



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 12, 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
L. McConnell S. Mozdzen
J. Murray B. Sieklcki

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: K. Fallis

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added three (3) items for In-Camera.

L. McConnell – K. Carr
That the agenda be approved.
Carried

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – December 8, 2025
B. Sieklicki – D. Ross

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

2.00 IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION

2.01 Student Issues

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

2.02 Personnel Matters

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

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.

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

Artistic Director, Lucie Lederhendler, and Gallery Services Coordinator, Aly Wowchuk from the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba presented on their Art Connects programming and what the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba has to offer as a resource, and their latest and upcoming exhibitions.

3.02 Communications for Information

The Brandon Teachers' Association LIFT Committee acknowledged the support of the Brandon School Division Superintendent/CEO Mathew Gustafson. It is through this very supportive partnership that the Committee can continue to hold this quality professional development for educators, not only in the Brandon School Division, but throughout Manitoba.

Received and filed.

3.03 Communications for Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the January 12, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

- Celebrations:
 - Grade 3 students at École New Era School received First Place in the Culture Award in the CBC Music Challenge – Fall Edition 2025. École New Era School students also placed in the Top 10 nationally in Category 1: Elementary Performance (Kindergarten to Grade 3).

- The Brandon School Division received a donation of 24 new winter coats for Brandon School Division students from Knights of Columbus (Brandon Chapter).
- Information Items:
 - Mr. Gustafson provided a report on Student Mobility.
 - Administrative Procedure (AP) 3050 - Manitoba High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Activities has been amended:
- Presentations:
 - Mr. Labossiere provided a report on the 2025-2026 enrolment.
 - Ms. Gilleshammer and Mr. Dubois shared an analysis of three-year trends related to Student Presence and Engagement and answered Trustee questions.
 - Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Dubois provided a presentation on Early Years and Middle Years Assessment Data up to 2024-2025 school year and answered Trustee questions.

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 January 12, 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 12, 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 January 12, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – J. Murray
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 12, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – D. Ross
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 – December 17, 2025

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions

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, January 26, 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.

J. Murray – D. Ross

That the Board move into In-Camera session at 8:30 p.m.

C. Ekenna – B. Sieklicki

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 8:37 p.m.

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

J. Murray – D. Ross

That the Board do now adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)