



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HELD IN THE J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA AT 7:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026.

**Trustees Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

D. Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer  
M. Gustafson, Superintendent/CEO  
J. Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and HR  
E. Jamora, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
J. McBeth, Executive Assistant  
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

**Regrets:**

J. Murray  
S. Gilleshammer, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services

**CALL:**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment and welcomed everyone in attendance. Ms. Ross then referred to the Call.

The meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the following:

- 2026-2027 Public Budget Presentation and Consultation

Ms. Ross reviewed the 2026-2027 Budget Presentation, highlighting the following:

- Overview of the Brandon School Division including facilities and transportation information
- Comparisons to Provincial average and similar divisions
- Guidelines the Board approved for preparing the 2026-2027 Budget
- Enrolment history and continued growth of enrolment
- Summary of staffing allocation
- Accumulated Surplus
- Capital Reserves
- Change in Provincial Funding Support
- 2026-2027 Operating Budget Summary

- Revenue by Source
- Expenses by Function and Object
- The school tax impact on a home assessed at \$301,300
- The next steps of the Budget process

The following individuals made presentations regarding the proposed 2026-2027 Budget:

1. Jamie Rose, President, CUPE Local 737, expressed thanks and appreciation to the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration for their dedication and commitment to the Division. He indicated CUPE would like to see the following taken into consideration for the 2026-2027 Budget:
  - Additional educational assistants in classrooms
  - Increased support for front-line administrative assistants
  - More hours for school-based library technicians
2. Sandra Thompson, President, Brandon Teachers' Association (BTA), thanked the Trustees for their thoughtful comments and conversations around the budget deliberations. She indicated that the BTA would like to see the following taken into consideration for the 2026-2027 Budget:
  - Protect the 5.4 FTE teachers proposed in the preliminary budget

Ms. Ross thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting and for their presentations.

K. Carr – D. Ross

That the Board do now adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer