



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, March 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross C. Ekenna
K. Carr 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

Regrets: D. Ross

1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

A. 2026 SCHOOL BUS ORDER

Mr. Labossiere advised that one (1) Bluebird gas school bus and three (3) Bluebird propane school buses are being recommended for purchase using funds from the School Bus Capital Reserve. Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letter received from the Province regarding the 2026 School bus Order.

The cost of the four (4) school buses is \$988,122.14 (including taxes). Mr. Labossiere indicated the cost of gas and propane buses decreased by 2% and that the 2026 price of a gas bus is \$234,200 and the price of a regular propane bus is \$248,200. For 2026-2027, the Division will also be purchasing an accessibility bus in the amount of \$271,900. He added that the Division currently has 48 buses in its fleet, which is comprised of 7 diesel, 1 gas, and 40 propane buses. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions.

The Committee agreed to bring the following recommendation as a motion to the Regular Board Meeting Monday, March 23, 2026:

Recommendation

That the purchase of three (3) Blue Bird propane school buses and one (1) Blue Bird gas school bus for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$988,122.14 (including taxes) be funded by the School Bus Capital Reserve, be approved.

- B. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Labossiere and Mr. Gustafson spoke to a confidential matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- C. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Labossiere spoke to a confidential matter and received feedback from the Committee. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.
- D. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER
Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Labossiere spoke to a confidential matter and received direction from the Committee.
- E. CONFIRM PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNT (FEBRUARY)
The payments of account for the month of February were provided for information and accepted as circulated.

2. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letter received from Rhonda Shaw, Executive Director – Learning and Outcomes Branch, regarding Brandon School Division’s 2025-2026 Skills Strategy Equipment Enhancement Fund (SSEEF) grant submission(s). He stated that Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School is the successful recipient of the SSEEF grant for the Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology Program in the amount of \$96,272.
- Mr. Labossiere reviewed the Capital Update for Manitoba’s Education Sector which was presented at the MASBO Conference in Brandon on February 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Sieklicki