless approved, photographs, personal recordings, audio, visual or otherwise, are not permitted.

1.3 Affirmation of Vision and Mission

The Chair read the division's Vision and Mission statements.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting – March 4, 2025

2024-064

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the March 4 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Feb. 18, 2025

As there were no changes, the Feb. 18 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Nordheim

Trustee Nordheim highlighted the following:

- Best wishes to basketball teams
- Shamrock School winter concert
- Collège Jeanne-Sauvé presented Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Draft Public Budget Presentation Feb. 27, 2025

3.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Cormack

Assistant Superintendent Cormack highlighted the following:

- Archwood School
- Dakota Collegiate Institute
- Hastings School
- Highbury School
- Nelson McIntyre Collegiate
- Victor H.L. Wyatt School

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Just Elections - Delegation Made by Tom Simms and Jordan Bighorn

Tom Simms and Jordan Bighorn, members of Just Elections, a coalition of individuals and organizations that support the need for school board election financing and independent review of school board ward boundaries, made a delegation.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 2025-2026 Draft Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided a synopsis of the feedback received after the draft budget public presentation, which took place on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025. The draft budget will be finalized on March 11, 2025, at the Special Board Meeting commencing at 5:30 p.m.

5.2 Promissory Note #LTPS0774

2024-065

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0774, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$11,324,100 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

6. STAFFING

6.1 Principal Appointments

2024-066

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT the following be appointed as principal, effective Aug. 1, 2025

- Jennifer Oldfield at École Van Belleghem
- Cathy-Ann Winters at Shamrock School
- Mike Heilmann at Samuel Burland School
- Carly Friesen at St. George School
- Steven Houssin at Marion School

CARRIED

6.2 Principal Transfers

2024-067

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Lisa Lewis be transferred as principal to Highbury School, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6.3 Vice-Principal Appointments

2024-068

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Kolochuk

THAT Dina Almeida be appointed as vice-principal at Dr. D.W. Penner School, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Michalik and Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the new school serving the Sage Creek Bonavista French Immersion program.

7.2 School and Classroom Support Team (SCST) Meeting

Nicholas Kelly, Divisional Principal, shared highlights from the SCST meeting held on Feb. 25, 2025.

7.3 New LRSD Resource Allocation Framework (RAF)

Superintendent Michalik and Assistant Superintendent Cadez provided more information regarding the new LRSD Resource Allocation Framework.

7.4 Divisional Dates for 2025-2026

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared divisional dates for the 2025-2026 school year, including the following:

- 6-Day Calendar
- Divisional Planning Calendar 2025-2026
- Draft Leadership Team Meetings Calendar 2025-2026

7.5 Accessibility Plan Updates

Assistant Superintendent Cormack provided an update regarding the division's Accessibility Plan.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Email from I. Prokipchuk (Feb. 28, 2025)

8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Executive Highlights (Feb. 10, 2025)
- (Page 2) e-bulletin (Feb. 19, 2025)
- (Page 3) Canadian School Boards Association Posting

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Board Meeting Schedule for 2025-2026

2024-069

Moved by Trustee Nemeth

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Board approve the list of Board Meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year as provided.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The following members of the public were in attendance and had the opportunity to ask questions for clarification from items on this evening's agenda:

- Clare Dutka, virtual
- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Sandra Saint-Cyr
- Scott Wood, virtual
- Stephanie Kardal, virtual

11. ADJOURNMENT

The March 4 Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer