



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 26, 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 (by phone)
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

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

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

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

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a) Regular Board Meeting – January 12, 2026
D. Ross - 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. Gustafson provided highlights from the following items from the January 26, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- The Brandon Teachers' Association (BTA) is sponsoring a free public swim for youth aged 18 and under on Friday, January 30, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the City of Brandon Sportsplex. There are no classes on January 30, as it is a Division-wide Professional Development Day.
- The following band concerts are taking place across the Division:

- Brandon West Middle School Band Winter Concert - February 4 at 7:00 p.m. – Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
- East Side Band Winter Concert - February 5 at 7:00 p.m. – Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
- Westman Junior & Senior Honour Bands – on the afternoon of February 6 & 7 – Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium

- Information Items:
 - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming February 1 to 7, 2026 as International Development Week 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 Black History Month.
 - The annual Kindergarten registration information session took place on January 14, 2026, at Betty Gibson School. Approximately 200 parents/guardians attended.
 - Grade 9 Registration and High School Open House Events will take place on the following dates:
 - Grade 9 Registration Information Presentation:
 - Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
George Fitton School
 - High School Open House Events:
 - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - École secondaire Neelin High School
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Vincent Massey High School
Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - The following Administrative Procedures (AP) and form have been amended:
 - AP 5080 – Evaluation of Support Staff
 - AP 2060 – Nutrition
 - AP 2127 – Staff and Student Interactions
 - AP 2127Fa – Student Protection – Complaint Report
- Presentations:
 - Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Dubois provided a presentation on the Crawlspace Pilot Project and answered Trustee questions.
 - Mr. Labossiere and Mr. Dubois shared a report on enrolment projections for Brandon School Division.
 - Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Labossiere presented a report on the Joint Use of Facilities Agreement between the City of Brandon and Brandon School Division 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 26, 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.

K. Carr – D. Ross

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 – K. Carr

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 – B. Sieklicki

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)

Sandra Thompson, President, Brandon Teachers' Association, presented on the upcoming budget and answered Trustee questions.

5.03 Business Arising

- From Previous Delegation:

- From Board Agenda

- MSBA Issues –

a) E-News – January 14, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions:

- 1/2026 L. McConnell – S. Mozdzen
That the Board approve the research request from Shannon Howell, PhD, Senior Research Consultant, CCI Resources/CCI Research Inc. Project Title: 2025-2026 Canadian Student Alcohol and Drugs Survey.
- 2/2026 S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis
That the Board approve the research request from Aloysius Anyichie, PhD, Brandon University, Title: Understanding and Enhancing Instructional Practices in Support of Culturally Diverse (and all) Learners' Engagement and Motivation in Classroom Contexts.

Late Motion:

- 3/2026 K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen
That Trustees be paid the appropriate indemnity for participating on the Superintendent/CEO Selection Committee.

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 9, 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 – K. Fallis
That the Board do now adjourn at 8:36 p.m.
Carried

Chairperson (L. Ross)

Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)