

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS: Sandy Nemeth, Chair
Irene Nordheim, Vice-Chair
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee, virtual
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee
Cindy Turner, Trustee
Ian Walker, Trustee

REGRETS: Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Christian Michalik, Superintendent & CEO
Jamie Rudnicki, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO
Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent Policy, Planning & Research
Ron Cadez, Assistant Superintendent Student, Clinical, & Instructional Services
Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility & Anti-Racism
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Sept. 16 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Sandy Nemeth, Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:31 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of a recent graduate and a parent from our community who passed away.

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 – Sept. 16, 2025

2025-011

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the Sept. 16 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting - Sept. 2, 2025

As there were no changes, the Sept. 2 minutes of the Annual Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

2.3 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 2, 2025

As there were no changes, the Sept. 2 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

3. LRSD NEWS

3.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Simunyola

Trustee Simunyola highlighted the following:

- Windsor Park Collegiate Royals Football - Inaugural Home Opener
- Niakwa Place School 50th Anniversary - Sept. 25, 2025
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day - Sept. 30, 2025

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

Assistant Superintendent Anderson highlighted the following:

- Middle and Late Immersion Registration 2025-2026
- École Provencher
- École Guyot
- Frontenac School

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee

2025-012

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

That the Ad Hoc Negotiations Committee, established by Motion #2023-023 on Oct. 17, 2023, continue its work; and,

THAT Trustee Nordheim and Trustee Walker be appointed as members.

CARRIED

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Promissory Note - LTPS0820

2025-013

Moved by Trustee Nordheim

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the issue of the Promissory Note LTPS0820, as it is deemed necessary and expedient to raise by loan the sum of \$1,919,600 on the credit of the Louis Riel School Division for the purpose of financing capital projects, be approved.

CARRIED

6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

6.1 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Fall Regional Meetings and Professional Development

The Chair shared information regarding the MSBA Fall Region 5/6 Meeting and Professional Development Day planned for Nov. 1, 2025, and Nov. 24, 2025, respectively.

6.2 City of Winnipeg Transit Reconfigurations

The Chair provided context to the City of Winnipeg's Transit reconfigurations. The Chair reassured the community that while this is a municipal matter, the Division is actively engaged in dialogue with the city and working collaboratively to support students and families affected by these changes.

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 City of Winnipeg Transit Reconfiguration Survey Results and Next Steps

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the division's survey results regarding the City of Winnipeg's Transit reconfiguration and next steps.

7.2 International Student Travel Plan Updated

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update regarding international student travel for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.3 Annual Report to the Community (ARC) 2024-2025

Superintendent Michalik shared the ARC for the 2024-2025 school year.

7.4 Student Accident Semi-Annual Report

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared the semi-annual report regarding student accidents that occurred from Jan. 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

7.5 International Student Program Update

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided an update regarding the International Student Program.

7.6 Summer Learning

Assistant Superintendent Kapilik answered questions from the previous meeting regarding summer learning.

7.7 Air Quality Index

Assistant Superintendent Anderson provided an update related to the Air Quality Index.

8. POLICY

8.1 Updates to Administrative Protocol Supporting Policy AC - Respect for Human Diversity

Superintendent Anderson provided context to the updates made to the administrative protocols supporting Policy AC – Respect for Human Diversity.

8.2 Ratification of Amendments

2025-014

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

THAT the following amendments be approved:

- Policy JLF - Reporting Concerns about Child Abuse
- Policy ACF-ACG - Interpersonal Relationships and Resolution of Concerns about Harassment/Discrimination - Appendix A

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 School Board Correspondence – Received

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning

- (Page 1) Letter from J. Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Indigenous Teacher Data Collection Initiative (Aug. 29, 2025)
- (Page 3) Letter from H. Thomson, Acting Director Education Administration Services Unit, RE: EIS Collection 2025 (Sept. 5, 2025)

General:

- (Page 7) Letter from T. Sinclair, National Representative (Aug. 11, 2025)
- (Page 9) Copy of letter to A. Razos (Sept. 3, 2025)
- (Page 11) Copy of letter to T. Sinclair (Sept. 3, 2025)
- (Page 13) Email and attachment from J. Arnold (Sept. 4, 2025)

9.2 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Memo RE: 2026 Call for Nominations and Resolutions (Sept. 3, 2025)
- (Page 5) Memo: RE: 2025 Fall General and Regional Meetings & Professional Development Day (Sept. 3, 2025)
- (Page 7) e-bulletin (Sept. 10, 2025)

10. ACTION ITEMS

10.1 By-law 2025-2026-001 - Religious Instruction - French Immersion School Serving Sage Creek and Bonavista - Second Reading

2025-015

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT By-law 20252026-001 being a by-law to authorize the instruction of religion at the French Immersion School serving Sage Creek and Bonavista, during the period of September 2025 to June 2026, receive second reading.

CARRIED

10.2 Proposed Resolution to be Brought to the MSBA Region 5/6 Meeting

2025-016

Moved by Trustee Palmquist

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the following resolution be forwarded for consideration at the November 2025 MSBA Region 5/6 Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning to undertake a comprehensive review of *The Manitoba Public Schools Act* to ensure language, references, terminology, and outdated information are updated or corrected.

CARRIED

2025-017

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the following resolution be forwarded for consideration at the November 2025 MSBA Region 5/6 Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning to undertake a review of the 2005 document *School Partnerships - A Guide for Parents? Schools and Communities?* with a goal of providing a more current document that recognizes and supports the role of parents, schools, and communities in the educational success of learners.

CARRIED

2025-018

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the following resolution be forwarded for consideration at the November 2025 MSBA Region 5/6 Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba School Board Association call upon the Province of Manitoba and appropriate municipal governments to formally consult school divisions in matters of traffic safety in and around schools.

CARRIED

2025-019

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the following resolution be forwarded for consideration at the November 2025 MSBA Region 5/6 Meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba School Boards Association petition the Province of Manitoba, cities, and municipalities to establish a default speed limit of 30 km/h on all residential streets within the province.

CARRIED

11. 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:

- Erin Lauzé
- Jay McGurran
- Scott Wood

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Sept. 16 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer