BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 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
	J. Murray	B. Sieklicki
Also Present:	D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer	
	J. Zilkey, Superintendent/CEO	
	S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services	
	M. Sawa, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR	
	J. McBeth, Executive Assistant	
	T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator	
Regrets:	S. Mozdzen	

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

AGENDA

1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

1.01 Approval of Agenda

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

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

1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – September 28, 2026
K. Fallis – B. Sieklicki

That the minutes be approved as circulated.
Carried

D. Ross – K. Carr
That the Board move into In-Camera session at 6:52 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

- Reports
- Trustee Inquiries

L. McConnell – D. Ross
That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 6:58 p.m.

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

3.00 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Presentations for Information

Ms. Heather Ewasiuk, Senior Election Official, presented information on the voting opportunities available in the upcoming municipal and school board elections in October 2026 and answered Trustee questions.

3.02 Communications for Information

3.03 Communications for Action

4.00 REPORT OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Zilkey provided highlights from the following items from the October 13, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administrative Information:
- Celebrations:
  - World Teachers' Day – World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually on October 5th as an opportunity to recognize the incredible dedication, skill and compassion of teachers who inspire students every day.

- Information Items:
  - The 2026/2027 Manitoba's Excellence in Education Awards provide an opportunity to recognize outstanding teachers, school leaders and school nutrition champions whose contributions have a lasting impact on the well-being, achievement, and engagement of Manitoba students. Awards will be presented in the following categories; Teaching Excellence, Outstanding New Teacher, Outstanding Team Collaboration, Outstanding School Leader, Premier's Award for Excellence in Education, Nello Altomare Award for Excellence in School Nutrition. Nominations must be submitted by December 6, 2026. Nomination forms and detailed criteria are available at the following link: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence

  - Nominations are now open for the 2027 Prime Minister's Awards. The Prime Minister's Awards honour exceptional educators and celebrate the impact they have on their students and communities. Any person or group with direct knowledge of the nominee's contribution, such as students, parents of students, colleagues, school principal or supervisor, and community leaders may nominate educators in three different categories; Teaching Excellence, Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Excellence in Early Childhood Education. More information is available at the following link: Prime Minister's Awards. The nomination deadline is January 13, 2027.

  - Truth and Reconciliation Week – September 28 – October 4, 2026. Ms. Sawa provided an overview of what activities the Brandon School Division schools participated in during the week.

  - Mr. Zilkey provided a presentation on Classroom Utilization by School as of September 2026. Mr. Zilkey 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 October 13, 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 September 28, 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 September 28, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – K. Carr
That the report be received and filed.
Carried

Following the reading of the Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting minutes, Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions regarding the school bus reserve.

c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting
The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on September 28, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – K. Carr
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, October 7, 2026
b) MSBA Fall General & Regional Meetings – November 26-27, 2026

5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)

5.05 Motions:

61/2026 B. Sieklicki – K. Carr
That the proposed budget dates for the 2027-2028 Budget be as follows, subject to receiving the Provincial funding announcement by February 10, 2027:

Wednesday, February 24, 2027 - Budget Presentation and Deliberations
Monday, March 1, 2027 - Public Budget Consultation
Monday, March 8, 2027 - Final Budget Approval
Carried

Late Motion:

62/2026 K. Fallis – L. McConnell
That Confidential No. 2 and the recommendations therein be approved.
Carried

5.06 Bylaws

5.07 Giving of Notice

5.08 Trustee Inquiries

Trustee J. Murray expressed his gratitude and appreciation to past and present Senior Administration, Trustees and staff members he had the opportunity to work with during his 31 years as a Trustee.

6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Board Committee Meetings – 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2026
b) Next Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 26, 2026
c) Trustee Election – October 28, 2026

7.00 ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chairperson (L. Ross) Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)