

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Sigurdson, Chair
Ian Walker, Interim Vice-Chair
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee, virtual
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Irene Nordheim, Trustee
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee

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
Corey Kapilik, Director of School and Classroom Supports, virtual
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The May 6 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 6:30 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for Kookum Hilda, a member of the LRSD Indigenous Council of Grandmothers and Grandfathers, who recently passed away.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Walker

Trustee Walker read a personalized land acknowledgement.

I was born, work, and live on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewak, and Dakota peoples, on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. I also acknowledge that Manitoba is the traditional territory of the Anishininwak and Dene peoples.

I recognize and honour Shoal Lake 40 First Nation as the source of my clean drinking water, as well as the Treaty Territories that generate and provide electricity powering my home, the school where I teach, and our school division.

I respect the treaties made on this land and acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and present. I dedicate myself as a parent, a teacher, and a school trustee to authentic alliances with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation. I further commit myself to helping the children in my care understand the importance of reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

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 – May 6, 2025

2024-097

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the May 6 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – April 29, 2025

As there were no changes, the April 29 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided Trustee Turner

Trustee Turner highlighted the following:

- Marion School Kitchen Brigade
- Archwood School Spirit Week

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

Assistant Superintendent Cormack highlighted the following:

- Dakota Collegiate - Better Together Student Leadership Summit
- H.S. Paul School - Seed Survivor Program
- Hastings School - Numeracy Night for parents
- Highbury School - Student Election and Finding Nemo Jr. musical production
- Louis Riel Arts & Technology Centre - Skills Manitoba Competition
- Victor H.L. Wyatt School:
 - New sensory room
 - Grade 3 to 8 student vote
 - Students win LRSD championship badminton tournament

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Delegation to the Board - Renaming Collège Béliveau

Assistant Superintendent Anderson introduced the following staff from Collège Béliveau who addressed the Board:

- Andrea Kolody, Principal
- Jennifer Oldfield, Vice-Principal
- Damien Lemoine, Vice-Principal
- Rachèle Coutts, Teacher
- Mélanie Dubois, Teacher
- Chantal Pursaga, Teacher
- Miguel Marcoux, Teacher
- Rachel Scramstad, Teacher

5. STAFFING

5.1 Appointment of Term Director of School and Classroom Supports

2024-098

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Nicholas Kelly be appointed as term director of school and classroom supports, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

5.2 Appointment of Principal

2024-099

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Thomas Locke be appointed as principal at J.H. Bruns Collegiate, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

5.3 Appointment of Vice-Principal

2024-100

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Carla MacMillan be appointed vice-principal at Dakota Collegiate, effective Aug. 1, 2025.

CARRIED

6. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the new French Immersion school serving the École Sage Creek/Bonavista community.

6.2 Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) Training

Mia Guenther, Divisional Principal, shared information regarding TCI training, supporting Strategic Action 1.3 - Reinforce trauma-responsive practices, and Strategic Action 3.5 - Create a flexible, short-term learning and therapeutic space for students needing to be away from their home school to support their successful return to a classroom.

6.3 Learning with the Land - May 22, 2025

Superintendent Michalik shared a draft agenda for the Learning with the Land Event occurring on May 22, 2025, at The Forks.

6.4 Louis Riel Teachers' Association (LRTA) - Secondment

The LRTA membership has elected Jay McGurran President and Erin Lauze Vice-President of Professional Development for the 2025-2026 school year. Congratulations to Jay and Erin.

7. POLICY

7.1 Policy Review Committee Update - Policy GBD Second Reading

2024-101

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT Policy GBD - Staff Communication, reviewed by the Policy Review Committee receive second reading and be further reviewed in committee, and brought back for third reading at a future date.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Education Funding Branch:

- (Page 1) Letter RE: École St. Germain - Boiler Replacement (April 25, 2025)

8.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence was received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (April 30, 2025)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 By-Law 20242025-002 Religious Instruction - École Julie-Riel

This item was deferred as further clarification is required.

9.2 By-Law 20242025-003 Religious Instruction - École Varennes

2024-102

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT Bylaw 20242025-003 being a bylaw to authorize the instruction of religion at École Varennes during the 2024-2025 school year, receive first, second, and third reading and be approved.

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:

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Jay McGurran
- Margaret Whitlaw, virtual
- Sandra Saint-Cyr

11. ADJOURNMENT

The May 6 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

"Original signed by C. Sigurdson"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer