



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 9, 2026

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

### Trustees Present:

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

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The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

K. Carr - K. Fallis  
That the agenda be approved.  
Carried

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Board Meeting – January 26, 2026  
C. Ekenna – S. Mozdzen

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. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the February 9, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

- Celebrations:
  - Maryland Park School is hosting an event that is open to all BSD students, families, and staff at no cost. United Thunder, a well-known Indigenous dance group, will perform on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Maryland Park School. This performance will celebrate indigenous culture in a relaxing and entertaining family event.
- Information Items:
  - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming February 2026 as Inclusive Education Month in Manitoba.
  - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, and Honourable Nellie Kennedy, Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism proclaiming February 2026 as “I love to Read Month”.

- Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming February 8 to 14, 2026 as Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week.
- Nominations are being accepted for the 2026 Student Citizenship Awards offered by the Manitoba School Boards Association. More information including the nomination form is available at [Awards - Manitoba School Boards Association](#). The nomination deadline is April 3, 2026, at 4:30.
- Mr. Zilkey provided a 2026-2027 French Immersion Kindergarten Registration Summary. He indicated that there were 79 applications received for the random selection process. He provided the following details regarding the registration process:
  - École Harrison:
    - 18 students placed with siblings currently attending École Harrison School
    - 24 students placed without siblings currently attending École Harrison School
  - École New Era School:
    - 10 students placed with siblings currently attending École New Era School
    - 13 students placed without siblings currently attending École New Era School
  - École O’Kelly School:
    - 8 students placed with siblings currently attending École O’Kelly School
    - 2 students placed without siblings currently attending École O’Kelly School
    - 1 out-of-division student placed without siblings currently attending École O’Kelly School

Mr. Zilkey indicated that the 2026-2027 French Immersion Kindergarten Registration was the highest French immersion enrolment since Covid. Mr. Zilkey answered Trustee questions for clarification.

- Administrative Procedure 2005 – Student Code of Conduct was amended to align with the Provincial Code of Conduct.
- Mr. Zilkey spoke to the highlights from various Early Years, Middle Years, and High School athletic events over the course of Semester one (September 2025 – January 2026).
- Presentations:
  - Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Zilkey, Ms. Gilleshammer, Mr. Dubois, Ms. Ransom, Ms. Sutherland, Ms. Smart and Ms. Cheung provided a presentation on Literacy

Programming within the Brandon School Division 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 – J. Murray

That the February 9, 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 January 26, 2026, was circulated.

C. Ekenna – 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 January 26, 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 January 26, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – J. Murray

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

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

#### **5.03 Business Arising**

##### **- From Previous Delegation:**

Sandra Thompson, President, Brandon Teachers' Association, presented on the upcoming budget and answered Trustee questions. The Chairperson thanked Ms. Thompson for the presentation and feedback.

##### **- From Board Agenda**

**- MSBA Issues -**

a) E-News – January 28, 2026

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

**5.05 Motions:**

4/2026 C. Ekenna – K. Carr  
That Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for attending Budget Deliberations on February 25, 2026.  
Carried (8 in favor, 1 abstain)

5/2026 K. Carr – B. Sieklicki  
That Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for attending the Manitoba School Boards Association 2026 Convention to be held March 19 and 20, 2026 at the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Carried (8 in favor, 1 abstain)

**Late Motion:**

6/2026 B. Sieklicki – K. Carr  
That the Promissory Note LTPS0851 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,352,300) to meet partial costs of the following:

School:  
Maryland Park School  
New Era School

Project:  
Classroom Addition  
Roofing Replacement

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, February 23, 2026.

b) Upcoming Budget Dates (Dependent on Provincial Funding Announcement):

- 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**

D. Ross – C. Ekenna

That the Board do now adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

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Chairperson (L. Ross)

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Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)