

MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOUIS RIEL SCHOOL DIVISION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
50 Monterey Road, Winnipeg
Hybrid Meeting

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

REGRETS: Chris Sigurdson, 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
Deneen Madden, Executive Assistant
Lenore Polvorosa, Executive Assistant
Derrick Sheldon, Director of Staff Services
Marnie Wilson, Data Strategy Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Feb. 3 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 6:35 p.m.

1.1 LRSD Land Acknowledgement Read by Trustee Bjornson

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 – Feb. 3, 2026

2025-057

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Feb. 3 agenda for the Regular Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Jan. 27, 2026

As there were no changes, the Jan. 27 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:

- Jan.29 - Niakwa Place School Winter Concert
- Feb. 9 and 12 - Kindergarten Information Nights
- Feb. 11 - Sage Creek School Musical
- Feb. 12 - Collège Jeanne-Sauvé Black History Month Market

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

Assistant Superintendent Guenther highlighted the following:

- Samuel Burland School
- Glenwood School
- Glenlawn Collegiate
- St. George School
- Dr. D.W. Penner School

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

4.1 Strategic Action 4.5 - UN Goals & Indigenous Rights

Sean Oliver, Indigenous Education Support Teacher, and Suzanne Simpson, Teacher Librarian, made a presentation regarding Strategic Action 4.5 - UN Goals & Indigenous Rights.

5. FINANCE AND AUDIT

5.1 Budget 2026-2027

Secretary-Treasurer Rudnicki shared feedback received from the 2026/2027 budget consultation survey and highlighted the Education Property Tax Estimator available on our website.

6. STAFFING

6.1 School Admin Transfers

2025-058

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Simunyola

In accordance with articles 5.09 and/or 5.10 of the MSBA/MTS Collective Agreement:

THAT the following vice-principals be transferred, effective Aug. 1, 2026:

- Carole Bonin transfer to École Howden, from École Julie-Riel
- Julie Robertson transfer to École Julie-Riel from École Howden
- Jonathan Wolfe transfer to Nelson McIntyre Collegiate from Victor Mager School
- Jonathan Burnham transfer to Victor Mager School from Glenwood School
- Meaghan Shangreux transfer to Glenwood School from Archwood School
- Robin Plouffe-Hingley transfer to Archwood School from Hastings School
- Allison Erickson transfer to Hastings School from Nelson McIntyre Collegiate

CARRIED

7. SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

7.1 Capital Projects Update

Trustees received updates on capital projects and asked clarifying questions. Superintendent Michalik also provided an update regarding the delay in relocating Collège Béliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate beyond the 2026-2027 school year.

7.2 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) Science, Reading, and Mathematics 2023 Report Released

Trustees received the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program (PCAP) report showing that while Manitoba continues to score below national averages in science, reading, and mathematics, the province has made notable gains in science and mathematics compared to previous baseline years.

7.3 Provincial Assessment Data Hub

The Early and Middle Years Provincial Assessments report was added to the LRSD Data Hub. Trustees can also refer to the Provincial Assessment Data Dashboard for additional information.

7.4 Resource Allocation Planning to Support Student Needs

Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team examined the data that guides resource allocation to address student needs in LRSD.

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 from Hon. Min. T. Schmidt RE: Upholding Student Safety (Jan. 27, 2026)

General

- (Page 2) Email from S. Erlendson (Jan. 23, 2026)
- (Page 3) Email from S. Erlendson (Jan. 27, 2026)
- (Page 4) Email from C. Belanger (Jan. 29, 2026)

8.2 School Board Correspondence – Sent

The following was accepted as correspondence sent by the Board:

- (Page 1) To S. Erlendson (Jan. 27, 2026)

8.3 Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) Correspondence – Received

The following MSBA correspondence be received by the Board:

- (Page 1) e-bulletin (Jan. 28, 2026)

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Motion to Amend Procedural By-Law - Public Question Period and Agenda Transparency

2025-055

Moved by Trustee Walker

Seconded by Trustee Bjornson

THAT Motion 2025-055, moved by Trustee Walker, seconded by Trustee Bjornson, be unanimously amended by substitution, to insert the underlined text and to delete the stroked-out text; to now read as:

WHEREAS the current placement of Public Question Period at the end of Board meetings limits stakeholders' ability to ask questions or express concerns prior to the Board's consideration of decision items; and,

WHEREAS meaningful public participation requires that agenda items be presented with sufficient context and detail so the public can prepare informed questions; and,

WHEREAS the Board is committed to transparency, accountability, and accessible governance practices; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Procedural By-Laws be amended as presented and that they take effect April 21, 2026. Section I of the Procedural By-Law (Public Question Period) and Section F (Agenda) be amended to include the following provisions:

1. ~~Timing of Public Question Period~~

1.1 ~~Primary Question Period~~

~~Public Question Period shall occur prior to the Board's consideration of decision items and shall follow Presentations and Delegations on the agenda.~~

1.2 ~~Secondary Question Period~~

~~A second Public Question Period shall occur at the end of the meeting to allow stakeholders to ask questions arising from the discussion of agenda items.~~

2. ~~Purpose and Scope~~

~~Questions posed during Public Question Period shall be limited to:~~

- ~~• items appearing on that meeting's agenda; and,~~
- ~~• seeking clarification or information relevant to those items.~~

~~Public Question Period shall not be used for debate, commentary, or matters not appearing on the agenda.~~

~~3. Agenda Transparency Requirements~~

~~3.1 Detail and Clarity of Agenda Items~~

~~All agenda items released to the public prior to Board meetings shall include sufficient relevant detail to allow stakeholders to understand the nature and purpose of each item.~~

~~3.2 Purpose of Detail Requirement~~

~~This detail shall be provided to ensure the public can attend meetings informed and prepared to ask questions during public question period.~~

~~3.3 Applicability~~

~~This requirement applies to all sections of the published agenda, including decision items, informational items, reports, and any accompanying summaries or descriptions.~~

~~4. Implementation~~

~~This amendment shall take effect at the next regular meeting of the Board and shall be reflected in all published agendas, procedures, and supporting documentation thereafter.~~

CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

The Board has accepted with regret the notice of intention to retire from Superintendent Michalik, effective August 2026.

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:

- Ina Prokipchuk
- Jay McGurran
- Trichia Gannon, virtual

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Feb. 3 Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

"Original signed by S. Nemeth"

Chair

"Original signed by J. Rudnicki"

Secretary-Treasurer