



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 27, 2026

J. L. Milne Boardroom  
Administration Office  
1031 - 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba

**Trustees Present:** L. Ross, Chairperson      D. Ross, Vice-Chairperson  
K. Carr      L. McConnell  
J. Murray      B. Sieklicki

**Also Present:** D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer  
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO  
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services  
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR  
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant  
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

**Regrets:** C. Ekenna, K. Fallis, S. Mozdzen

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The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

### AGENDA

#### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

##### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added two (2) items for In-Camera.

K. Carr – D. Ross  
That the agenda be approved.  
Carried

##### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – April 13, 2026  
B. Sieklicki – L. McConnell  
  
That the minutes be approved as circulated.  
Carried

J. Murray – L. McConnell  
That the Board move into In-Camera session at 7:20 p.m.

#### 2.00 IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

## **2.01 Student Issues**

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

## **2.02 Personnel Matters**

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

## **2.03 Property Matters/Tenders**

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

## **2.04 Board Operations**

Mr. Labossiere provided information on two (2) Board Operation Matters and received feedback from the Board.

B. Sieklicki – J. Murray

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 7:29 p.m.

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

## **3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **3.01 Presentations for Information**

### **3.02 Communications for Information**

### **3.03 Communications for Action**

## **4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the April 27, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- Teal up Day is celebrated on the last Monday of April. On this day, everyone is encouraged to wear teal to show support for military children. The campaign began in April 2021 in Shilo, Manitoba.
- The 56<sup>th</sup> annual Western Manitoba Science Fair took place on April 14, 2026, at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre. The following Brandon School Division students received an all-expenses-paid trip to represent Western Manitoba at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, Alberta from May 23 – May 30, 2026:

- 2026 Best of Fair Award – Aberham M., Grade 9 student at Vincent Massey High School. Project: Selective Synergy in Melanoma Drugs
- 2026 Best of Fair Award Runners Up:
  - Angelina Z., Grade 10 student at École secondaire Neelin High School Project: Optimizing Herbal Acne Therapy
  - Nia S., Grade 11 student at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School Project: The Spore Score; Can you stop the spoilage?
- Brandon School Division Teacher, Jillian Creasor, Grade 1-2 and 5-6, at Riverview School, received the Christie's Office Plus Award for her effort and dedication in supporting youth in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence in STEM.
- The 2026 Manitoba Skills Competition provides an opportunity for students to participate in challenges designed to test required skills in trades and technology careers. Within this years Manitoba Skills Competition, 22 Brandon School Division students received medals.
- The Manitoba Band Association Level One and Level Two Band Festival will take place on April 28-29 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.
- Information Items:
  - The annual Preschool Wellness Fair will be held on May 5, 2026, at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. The Preschool Wellness Fair is a joint initiative involving Brandon School Division, Prairie Mountain Health, Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba, the Brandon Friendship Centre and the provincial government. The Preschool Wellness Fair provides the following professional screenings for children ages 3 – 5 at no cost to families, to help them prepare for school entry: general development, hearing, speech and language development, vaccine, and get your benefits (Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada)
  - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Off-Site Activity, soccer tournament to Kenora, Ontario.
  - École secondaire Neelin High School, Off-Site Activity, volleyball tournament to Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Presentations:
  - Mr. Gustafson provided a presentation regarding the Brandon School Division Comprehensive School Safety Audit and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

b) Business Arising for Board Action:

- Information for Discussion and Correspondence:
  - The Staffing Activity Report was distributed to the Board as Confidential No. 1.

D. Ross – B. Sieklicki

That the April 27, 2026, Report of Senior Administration be received and filed.

Carried

## **5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **5.01 Reports of Committees**

- a) Education & Community Relations Committee Meeting  
The written report of the Education & Community Relations Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026, was circulated.

D. Ross – K. Carr

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

- b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting  
The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026, was circulated.

K. Carr – D. Ross

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

- c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting  
The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on April 13, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – B. Sieklicki

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

## **5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)**

### **5.03 Business Arising**

- From Previous Delegation:

- From Board Agenda

- MSBA Issues

- a) E-News – April 8, 2026  
b) E-News – April 22, 2026

### **5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)**

### **5.05 Motions:**

**Late Motions:**

- 34/2026 L. McConnell – J. Murray  
That the Promissory Note LTPS0887 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$285,400) to meet partial costs of the following:

School:  
Betty Gibson School  
New Era School

Project:  
Modular Classroom  
Structural Roof Upgrade & Masonry Repairs

be approved.  
Carried

35/2026 J. Murray – L. McConnell  
That the Five-Year Capital Plan 2027-2028 to 2031-2032 be approved for submission to the Capital Project Planning and Delivery (CPPD).  
Carried

36/2026 K. Carr – D. Ross  
That Confidential No. 2 and the recommendation therein be approved.  
Carried

### **5.06 Bylaws**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

D. Ross  
That By-law 1/2026 being a By-law providing for the borrowing of monies upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, be now read for the first time.

### **5.07 Giving of Notice**

### **5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

## **6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, May 11, 2026.

## **7.00 ADJOURNMENT**

K. Carr – D. Ross  
That the Board do now adjourn at 8:26 p.m.  
Carried

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Chairperson (L. Ross)

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Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)