

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:30 p.m.  
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg  
Hybrid Meeting

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Irene Nordheim, Acting Chair  
Pamela Kolochuk, Trustee, virtual  
Ryan Palmquist, Trustee  
Sandy Nemeth, Trustee, virtual  
Chris Sigurdson, Trustee  
Chipalo Simunyola, Trustee  
Cindy Turner, Trustee  
Ian Walker, 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  
Mia Guenther, Assistant Superintendent, Staff Services  
Clarke Hagan, Director of Information Technology Services  
Corey Kapilik, Assistant Superintendent, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion,  
Accessibility & Anti-Racism, virtual  
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant  
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant  
Vannessa Ross, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Oct. 7 Regular Board Meeting of the Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) Board of Trustees was called to order by Irene Nordheim, Acting Chair, LRSD Board of Trustees at 6:48 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for a parent from our community who passed away.

**1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Palmquist**

Trustee Palmquist read a personalized land acknowledgement:

I express on behalf of the Board a personal acknowledgement of my connection to the land and our division's connection to the First Peoples of this land. I was born in British Columbia, on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. I live today in Treaty One Territory in the St. Vital neighbourhood, a historic Métis community and part of the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

I own land in the historic territory of the present-day Roseau River First Nation, near a river renamed in French for Giinizhaaw Zhishkawe CP, the Anishinaabe word meaning "read" in French, of the same meaning.

I serve as a trustee in a division named for Louis Riel, the officially recognized first Premier of Manitoba and the historic and spiritual leader of the Métis Nation. I also work professionally in the field of addictions and homelessness, serving a predominantly Indigenous population under the governance of the Reaching Home Indigenous Funding Partnership from the federal government.

I commit, as part of my work here as a trustee and in all aspects of my life, to honouring the First Peoples of this land and doing my part, as an individual and professionally, to advance reconciliation.

## **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 – Oct. 7, 2025**

2025-020

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT the Oct. 7 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

## **2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Sept. 16, 2025**

As there were no changes, the Sept. 16 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting were accepted as distributed.

### **3. TIMED ITEM**

#### **3.1 Strategic Action 3.6**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki introduced Sean Woodhead, Manager of Public Sector Solutions with KPMG Canada, who provided an update on the progress of the Industrial Arts, Human Ecology, and Arts & Technology Centre Programming Review.

### **4. LRSD NEWS**

#### **4.1 News from the Board of Trustees Provided by Trustee Walker**

Trustee Walker highlighted the following:

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Educators for Climate Action
- École Henri-Bergeron and École Provencher
- Terry Fox Walk
- New School in Sage Creek

#### **4.2 News from Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Provided by Assistant Superintendent Guenther**

Assistant Superintendent Guenther highlighted the following:

- Sameul Burland School
- St. George School
- Windsor School
- Glenwood School
- Dr. D.W. Penner School

### **5. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

#### **5.1 Capital Reserves**

2025-021

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the sum of \$725,000.00 be approved for transfer from the unappropriated surplus to the Capital Fund to increase the Bus Reserve.

CARRIED

#### **5.2 Carry-Forward Report**

2025-022

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Board approve the Carry Forward Report as provided.

CARRIED

### **5.3 Trustee Professional Development**

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki provided context to the Trustee Professional Development Report.

## **6. CHAIR INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **6.1 Formal Student Representation and Engagement Models Across Manitoba**

The Chair provided context to the Manitoba School Boards Association survey regarding student representation or involvement with school boards.

### **6.2 Student Services Administrators' Association of Manitoba (SSAAM) Executive**

The Chair provided context to the letter received from SSAAM, dated Sept. 23, 2025, listing the SSAAM Provincial Executive, including Alex Peniuta as President, and Amber Zetaruk as Regional Representative for Metro Winnipeg.

## **7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

### **7.1 Capital Projects Update**

Superintendent Michalik provided an update regarding the J.H. Bruns Collegiate Building Expansion and Modernization Project.

### **7.2 Impact of Winnipeg Transit Service Changes on LRSD Students**

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared the Impact of Winnipeg Transit service changes on LRSD students and next steps.

### **7.3 Impact of Full-Day Kindergarten**

Superintendent Michalik shared information regarding the Impact of Full-Day Kindergarten dashboard.

### **7.4 Leadership Meeting - Sept. 18, 2025**

Superintendent Michalik shared highlights from the Leadership Team Meeting held on Sept. 18, 2025.

### **7.5 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Sept. 30, 2025**

Superintendent Michalik provided an overview of the activities that took place in the division, along with reading recommendations to acknowledge Sept. 30, 2025, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

### **7.6 LRSD Reflects Together on Treaty Education: A Learning Journey - Oct. 1, 2025**

Superintendent Michalik provided an overview of the division-wide Treaty Education Day of Learning that took place on Oct. 1, 2025.

### **7.7 Enhanced MYSP Strategic Action Webpages Launched!**

The public was invited to explore the enhanced Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027 webpages and discover the impactful stories and progress behind each strategic action.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 School Board Correspondence – Received**

The following correspondence was received by the Board:

#### **Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning**

- (Page 1) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Min. Schmidt RE: School Support Staff Recognition Week
- (Page 3) Letter and proclamation from Hon. Min. Schmidt RE: Dyslexia Awareness Month (Sept. 22, 2025)
- (Page 5) Letter from J. Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, RE: Manitoba Indigenous Teacher Data Collection Initiative (Sept. 24, 2025)

#### **Education Funding Branch**

- (Page 7) Memo RE: J.H. Bruns Collegiate – Addition and Renovations Design Only Authorization (Sept. 16, 2025)

#### **General:**

- (Page 9) Email from S. Erlendson (Sept. 15, 2025)
- (Page 11) Email from A. Razos (Sept. 22, 2025)

### **8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent**

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) Letters sent to all three trustee candidates (Sept. 22, 2025)

### **8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received**

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) Manitoba Child Care Association presentation
- (Page 2) Executive Highlights (Sept. 8, 2025)
- (Page 3) Memo RE: Recommended Action: Public Entry to School Buildings (Sept. 10, 2025)
- (Page 6) MSBA Fall PD Agenda
- (Page 7) e-bulletin (Sept. 24, 2025)
- (Page 11) Memo RE: School Lockdown Handbook (Sept. 25, 2025)
- (Page 12) Memo RE: Formal Student Representation and Engagement Models Across Manitoba (Oct. 1, 2025)
- (Page 15) Winnipeg Blue Bombers Promo

## **9. ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Special Board Meeting - October 28, 2025**

2025-023

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

THAT a Special Board Meeting be scheduled to commence at 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 28, 2025, for the purpose of reviewing and approving the financial audit for the 2024-2025 school year.

CARRIED

### **9.2 Bylaw 2025-2026-001 - Religious Instruction - French Immersion School Serving Sage Creek and Bonavista - Third Reading**

2025-024

Moved by Trustee Simunyola

Seconded by Trustee Palmquist

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 third reading.

CARRIED

### **9.3 Suspension of Travel to the United States (U.S.)**

2025-025

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Walker

WHEREAS the Government of Canada recently published a travel advisory warning that federal systems in the U.S. are changing to no longer accept markers of gender identity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board suspend, for the foreseeable future, travel to the U.S. for students, and for members of the board of trustees on board business.

Trustee Sigurdson opposed the motion.

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:

- Darren Baker

- Derrick Sheldon, virtual
- Erin (Becky) Lauzé
- Scott Wood

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Oct. 7 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

"Original signed by I. Nordheim"

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Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

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Secretary-Treasurer