



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 23, 2026

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

Trustees Present:

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

Also Present:

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

Regrets:

C. Ekenna
L. McConnell
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

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

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – February 9, 2026
J. Murray – K. Fallis

That the minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

- b) Special Board Meeting – February 17, 2026
K. Carr – B. Sieklicki

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

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. Zilkey and Ms. Gilleshammer provided highlights from the following items from the February 23, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- The Brandon Community Youth Wellness Forum will be held on March 3, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Vincent Massey High School. This free public event will bring together youth, parents, educators and mental health professionals to explore practical strategies for managing anxiety and fostering resilience.
- Congratulations to Tobi O., student at Vincent Massey High School, who recently performed at the Manitoba Legislative Building during International Development Week. Tobi was one of three Manitoba high school students who collaboratively

wrote and delivered a spoken piece titled What We're Meant to Be, through the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation's Voices for Change program.

- On February 12-13, 2026, approximately 200 students from Brandon School Division and neighbouring communities participated in land-based learning activities at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. Topics included snowshoeing, teachings about hunting and trapping, Michif language, Travois transportation, winter safety and equinox. Explorative learning opportunities included shelter building, slingshot, and ice suncatchers. This event was the result of collaboration between Brandon Riverbank Inc., the University of Manitoba, The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, and Brandon School Division.

➤ Information Items:

- Ms. Gilleshammer provided a Suspension Report for Semester One. She indicated there were 258 suspensions reported in the first semester of 2025/2026: 90 in elementary schools and 168 in senior high schools. Ms. Gilleshammer answered Trustee questions for clarification.

➤ The following Administrative Procedures (AP) and forms have been amended:

- AP 5002 – Accessibility Standard For Customer Service
- AP 2200 – Accessibility Standard For Information And Communication
- Administrative Form 2200Fb – Accessibility Request Form
- Administrative Form 2200Fc – Accessibility Feedback Form

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 – J. Murray

That the February 23, 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 February 9, 2026, was circulated.

S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on February 9, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – 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 February 9, 2026, was circulated.

J. Murray – K. Carr

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)

Rana Wilkinson, spokesperson for the Brandon Parent Council Collective, presented on the topic of Lunch Supervision.

5.03 Business Arising

- **From Previous Delegation:**

- **From Board Agenda**

- **MSBA Issues –**

a) MSBA Annual Convention – March 19-20, 2026

b) E-News – February 11, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions:

8/2026

K. Carr – B. Sieklicki

That the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Brandon School Division and Assiniboine College (AC) to facilitate the delivery of AC's Comprehensive Health Care Aide (CHCA) program at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School (CPRSS) for the 2026-2027 Academic/School year be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures and the seal of the Division thereto.

Carried

9/2026

B. Sieklicki – K. Carr

That the Tender from Powerland in the amount of \$625,950.00 (plus applicable taxes) for the supply of 900 laptop computers funded from the 2025-2026 Operating Budget be accepted.

Carried

Late Motions:

10/2026

D. Ross – B. Sieklicki

That the Promissory Note LTPS0855 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,148,100) to meet partial costs of the following:

School:
Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School

Project:
Roofing Replacement

be approved.

Carried

11/2026 D. Ross - B. Sieklicki
That the Brandon School Division request three (3) modular classroom units for 2026- 2027 school year from Capital Project Planning and Delivery (CPPD).

Carried

12/2026 K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen
That Trustee L. Ross be paid the appropriate indemnity for participating in the Assistant Superintendent Selection Committee.

Carried

13/2026 S. Mozdzen – J. Murray
That Trustee B. Sieklicki be paid the appropriate indemnity for participating in the Principal Selection Committee.

Carried

14/2026 J. Murray – S. Mozdzen
That confidential No. 2 and the recommendations therein be approved.

Carried

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, March 9, 2026.
- b) Upcoming Budget Dates:
- Budget Presentation and Deliberations – 10:00 a.m. – Public Portion, (9:00 a.m. – In-Camera Portion), Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Boardroom.
 - Public Budget Consultation – 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2026, Boardroom.
 - Final Budget Approval – 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2026, Boardroom.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

K. Fallis – D. Ross
That the Board do now adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)