



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, August 24, 2026

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

Trustees Present:

D. Ross, Vice-Chairperson	K. Carr
C. Ekenna	K. Fallis
L. McConnell	S. Mozdzen
J. Murray	B. Sieklicki

Also Present:

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Zilkey, Superintendent/CEO
M. Sawa, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

L. Ross, Chairperson
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services

The Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Sieklicki added one (1) item for In-Camera.
Senior Administration added one (1) item for In-Camera.

K. Carr – S. Mozdzen
That the agenda be approved.
Carried

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – June 22, 2026
J. Murray - K. Fallis

That the minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

B. Sieklicki – K. Fallis
That the Board move into In-Camera session at 7:10 p.m.

2.00 IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

Mr. Zilkey provided information on a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions.

2.03 Property Matters/Tenders

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.04 Board Operations

Trustee Sieklicki provided information on a Board Operations Matter and received direction from the Board.

B. Sieklicki – C. Ekenna

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 7:23 p.m.

The Vice-Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

Chantel Mulholland, Civilian Instructor with R.C.S.C.C. 60 Swiftsure in Brandon, Manitoba, presented on the opportunities for youth available through the Cadet Program and answered Trustee questions. The Board agreed to add the Cadet Program to the next Committee Meeting for further discussion.

3.02 Communications for Information

Mr. Zilkey spoke to the correspondence received from Seine River School Division expressing their concern regarding the safety of students who walk to and from school.

3.03 Communications for Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Zilkey provided highlights from the following items from the August 24, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- With sponsorship by the provincial government and in collaboration with Brandon Transit, Brandon School Division students in Grades 1 to 12 will be offered free bus passes starting this fall. This exciting partnership will provide access to Brandon Transit for BSD students at all times for the entire year with the hope that the program continues moving forward. Details are being finalized with Brandon Transit and schools, but this initiative will be implemented this fall with the goal of all students who want access to a bus pass to have one by end of September.

➤ Suspensions:

- The Suspension Reports for 2025/2026 School Year were provided and reviewed. Mr. Zilkey indicated that the suspension numbers were very similar to the previous year. In 2025/2026 there were 529 suspensions given to 346 students. He further indicated that out of the 529 suspensions, 18 (3.4%) suspensions were violent in nature towards staff members.

b) Business Arising for Board Action:

➤ Information for Discussion and Correspondence:

- The Staffing Activity Report was distributed to the Board as Confidential No. 1.

J. Murray – B. Sieklicki

That the August 24, 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 June 22, 2026, was circulated.

C. Ekenna – B. Sieklicki

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on June 22, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – K. Fallis

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting

The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on June 22, 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) MSBA Call for Nominations and Resolutions
Resolution deadline – Friday, September 25, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions:

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

Trustee Ekenna indicated that he will not be running in the upcoming Election. He thanked the Board and Senior Administration and indicated he feels grateful for the opportunity to serve.

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Welcome Back Breakfast – Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- b) Next Board Committee Meetings – 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2026
- c) Next Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2026
- d) Trustee Election – October 28, 2026

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen
That the Board do now adjourn at 8:15 p.m.
Carried

Vice-Chairperson (D. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)