



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

April 24, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TO BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026  
7:30 P.M. (Public)

J. L. MILNE BOARDROOM, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1031 - 6TH STREET, BRANDON, MANITOBA

D. Labossiere  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) Regular Board Meeting – April 13, 2026  
Adopt.

### 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**

**- From Report of Senior Administration**

- a) Review Report of Senior Administration – April 27, 2026

**5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

**5.01 Reports of Committees**

- a) Committee of the Whole:

Education and Community Relations	C. Ekenna
Finance and Facilities	K. Fallis
Personnel and Policy	L. McConnell

**5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)**

**5.03 Business Arising**

**- From Previous Delegation**

**- From Board Agenda**

**- MSBA Issues**

- a) E-News – April 8, 2026
- b) E-News – April 22, 2026

**5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)**

**5.05 Motions**

**5.06 Bylaws**

That By-law 1/2026 being a by-law providing for the borrowing of monies upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, be now read for the first time.

**5.07 Giving of Notice**

**5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

**6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) Next Regular Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. (Public), Monday, May 11, 2026.

**Additional Information:**

- Members of the public wishing to make a presentation, a delegation or a petition are asked to contact the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, by email: [delegations@bsd.ca](mailto:delegations@bsd.ca), or by phone at (204) 729-3114, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.
- For all other inquiries related to Board matters, please email: [trusteeinfo@bsd.ca](mailto:trusteeinfo@bsd.ca).
- We invite everyone to watch live streaming of the Board meetings on our website: <https://www.bsd.ca/page/8192/board-meeting-dates-live-streaming>.

**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Monday, April 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
K. Fallis	L. McConnell
S. Mozdzen	

### 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:

J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

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The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

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

K. Fallis – C. Ekenna

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – March 23, 2026  
S. Mozdzen – K. Carr

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

K. Fallis – L. McConnell

That the Board move into In-Camera session at 7:03 p.m.

## **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**

Mr. Gustafson provided information on a Board Operations Matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

D. Ross – C. Ekenna

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 7:07 p.m.

The Chairperson called the public portion of the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., with a traditional heritage land acknowledgment.

## **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 April 13, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- During Truth and Reconciliation Week in the fall of 2025, students from Betty Gibson School, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, École Harrison, King George School, Kirkcaldy Heights School, Meadows School, Prairie Hope High School, and Waverly Park School participated in creating strings of beads to honour children lost and affected by Residential Schools in Canada. This project, Tears of Truth, is on display until June 6, 2026, at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba.

- Trustee Jim Murray was recognized by the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA) with a Long Service Trustee Recognition Award for 30 years of service.
- The third Wednesday in April is recognized throughout Manitoba as School Bus Driver Day. We thank all of our school bus drivers for their commitment to students and their dedicated service throughout the year and in all kinds of weather.
- Administrative Professionals' Day is recognized annually in April. The purpose of this day is to celebrate the many contributions of these valued staff members. We thank all of our Administrative Assistants for their work in support of students, families, and staff in Brandon School Division.
- Approximately 900 students from Brandon School Division participated in the 2026 Brandon Career Symposium on March 17 and March 18, 2026.
- Brandon School Division is hosting a High School Career Fair as an opportunity for employers to connect with motivated high school students who are eager to explore career options, gain work experience, and contribute to the workforce. Dates and locations are noted below:
  - April 21, 2026: Vincent Massey High School
  - April 22, 2026: Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
  - April 23, 2026: École secondaire Neelin High School
- Information Items:
  - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming the week of April 26 to May 2, 2026, as the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator.
  - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, proclaiming the week of April 13 to 17, 2026, as Education Week in Manitoba.
  - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Off-Site Activity, soccer tournament to Kenora, Ontario.
  - Vincent Massey High School, Off-Site Activity, hockey tournament to Halifax, Nova Scotia.
  - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Off-Site Activity, hockey tournament to Moncton, New Brunswick.

b) Business Arising for Board Action:

- Information for Discussion and Correspondence:
  - The Staffing Activity Report was distributed to the Board as Confidential No. 1.
  - Mr. Labossiere spoke to the Brandon Schools Instrumental Association Agreement (BSIMA) – refer to motions.

D. Ross – K. Fallis

That the April 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 March 23, 2026, was circulated.

C. Ekenna – 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 March 23, 2026, was circulated.

K. Carr – S. Mozdzen

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

- c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting  
The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on March 23, 2026, was circulated.

L. McConnell – C. Ekenna

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

## **5.02 Delegations and Petitions (Max. 15 minutes)**

### **5.03 Business Arising**

#### **- From Previous Delegation:**

Kat Hunkin and Tana Janzen of the Brandon School Division have partnered with Smiley Worms, and presented an idea for a progressive, proactive, low-risk budget shift that would make the Brandon School Division a leader in Manitoba in terms of environmental education. Kat and Tana answered Trustee questions for clarification. The Board thanked Kat, Tana and Smiley Worms for their presentation and indicated it would be referred to Committee for further discussion.

Ketan Patel, Citizen of Brandon, provided a presentation on Anti-Islamophobia Action Plan introduced by the Manitoba government and how initiatives connected to this plan may be implemented within public schools. Ketan answered Trustee questions for clarification. The Board thanked Ketan for his presentation and indicated it would be referred to Committee for further discussion. The Board also requested that Senior Administration bring this forward to the Province for their information.

#### **- From Board Agenda**

#### **- MSBA Issues –**

- a) E-News – March 25, 2026

**5.04 Public Inquiries (Max. 15 Mins)**

**5.05 Motions:**

31/2026 L. McConnell – S. Mozdzen  
That the Agreement between the Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association (BSIMA) and Brandon School Division (Division) regarding the 2026/2027 financial support to be provided by the Division to BSIMA be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures and the seal of the Division thereto.  
Carried

32/2026 S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis  
That a balanced school day schedule for Alexander School for the 2026/2027 school year, be approved.  
Carried

**Late Motion:**

33/2026 K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen  
That Confidential No. 2 and the recommendation therein be approved.  
Carried

**5.06 Bylaws**

**5.07 Giving of Notice**

D. Ross

a) I hereby give notice that at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, I, or someone in my stead, will introduce By-law 1/2026 being a by-law providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

**5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

**6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (public), Monday, April 27, 2026.

**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**

K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen  
That the Board do now adjourn at 7:58 p.m.  
Carried

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Chairperson (L. Ross)

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Secretary-Treasurer (D. Labossiere)



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Report of Senior Administration to the Board of Trustees

April 27, 2026

### A. Administrative Information

#### I. CELEBRATIONS

##### 1. **TEAL UP DAY – APRIL 27, 2026**

Teal Up Day is celebrated on the last Monday of April. On this day, everyone is encouraged to wear teal to show support for military children. The campaign began in April 2021 in Shilo, Manitoba.

The colour teal was chosen to represent all branches of the Canadian Military: blue for Air Force, green for Army, and blue/white for Navy. Since its inception, Teal Up has expanded to over 40 locations across Canada.

##### 2. **WESTERN MANITOBA SCIENCE FAIR**

The 56<sup>th</sup> annual Western Manitoba Science Fair (WMSF) took place on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Brandon University Healthy Living Centre. The WMSF provides students an opportunity to showcase their scientific talent for their peers, parents/guardians, teachers, and the community at large.

Congratulations to the following Brandon School Division students who received an all-expenses-paid trip to represent Western Manitoba at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Edmonton, Alberta, from May 23 – 30, 2026.

##### 2026 Best of Fair

Abereham M., Grade 9 student at Vincent Massey High School  
Project: Selective Synergy in Melanoma Drugs

##### 2026 Best of Fair Runners Up

Angelina Z., Grade 10 student at École secondaire Neelin High School  
Project: Optimizing Herbal Acne Therapy

Nia S., Grade 11 student at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School  
Project: The Spore Score; Can you stop the spoilage?

*Accepting the Challenge*

Congratulations to the following teacher who received the Christie’s Office Plus Award. This award is given in grateful recognition of the time and effort contributed by an instructor in order to support youth in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence in STEM.

Jillian Creasor, Grade 1-2 and 5-6 Teacher, Riverview School

### 3. SKILLS MANITOBA – 2026 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

The Manitoba Skills Competition provides an opportunity for students to participate in challenges designed to test required skills in trades and technology careers. We are pleased to recognize and celebrate the following Brandon School Division students who were Medal Recipients at the Skills Manitoba – 2026 Provincial Competition:

2D Character Computer Animation	Silver Medal	Miranda M.
2D Character Computer Animation	Silver Medal	Mitra E.
Architectural Tech & Design (S)	Gold Medal	Nia S.
Architectural Tech & Design (S)	Silver Medal	Bhakti P.
Autobody Repair (S)	Gold Medal	Parker M.
Autobody Repair (S)	Bronze Medal	Cody J.
Baking (S)	Gold Medal	Kayla D.
Car Painting (S)	Silver Medal	Nevaeh D.
Car Painting (S)	Bronze Medal	Liam O.
Graphic Design Technology (S)	Bronze Medal	Treyton Z.
Hairstyling (B)	Gold Medal	Avery M.
Job Search (S)	Silver Medal	Hayden S.
Job Skill Demonstration (S)	Gold Medal	Cody J.
Mechanical Engineering CAD (S)	Gold Medal	Laurie P.
Mechanical Engineering CAD (S)	Silver Medal	Janu P.
Outdoor Power & Rec Equipment (S)	Gold Medal	Landon K.
Photography (S)	Silver Medal	Katerin M.
Public Speaking (S)	Gold Medal	Victor A.
Video Production (2) (S)	Bronze Medal	Kohen J.
Video Production (2) (S)	Bronze Medal	Ryder H.
Welding (S)	Silver Medal	Rylan L.
Workplace Safety (S)	Silver Medal	Abby S.

### 4. BAND PROGRAM EVENTS

The Manitoba Band Association Level One and Level Two Band Festival will take place on April 28 - 29 at the Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium.

Grade 7 students from the East Side Band and the Brandon West Middle School Band will participate in the Level One category.

The Vincent Massey Grade 9 Concert Band will perform in the Level Two category.

## II. SUSPENSIONS

Below are the number of suspensions from April 7, 2026 to April 17, 2026.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Number of Students Suspended</u>	<u>Category: Inappropriate Behaviour</u>	<u>Category: Assaultive Behaviour</u>	<u>Category: Drugs and Alcohol</u>
K-8 In-School	2	0	4	0
K-8 Out-of-School	5	3	7	0
Total Suspensions K-8	7	3	11	0
9-12 In-School	0	-	-	-
9-12 Out-of-School	8	2	4	5
Total Suspensions 9-12	8	2	4	5
All Schools Total	15	5	15	5
		possession of weapons – 0	use of weapons – 0	

Note: A suspension may involve more than one category.

## III. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND SCHOOL VISITS

The following community connections and school visits were made by Senior Administration:

- April 8, 2026 – Earl Oxford School staff meeting – Mathew Gustafson
- April 8, 2026 – Brandon Police Service – Mathew Gustafson
- April 8, 2026 – United Way West Central Manitoba – Susan Gilleshammer
- April 9, 2026 – Prairie Hope High School – Susan Gilleshammer

- April 13, 2026 – Community Mobilization Westman – Susan Gilleshammer
- April 14, 2026 – Lon Cullen, President & CEO, and Kerri Bridges, Senior Vice President, Operations, YMCA Brandon – Mathew Gustafson
- April 15, 2026 – École New Era School staff meeting – Mathew Gustafson
- April 15, 2026 – Meadows School staff meeting – Mathew Gustafson
- April 15, 2026 – Brandon Area Community Foundation – Jon Zilkey

#### **IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **1. PRESCHOOL WELLNESS FAIR**

For Information .....S. Gilleshammer

The annual Preschool Wellness Fair will be held on May 5, 2026, at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. The Preschool Wellness Fair is a joint initiative involving Brandon School Division, Prairie Mountain Health, Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba, the Brandon Friendship Centre, and the provincial government.

The Brandon School Division plays an integral part, providing financial support and staff to assist on the day of the fair. BSD preschool speech and language pathologists will work alongside students in the Communication Program at Minot State University to screen all children in the speech and language development area. Brandon School Division has a table for parents and future BSD students to talk to the Administrator of Student Services and a School Administrator about services, programming, and schools in Brandon School Division.

The Preschool Wellness Fair provides the following professional screenings for children ages 3 – 5 at no cost to families, to help them prepare for school entry:

- General development
- Hearing
- Speech and language development
- Vaccine
- Get your benefits (Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada)

##### **2. CROCUS PLAINS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL OFF-SITE ACTIVITY**

For Information .....J. Zilkey

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School submitted an off-site activity request for twenty (20) members of the girls' soccer team (Grades 9-12) to make a trip to Kenora, Ontario from May 8 to May 9, 2026, to attend a soccer tournament.

Jennifer Emberly, Acting Principal, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, recommended this trip for approval. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, approved this trip.

**3. ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE NEELIN HIGH SCHOOL OFF-SITE ACTIVITY**

For Information .....J. Zilkey

École secondaire Neelin High School submitted an off-site activity request for twenty (12) members of the boys' varsity volleyball team (Grades 11 and 12) to make a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia from September 23 to September 28, 2026, to attend a volleyball tournament.

Baseswa Nundu, Principal, École secondaire Neelin High School, recommended this trip for approval. Jon Zilkey, Assistant Superintendent, approved this trip.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT**

For Information .....M. Gustafson

Mathew Gustafson, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer, will share a presentation regarding the Brandon School Division Comprehensive School Safety Audit.

**B. Business Arising for Board Action**

**I. INFORMATION FOR DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. STAFFING ACTIVITY REPORT**

For Information .....J. Zilkey

Included in the agenda package for the Board of Trustees is the Staffing Activity Report (Confidential No. 1), a listing of resignations and employment approved by the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer and Secretary-Treasurer since the last meeting.

**Senior Administration respectfully submits this report for your consideration, action, and information.**

**Mathew Gustafson  
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer**



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
C. Ekenna K. Carr  
K. Fallis L. McConnell  
S. Mozdzen

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: J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. BRANDON URBAN ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' COUNCIL

Mr. Gustafson spoke to the joint media release with the City of Brandon regarding the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council and City of Brandon remaining committed to the Indigenous Community.

### 2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

#### A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Zilkey spoke to the correspondence received from Kassy Assié, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Bureau de l'éducation française Division, regarding call for complementary projects in education.
- Ms. Gilleshammer reviewed the correspondence received from Richard Baydack, PhD, Executive Director, and Santina Lee, MD, FRCPC, Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Prevention & Control, Public Health, regarding the current measles situation in Manitoba. She indicated the letter was intended to raise awareness and provide prevention information in advance of spring break travel or holiday celebrations.
- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from United Way West Central Manitoba regarding the decision to discontinue the Tools for School Program. She indicated that over time, the program has required a significant increase in staff and volunteer capacity to administer. At the same time, the rising cost of school supplies has outpaced the donations received to support the program, which has impacted its overall effectiveness. Additionally, the growing variation in supply lists across schools, grades, and classrooms has

made it increasingly complex to deliver support in a consistent and meaningful way. As a result, a decision was made to redirect youth-focused funding and efforts into other initiatives that can have a greater and more sustainable impact. Ms. Gilleshammer answered Trustee questions for clarification.

- Mr. Zilkey spoke to the correspondence received from Jackie Connell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Excellence in Education, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding the Manitoba Aboriginal Languages Strategy (MALS) Annual Language Symposium, scheduled for May 27-28, 2026, in Thompson, Manitoba.
- Mr. Zilkey reviewed the correspondence received from Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement and Inclusion Division, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding AI in Education – PD for senior administrators.

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Ekenna



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
C. Ekenna K. Carr  
K. Fallis L. McConnell  
S. Mozdzen

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: J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. CONFIRM PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNT (MARCH)

The payments of account for the month of March were provided for information and accepted as circulated.

### 2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

#### A. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letters received from the Education Funding Branch regarding:
  - Betty Gibson School – Modular Classroom Request – Design Only Authorization
  - New Era School – Structural Roof upgrade and Masonry Repairs Design Authorization and Project Support
- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the correspondence received from Heather Leeman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Mental Health and Addictions; and Janet Tomy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Achievement and Inclusion, regarding the Healthy Schools Grant approved for BSD in the amount of \$25,606.18 for the 2025/2026 school year.

B. FACILITY PROJECT UPDATES

- Mr. Labossiere provided an update on the New School – Brookwood South. Mr. Labossiere received direction from the Committee and answered questions for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Fallis



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
C. Ekenna K. Carr  
K. Fallis L. McConnell  
S. Mozdzen

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: J. Murray, B. Sieklicki

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Zilkey reviewed information on a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification. The Committee agreed to bring the following Late Motion to the Regular Board Meeting, Monday, April 13, 2026:

**Recommendation:**

That Confidential No. 2 and the recommendation therein be approved.

#### B. PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Labossiere reviewed information on a Personnel Matter.

### 2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

#### A. PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Gustafson reviewed information on a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

#### B. PERSONNEL MATTER

Mr. Zilkey provided information on a Personnel Matter and answered Trustee questions for clarification.

C. MSBA – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE/SALARY BULLETINS

- Collective Bargaining Update:
  - Mr. Labossiere reviewed information on two (2) Personnel Matters.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the correspondence received from Jeffrey Kehler, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Performance and Accountability, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning regarding the Training Session for School Board Election SEOs. Mr. Labossiere answered Trustee questions for clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. McConnell



April 8, 2026

## THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE?

If you're passionate about public education and making a difference in your community, [elect2026.ca](http://elect2026.ca) is your go-to hub for getting started!

- **Understand the role** – Learn what school trustees do and how they shape local education policy.
- **Get candidate guidance** – Access information prepared for both prospective candidates and school boards, including responsibilities, expectations, and election procedures.
- **Explore election timelines** – Stay on top of key dates for the 2026 Manitoba School Trustee Elections happening on **October 28, 2026**.
- **Find helpful tools & FAQs** – Review candidate guides, legislation links, and answers to common questions about running for trustee.
- **Learn where to get more support** – Access additional resources through the Manitoba School Boards Association website and related election materials.

Thinking of stepping forward, or know someone who might be interested? Your leadership could help shape the future of education in Manitoba. Visit [elect2026.ca](http://elect2026.ca) and start exploring!

**Thinking of Running for School Trustee in 2026?**

School board election resources for candidates can be found at [\*\*elect2026.ca\*\*](http://elect2026.ca)

Election Day is Wednesday, **October 28, 2026.**





## MSBA IS HIRING AN IT COORDINATOR!

MSBA is seeking a tech-savvy professional to help lead the evolution of its modern workplace tools, strengthen security and governance, and support collaboration across Manitoba's public education system. This is a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact while working with Microsoft 365, SharePoint, and other key technologies.

If you're passionate about technology and want to support a mission-driven organization, this role is worth a look.

Learn more and apply online today!



TREATY RELATIONS  
COMMISSION OF MANITOBA

## TREATY EDUCATION SESSION REMINDER!

It's not too late to register! The Manitoba School Boards Association is pleased to partner with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba to offer a **FREE workshop on Treaty Education**. This one-day workshop is designed to provide school trustees, both new and experienced, with fundamental knowledge of treaties and a call to action to ensure treaty education is part of K-12 education. This virtual workshop is being held on **April 23, 2026**. [Click here to register and learn more.](#)



## KEEP US IN THE KNOW!

Has there been a change in school board membership, senior administration, or contact coordinates since your school division completed our membership form last fall? Please, let us know! We depend on your help to keep our databases up to date. When a change occurs (or is about to occur), please provide the particulars to Andrea Kehler at the Association office. Thank you!



## NEW FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE COMING TO MANITOBA CLASSROOMS!

Manitoba is enhancing financial education for students by introducing a newly structured Grade 9 mathematics course that places a strong emphasis on financial literacy. The redesigned curriculum will restructure the current Grade 9 math program into two semester-long courses and integrate practical financial learning throughout. A full provincial rollout is expected in the **2027–28 school year**, following pilot planning and curriculum development.

The updated course responds to long-standing feedback from parents, educators, and community members who have called for more real-world learning in mathematics. While core math concepts will largely remain the same, students will spend more time exploring practical applications such as understanding interest rates, managing money, and making informed financial decisions. The goal is to ensure that all students, regardless of the math pathways they choose in later grades, receive foundational financial knowledge early in high school.

Educators note that the change will help close gaps in the current system, as some students do not encounter financial literacy concepts if they move into applied or pre-calculus streams. Introducing these skills in Grade 9 is intended to better prepare students for future coursework and everyday financial responsibilities beyond the classroom, supporting confidence and real-life readiness as they move into adulthood.

For updates, visit the [Manitoba Education curriculum webpage](#).

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2026: COME TOGETHER, CANADA

This year's Mental Health Week theme is ***Come Together, Canada. Stronger Connections. Better Mental Health.***

The theme highlights the powerful role connection plays in our well-being. Yet too many people are feeling alone. About 17% of youth, 13% of adults, and 10% of seniors in Canada say they often or always feel lonely.

From **May 4–10**, the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) invites all of us to come together through small, everyday actions that help build connection, such as checking in with a friend, starting a conversation, or simply showing kindness. These simple moments matter.

When we connect, we strengthen mental health, build healthier communities, and help more people feel seen and supported.

This Mental Health Week, let's remember that **connection strengthens mental health, and together, we are stronger.**



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April 22, 2026

## Mark Dickof Memorial Scholarship Award



**APPLY TODAY!**  
Deadline is May 15, 2026

### NOW OPEN: MARK DICKOF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Mark Dickof Memorial Scholarship Award celebrates outstanding youth leadership in mental health advocacy. Open to Manitoba students aged 14 to 18 at the secondary school level, the award recognizes individuals or teams who are making a meaningful impact by promoting mental health awareness, action, and de-stigmatization, whether in their schools or in local or provincial communities.

Established by Winnipeg City Councillor Brian Mayes in partnership with the Manitoba School Boards Association and the Canadian Mental Health Association (Manitoba Chapter), the scholarship is awarded annually in two categories, Urban (Winnipeg) and Rural or Northern. One award is presented in each category, with recipients receiving a \$250 prize.

**Click here** to learn more and apply  
**Application deadline: May 15, 2026**

Please share with students, educators, and youth leaders who are making a difference in mental health and well-being.

### CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN MANITOBA EDUCATION

On behalf of all Manitoba school boards, we are proud to recognize the outstanding educators honoured through the Manitoba Excellence in Education Awards.

Presented annually by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, these awards celebrate teachers and educational leaders whose exceptional practices have a lasting impact on student learning, engagement, and well-being. We are honoured to work alongside the Department, the Manitoba Federation of Independent Schools, and the Manitoba Teachers' Society to highlight excellence, leadership, and collaboration in Manitoba schools.

The 2025/2026 recipients represent the very best of Manitoba's teaching profession and the essential work educators carry out every day in classrooms and communities across the province.

### **2025/2026 Manitoba Excellence in Education Award Recipients:**

#### **Premier's Award for Excellence in Education**

- Karla Grobb, Douglas Hemmerling, and Laurie-Anne Regula Gonzaga Middle School, Manitoba Catholic Schools

#### **Teaching Excellence Awards**

- Leanne Chornoby – Stevenson Island School, Frontier School Division
- Kurt Hangle – Exchange Met School, Seven Oaks School Division
- Dawn Knight – Pembina Trails Collegiate, Pembina Trails School Division

#### **Outstanding New Teacher Award**

- Riley Paull – Stevenson School, St. James-Assiniboia School Division

#### **Outstanding Team Collaboration Award**

- Danielle Iliffe, Rachel McKenzie, Ainsley Richardson, and Erin Weekes – Sansome School, St. James-Assiniboia School Division

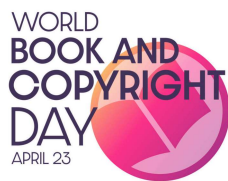
#### **Outstanding School Leader Award**

- Barbara Reimer – Adult Learning Centres, Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

#### **Nello Altomare Award for Excellence in School Nutrition**

- Paul Augst – Ruth Hooker School, Lord Selkirk School Division
- Joshua Hogan – Robert Smith Elementary, Lord Selkirk School Division

**Click [here](#)** to learn more about the recipients.



## **WORLD BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY IS APRIL 23: A CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF BOOKS**

**On April 23, UNESCO celebrates World Book and Copyright Day**, recognizing the power of books to promote literacy, creativity, and understanding, while also highlighting the importance of protecting authors' rights.

For K-12 schools, the day is a reminder of the essential role school libraries play in building reading skills, fostering a love of learning, and supporting student well-being.

In Manitoba, school libraries are central to this work. School library learning commons support curriculum goals, provide access to diverse and inclusive texts, and help students develop critical thinking, digital literacy, and respect for intellectual property.

World Book and Copyright Day is a timely opportunity for schools to celebrate their libraries, highlight student reading initiatives, and reinforce the value of equitable access to books and learning resources for all students across the province.

Learn more about the global observance at the [UNESCO website](#).



## CELEBRATING SKILLS CANADA MANITOBA 2026 RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to the Skills Canada Manitoba 2026 recipients. We are proud to celebrate the dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by students across the province. Your achievements highlight the strength and importance of skilled trades and technologies in Manitoba's schools and communities.

Through your passion for learning, innovation, and hands-on problem-solving, you are helping to shape a strong future workforce and inspiring the next generation of learners. Well done on this well-earned recognition.

The full list of 2026 recipients is available online at <https://skillsmanitoba.ca/competitions/>.



## MANITOBA HYDRO INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS NOW OPEN!

Indigenous students in Grades 9 to 12 are invited to apply for the Manitoba Hydro Indigenous Student Awards, which recognize academic achievement, improvement, and community involvement. Awards include the Northern Student Award, Physics Award, and Trio Award, with values ranging from \$200 to \$500.

The application period is open until **July 15**, and one application can be used for all eligible awards. Students are encouraged to connect with their school or guidance counsellor for details and support.

**Click here** to learn more about the awards and apply online.

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## REMINDER! ELECTION DAY IS OCTOBER 28TH

The next school board elections in Manitoba will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**.

Whether you are considering running for trustee, seeking re-election, or simply interested in learning more about the role of school trustees, a wide range of information and resources is available at [elect2026.ca](https://elect2026.ca). The site is updated regularly, so check back often for the latest details and timelines.

# Thinking of Running for School Trustee in 2026?

School board election resources for candidates can be found at

[elect2026.ca](http://elect2026.ca)

Election Day is Wednesday,  
October 28, 2026.

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## THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

### BYLAW NO. 1/2026

A Bylaw of the Board of Trustees of The Brandon School Division in Manitoba, providing for the borrowing of moneys upon the credit of the said School Division to meet current expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS the estimates of the said School Division for the above-mentioned fiscal period have been made and the budget of the Division for the fiscal year of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 was the sum of **ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY NINE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED (\$149,836,400) DOLLARS.**

AND WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the said School Division have not yet received any moneys on account of School Taxes for the year 2026-2027 from Municipalities nor any moneys from the Provincial Government by way of grant for the year 2026-2027 SAVE THE SUM OF *nil* Dollars (\$ -- ) from MUNICIPALITIES and THE SUM OF *nil* Dollars (\$ -- ) from the PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

AND WHEREAS no moneys have been previously borrowed to meet the expenditures of the 2026-2027 fiscal period SAVE AS SET OUT IN THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, THAT IS TO SAY: Nothing previously borrowed.

AND WHEREAS the amount (if any) hereinbefore borrowed and the amount hereby authorized to be borrowed do not exceed the amount of the said estimate after deducting therefrom such sums (if any) as have been paid over by Municipalities or by the Provincial Government on account of the amount required for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 expenses of the School Division.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Trustees of The Brandon School Division, in session assembled enacts as follows:

(1) THAT the Board of Trustees of the said School Division do borrow up to the sum **TWENTY MILLION (\$20,000,000) DOLLARS** from THE CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE upon the credit of the said School Division, and do pay or agree to pay interest thereon either in advance or at maturity, and in either case after maturity, at the rate of PRIME less 0.6 per centum per annum.

(2) THAT the said borrowing may be by means of (a) an overdraft on the account of the School Division with the Bank by cheques signed by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson & Secretary-Treasurer or Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the said School Division, or (b) a promissory note or notes of the said School Division, such note or notes to be attested by the signatures of the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer of the said School Division.

(3) THAT the amount so borrowed shall be a first charge upon any moneys to be received by the Board of Trustees on account of the estimate for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the purposes of the said School Division whether from the Municipality or from the Provincial Government or from any other source and as the same are received the said School Division shall deposit them with the said Bank for payment of the amount so borrowed with interest thereon but the said Bank shall not be restricted thereto for payment of the sum or sums so borrowed nor shall it be bound to wait for repayment of the moneys so borrowed until the Municipality or the Provincial Government has discharged its obligation to the School Division nor be obliged to see that moneys paid to the School Division are deposited or applied as aforesaid

(4) THAT this Bylaw shall extend to and cover borrowings by the said Board of Trustees for the period commencing the 1st day of July, 2026, and to the extent necessary, this Bylaw shall have retroactive effect so as to be deemed in full force and effect at the commencement of said term.

(5) THAT nothing herein contained shall waive, prejudicially affect or exclude any right, power, benefit or security by statute, common law or otherwise given to or implied in favor of the said Bank.

GIVEN FIRST READING by the said Board of Trustees of The Brandon School Division, assembled at Brandon, in the Province of Manitoba, this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2026.

SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

THIRD READING: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

I, Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer of The Brandon School Division  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of  
Bylaw No. 1/2026.

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Secretary-Treasurer