



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

June 5, 2026

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

TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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 – May 25, 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**

Heather Ewasiuk, Senior Election Official, would like to review the election process for the upcoming School Board Trustee Elections in October 2026. Heather would also like to explain the new legislated changes for potential Trustee candidates.

**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 – June 8, 2026

**5.00 GOVERNANCE MATTERS****5.01 Reports of Committees**

- a) Committee of the Whole:

Education and Community Relations	J. Murray
Finance and Facilities	B. Sieklicki
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, June 3, 2026

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

**5.05 Motions**

49/2026 That the tender from Benmarks in the amount of \$236,132.15 (plus applicable taxes) for the Supply and Installation of an Internet Protocol Paging Solution at Earl Oxford School, funded through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget, be accepted.

**5.06 Bylaws**

**5.07 Giving of Notice**

**5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

**6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) RETIREMENT EVENT – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026
- b) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (Public), Monday, June 22, 2026
- c) TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION – October 28, 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, May 25, 2026

J. L. Milne Boardroom  
Administration Office  
1031 - 6th Street, Brandon, Manitoba

### Trustees Present:

L. Ross, Chairperson	D. Ross, Vice-Chairperson
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  
T. Curtis, Communications Coordinator

### Regrets:

C. Ekenna

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The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

## AGENDA

### 1.00 AGENDA/MINUTES:

#### 1.01 Approval of Agenda

Senior Administration added two (2) items for In-Camera.

D. Ross – B. Sieklicki

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

#### 1.02 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) Regular Board Meeting – May 11, 2026

B. Sieklicki – J. Murray

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

Carried

K. Fallis – J. Murray

That the Board move into In-Camera session at 6:16 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**

Mr. Labossiere provided information on a Property Matter and received feedback from the Board.

### **2.04 Board Operations**

Mr. Gustafson provided information on a Board Operations Matter and received direction from the Board.

B. Sieklicki – D. Ross

That the Board move out of In-Camera session at 6:50 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**

### **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 May 25, 2026, Report of Senior Administration:

a) Administration Information:

➤ Celebrations:

- Raven Willoughby, Brandon School Division's Indigenous Education Learning Specialist, has been named Indigenous Educator of the Month by Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, Indigenous Excellence.

- Please see below for upcoming Brandon School Division Band Performances:
  - Brandon West Year End Band Concert  
Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
  - East Side Year End Band Concert  
Thursday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
  - Crocus Plains/Neelin Spring Band Concert  
Friday, May 29, 7:00 p.m.  
Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium
  - Vincent Massey High School Spring Concert  
Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Vincent Massey High School
  - Crocus Plains/Neelin Drum Line will participate in the Travelers' Day Parade - Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m.
  - High School Jazz Ensembles will perform at Jazz in the Park, at Princess Park:
    - Vincent Massey: Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.
    - Crocus Plains/Neelin: Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.
  
- Information Items:
  - Correspondence was received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, advising that student applications are now being accepted for the Minister's Student Advisory Council.
  - Correspondence was received from Mona Pandey, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding the launch of the 2026 Early Childhood Educator Awards of Excellence. These awards honour Early Childhood Educators who play a vital role in shaping the lives of children.
  - On Friday, May 22, 2026, the education community of Brandon hosted a celebration, Our Journey – Celebrating Indigenous Student Success. This annual event provides an opportunity to celebrate Indigenous students from Assiniboine College, Brandon Friendship Centre (Seedlings), Brandon School Division, Brandon University, and Sioux Valley High School.

The event took place at the Keystone Centre. The program included a pipe ceremony, tipi erecting, Grand Entry, opening remarks, Flag Song, Victory Song, and an Honour Song for Indigenous students in our community.

Indigenous students in Kindergarten, Grade 8, and Grade 12 were invited to participate in the Grand Entry. Grade 12 students were gifted with a keychain reading "Strong, Resilient, Indigenous". Additionally, other students from across the Division were welcomed to attend this celebration of Indigenous culture and achievement. Following the ceremony there were Pow Wow Rounds integrated

with Métis and Inuit music, a hot dog lunch, a soup and Bannock feast, a fur trade display, Indigenous vendors, and lots of time for interaction.

➤ Mr. Gustafson provided a list of Head Teachers for the 2026/2027 school year.

➤ Presentations:

➤ Ms. Gilleshammer provided a report on the Brandon School Division's Accessibility Plan.

➤ Mr. Gustafson provided a presentation on the 2025/2026 Frame Budget Report.

➤ Mr. Gustafson provided information on the Public Engagement on Biannual Practice of Time Change.

➤ Mr. Gustafson expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Trustees', Senior Administration and staff.

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 May 25, 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 May 25, 2026, was circulated.

J. Murray – B. Sieklicki

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

b) Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

The written report of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held on May 25, 2026, was circulated.

B. Sieklicki – D. Ross

That the report be received and filed.

Carried

c) Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting

The written report of the Personnel & Policy Committee meeting held on May 25, 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, May 20, 2026

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

Heather Gillander, City of Brandon resident, inquired if details within the agreements between the Brandon School Division, Catholic School Board and St. Augustine School will be available to the public. The Chairperson indicated the agreements have not been publicly released. Mr. Gustafson stated that he will provide a summary for the next meeting. Ms. Gillander asked if the agreements will come through the Board again and commented that this is the opportunity to ask questions on the agreements, to which the Chairperson indicated there are two motions on the floor this evening, one regarding education programming and one for leased space. Ms. Gillander indicated that she understood that the motions were being brought forward. Ms. Gillander stated she is unclear if she will have the opportunity to ask questions surrounding the agreements in the future and commented that she cannot ask questions right now, if the agreements are not made available.

### **5.05 Motions:**

40/2026 L. McConnell – J. Murray  
That the Tender from Murray Chev Cadillac Buick GMC in the amount of \$56,000.00 (including taxes) for the supply of One (1) New 2026 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van, funded through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget be accepted.

Carried

41/2026 L. McConnell – J. Murray  
That the Tender from Murray Chev Cadillac Buick GMC in the amount of \$80,012.80 (including taxes) for the supply of Two (2) New 2026 Chevrolet Equinox AWD LT, funded through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget be accepted.

Carried

42/2026 J. Murray – S. Mozdzen  
That the Tender from Jenkins in the amount of \$103,187.35 (plus applicable taxes) to Supply, Remove and Install Flooring through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget, be accepted.

Carried

- 43/2026 J. Murray – S. Mozdzen  
That the Tender from Horizon Glass Ltd. in the amount of \$85,860.00 (plus applicable taxes) for the supply and installation of Doors and Windows, funded through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget, be accepted.  
Carried
- 44/2026 S. Mozdzen – K. Fallis  
That the tender submitted by Konica Minolta Business Solutions (Canada) Ltd. for the supply and installation of Photocopier/MFP Equipment in the amount of \$623,485.00 (plus applicable taxes), for a five-year lease term covering 66 units, be accepted.  
Carried
- 45/2026 K. Fallis – S. Mozdzen  
That the Agreement between the Division, The Brandon Catholic School Board and The Roman Catholic Archbishopial Corporation regarding Education Programming at St. Augustine School be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures thereto.  
Carried (7 in favor, Trustee McConnell opposed)
- 46/2026 B. Sieklicki – K. Carr  
That the Agreement between the Division and The Brandon Catholic School Board regarding the provision of leased space for St. Augustine School for a term of five (5) years in the amount of \$50,000 annually (plus utilities, property taxes and other applicable taxes) be approved; and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to affix their signatures thereto.  
Carried (6 in favor, Trustee Carr and Trustee McConnell opposed)

**Late Motions:**

- 47/2026 K. Carr – B. Sieklicki  
That the Quote from McMunn & Yates in the amount of \$78,106.56 (including taxes) for the supply of ceiling tiles for the ceiling tile abatement at Riverheights School, funded through the 2025-2026 Operating Budget, be accepted.  
Carried
- 48/2026 D. Ross – B. Sieklicki  
That the Promissory Note LTPS0898 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Eight Million Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,647,900) to meet partial costs of the following:
- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <u>School:</u>                          | <u>Project:</u>        |
| Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School | MUA Replacement        |
| Maryland Park School                    | Classroom Addition     |
| Neelin High School                      | Crawlspace Remediation |
| Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School | Roofing Replacement    |
| Meadows School                          | Boiler Replacement     |
- be approved.  
Carried

**5.06 Bylaws**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading:

D. Ross – B. Sieklicki

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 third and final time, is hereby approved.

**5.07 Giving of Notice**

**5.08 Trustee Inquiries**

**6.00 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) EMPLOYEE LONG SERVICE EVENT – 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2026
- b) NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:30 p.m. (Public), Monday, June 8, 2026
- c) RETIREMENT EVENT – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026

**7.00 ADJOURNMENT**

D. Ross – J. Murray

That the Board do now adjourn at 8:47 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

June 8, 2026

### A. Administrative Information

#### I. CELEBRATIONS

##### 1. 2026 SKILLS CANADA NATIONAL COMPETITION

The 2026 Skills Canada National Competition took place in Toronto on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, with students and apprentices from across the country participating.

We are pleased to recognize and celebrate the following Brandon School Division students who were Medal Recipients at the 2026 Skills Canada Competition:

Baking	Gold Medal	Kayla D.
Architectural Technology and Design	Silver Medal	Nia S.
Job Skill Demonstration	Silver Medal	Cody J.
Public Speaking	Bronze Medal	Victor A.
Autobody Repair	Bronze Medal	Parker M.

##### 2. ÉCOLE NEW ERA SCHOOL DRUMMING RESIDENCY

École New Era School received an Artists in the Schools Grant in the amount of \$6,700 to support a two-week Japanese taiko drumming residency from May 19-29, 2026. Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 had the opportunity to learn traditional taiko drumming techniques from Fubuki Daiko (Blizzard Drums), a professional Japanese taiko group founded in Winnipeg in 1995 and renowned across North America.

*Accepting the Challenge*

## II. SUSPENSIONS

Below are the number of suspensions from May 19, 2026, to June 1, 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	1	0	2	0
K-8 Out-of-School	3	4	3	0
Total Suspensions K-8	4	4	5	0
9-12 In-School	0	-	-	-
9-12 Out-of-School	7	5	2	0
Total Suspensions 9-12	7	5	2	0
All Schools Total	11	9	7	0
		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:

- May 20, 2026 – École secondaire Neelin High School staff meeting – Mathew Gustafson
- May 21, 2026 – Dr. Alysha Farrell, Dean of Education, Brandon University – Susan Gilleshammer
- May 22, 2026 – Our Journey: Celebrating Indigenous Student Success – Mathew Gustafson, Jon Zilkey, Susan Gilleshammer
- May 25, 2026 – St. Augustine School staff meeting – Mathew Gustafson

- May 26, 2026 – Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Council – Mathew Gustafson, Jon Zilkey
- May 27, 2026 – National Day of Action for Residential School Searches and Healing – Mathew Gustafson
- May 27, 2026 – École Harrison – Jon Zilkey
- May 27, 2026 – George Fitton School – Jon Zilkey
- May 28, 2026 – Alexander School – Jon Zilkey
- May 28, 2026 – Riverheights School – Jon Zilkey
- May 28, 2026 – Vincent Massey High School – Jon Zilkey
- May 28, 2026 – Manitoba Rural Learning Consortium Annual General Meeting – Jon Zilkey
- June 1, 2026 – Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning re: new school – Mathew Gustafson, Denis Labossiere, Susan Gilleshammer
- June 2, 2026 - Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Nguyen, CD, Base Commander, Canadian Forces Base Shilo – Mathew Gustafson, Jon Zilkey
- June 2, 2026 – Royal Canadian Artillery Museum Board of Directors – Mathew Gustafson

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

##### **1. SUMMARY OF THE AGREEMENTS RELATED TO ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL**

For Information .....M. Gustafson

The following is a summary of the 2026 agreements between Brandon School Division, The Roman Catholic Archbishopial Corporation of Winnipeg (the Archdiocese), and The Brandon Catholic School Board for St. Augustine School. The summary includes changes, additions and clarifications from previous agreements. The summary follows the categories in the agreements.

##### Programming

St. Augustine School is used by the Division to conduct classes in accordance with the obligations under The Public Schools Act. The Division has the responsibility for complying with The Public Schools Act and any mandated curriculum established by the Province. The Brandon Catholic School Board and the Archdiocese shall not exercise any authority over or seek to restrict the delivery of mandated or optional programming, curriculum or activities that are authorized by the Division and are made available at other schools in the Division.

### Petition Requirement

In accordance with the requirements of The Public Schools Act regarding religious instruction and religious exercises, The Brandon Catholic School Board shall assume responsibility for coordinating and circulating the necessary petition to allow children to participate in religious instruction and religious exercises, signed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of students registered in the school. The requirement is that the parents of no fewer than sixty (60) children attending the school must sign the petition in order for religious instruction to be provided.

### Role of The Brandon Catholic School Board

The role of The Brandon Catholic School Board is advisory and consultative, and The Brandon Catholic School Board is responsible for delivering any religious exercises or programming. Final decision-making authority on all matters of education and operation of the school and the delivery of programming pursuant to the Manitoba Curriculum, including the hiring of teachers, principals, support staff, the enrolment of students and access to the School shall rest with the Division.

### Division Policies to Prevail

St. Augustine School shall be operated pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Division and all staff, students, volunteers and visitors, as well as representatives of the Archdiocese and The Brandon Catholic School Board shall be expected to abide by all Division policies when in the school or when participating in school activities, including, without limitation, the Division's policies in relation to the screening of volunteers.

### Division Collective Agreements

The Brandon Catholic School Board and the Archdiocese acknowledge that the terms and conditions of employment of staff hired by the Division are governed by collective agreements. In the event that a conflict arises between this Agreement and the Collective Agreements binding the Division, the Collective Agreements shall prevail.

### Enrolment

The request of a parent(s) or guardian(s) that his/her/their child(ren) attend a specific school shall be considered by the Division in accordance with Division policies and procedures and Provincial legislation, regulations or guidelines.

The location of the residence of any student resident in the City of Brandon or the Division as a whole will not be a factor in the determination of access to

facilities of the School to that student. The Division is not required to provide transportation service to the School and the Division reserves the right to designate for any student the school which the student will attend in order that the Division meets transportation and other requirements. There is no preference for Catholic students.

#### After Hours Use

Arrangements may be made through the Principal of the School for use of facilities in the School by The Brandon Catholic School Board or by organizations approved by The Brandon Catholic School Board at such times as the School is not required by the Division. The normal times of usage by the Division are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on days declared to be school days by the Minister of Education or the Division.

In the event of termination of this Agreement The Brandon Catholic School Board or the Archdiocese may purchase from the Division any moveable assets which are owned by the Division and normally used in the operation of the school as at the effective date of termination at an assessed value determined by an assessor acceptable to both parties.

#### Commencement and Termination

The term of the lease is 5 years commencing September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, unless earlier notice to terminate is served.

The lease may be terminated by either Party by September 1<sup>st</sup> on any year effective July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

#### Rent

- The Division will pay an annual gross rent of \$50,000.
- The Division shall pay the cost of utilities consumed.
- The Division shall pay the cost of the property taxes.
- 18 parking spots are included for school use.
- The Landlord is responsible for the maintenance and snow removal of the parking lots.
- The Division is responsible for maintaining the interior of the building as well as snow removal of the sidewalks.
- Major repairs or capital projects over \$50,000 are the responsibility of the Landlord.

## **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, May 25, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
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: C. Ekenna

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The April 21, 2026, minutes of the Friends of Education Committee Meeting were reviewed and accepted as circulated.

#### B. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The May 12, 2026, minutes of the Brandon Community Youth Wellness Committee Meeting were reviewed and accepted as circulated.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Murray



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 25, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
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

Requets: C. Ekenna

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### 1. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### A. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – IP PAGING SOLUTION (EARL OXFORD)

Mr. Labossiere spoke to the memorandum and the tenders received for the Supply and Installation of an Internet Protocol at Earl Oxford School, indicating that two (2) firms attended the mandatory site visit and submitted tenders.

The Committee agreed to bring forth the following recommendation as a motion to the Regular Board Meeting, June 8, 2026:

#### Recommendation

That the tender from Benmarks in the amount of \$236,132.15 (plus applicable taxes) for the Supply and Installation of an Internet Protocol Paging Solution at Earl Oxford School, funded through the 2026-2027 Operating Budget, be accepted.

#### B. RIVERHEIGHTS – CEILING TILE ABATEMENT

Mr. Labossiere spoke to the memorandum and quotes received for the supply of ceiling tiles for the ceiling tile abatement at Riverheights School, indicating that quotes were received from ten (10) suppliers.

The Committee agreed to bring forth the following recommendation as a late motion to the Regular Board Meeting, May 25, 2026:

#### Recommendation

That the Quote from McMunn & Yates in the amount of \$78,106.56 (including taxes) for the supply of ceiling tiles for the ceiling tile abatement at Riverheights School, funded through the 2025-2026 Operating Budget, be accepted.

C. **PROMISSORY NOTE**

Mr. Labossiere spoke to the Promissory Note received from the Province for Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Maryland Park School, Neelin High School, and Meadows School.

The Committee agreed to bring forth the following recommendation as a late motion to the Regular Board Meeting, May 25, 2026:

**Recommendation:**

That the Promissory Note LTPS0898 for the purpose of borrowing the sum of Eight Million Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,647,900) to meet partial costs of the following:

School:

Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School  
Maryland Park School  
Neelin High School  
Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School  
Meadows School

Project:

MUA Replacement  
Classroom Addition  
Crawlspace Remediation  
Roofing Replacement  
Boiler Replacement

be approved.

**2. OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

A. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Mr. Labossiere spoke to the letters received from the Education Funding Branch regarding:
  - Neelin High School – Crawlspace Remediation – Additional Project Support
  - Crocus Plains Regional Secondary – Roof Replacement Phase 2 – Additional Project Support
  - Meadows School – Boiler Replacement – Additional Project Support

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Sieklicki



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 25, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Administration Office

Trustees Present: L. Ross D. Ross  
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: C. Ekenna

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### 1. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

#### A. MSBA – CPI, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, REGIONAL TRENDS UPDATE

- May 19, 2026, data was reviewed.

#### B. CORRESPONDENCE

- Ms. Gilleshammer spoke to the correspondence received from Honourable Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning regarding Commissioner of Teacher Professional Conduct Appointment.
- Mr. Zilkey reviewed the correspondence received from Alain Nault, Bureau de l'éducation française regarding the project on the retention of French language teachers in rural and northern school divisions in Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. McConnell



June 3, 2026



**Josh Watt**, outgoing  
Executive Director, MSBA

## **JOSH WATT TO DEPART AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MSBA**

*(effective July 8)*

The Manitoba School Boards Association extends its sincere thanks to Josh Watt for his outstanding leadership and service as Executive Director.

Since 2015, Josh has been a steady and thoughtful leader, championing public education and supporting school boards across Manitoba through periods of significant change. He strengthened advocacy efforts, enhanced governance supports, and built meaningful partnerships with government, education stakeholders, and First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

Josh helped guide Manitoba's education system through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and played a key role in the response to Bill 64. His contributions have had a lasting and positive impact on students, educators, and school boards across the province.

We are deeply grateful for his dedication, vision, and commitment over the past decade. We wish Josh every success as he takes on his new role as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Manitoba.

MSBA will begin the process of recruiting a new Executive Director. In the interim, Chief Financial Officer Robyn Winters will serve as Interim Executive Director.

Thank you, Josh, for your service to public education in Manitoba.

## MSBA WELCOMES NEW ADVOCACY LEAD

MSBA welcomes a familiar face into a new leadership role. Alan Campbell has joined MSBA as the Director of Advocacy & Public Affairs, as of June 1.

Alan is no stranger to the school board community. With nearly 16 years as a trustee and past leadership roles as President of both MSBA and the Canadian School Boards Association, he brings a deep understanding of the issues that matter to boards across Manitoba and beyond.

In his new role, Alan will lead the Association's advocacy efforts, keep a close eye on policy and legislative developments, and help strengthen communication with members and the public.

MSBA is looking forward to the experience and energy Alan will bring as the Association continues to champion public education and support school boards across the province.



**Alan M. Campbell**, MSBA's new Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs

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## CELEBRATING STUDENT CITIZENSHIP IN MANITOBA

The MSBA Student Citizenship Awards recognize outstanding students who make a positive impact in their schools and communities. These young leaders demonstrate kindness, responsibility, and active participation, setting an inspiring example for others.

Awards are presented at the school level during meaningful events, allowing family, friends, and the school community to celebrate each student's achievements together.

This year, many deserving students have been selected for this honour. Congratulations to all of the recipients on their dedication and contributions. Your efforts are making a difference!

**REGION 1:** Kalina Emerick, Birtle Collegiate, Park West School Division

**REGION 2:** Keyan Masse, Sanford Collegiate, Red River Valley School Division

**REGION 3:** Selina Kermani Koosheh, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, Lord Selkirk School Division

**REGION 5:** Emily Jiang, Vincent Massey Collegiate, Pembina Trails School Division

**REGION 6:** Zelal Guzelyildiz, Kelvin High School, Winnipeg School Division

**STUDENT GROUP:** Brady Gregory, Maddison Currah, Lydia Ellis-Grace, Hamiota Collegiate, Park West School Division



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: JOIN THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL!

Manitoba students are at the heart of our education system, and their voices matter. The Student Advisory Council (SAC) is an exciting opportunity for high school students to share their ideas, experiences, and perspectives to help shape the future of education in our province.

Bringing together students from diverse backgrounds and communities, the Council works directly with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, providing input on key issues affecting learners from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Members collaborate, build connections, and help drive innovation and positive change across Manitoba's schools.

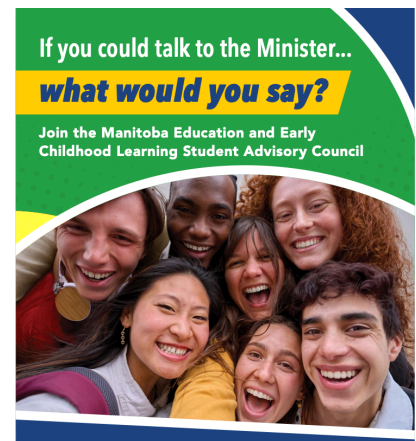
### WHY APPLY?

As a member, students will:

- Share their voice on topics that matter to students
- Build leadership and communication skills
- Connect with peers from across Manitoba
- Help influence real decisions in education

### APPLY NOW!

**Applications for the Student Advisory Council are open until June 30.** If you know a student who is passionate about making a difference, this is their chance to step up and get involved. Visit the [Student Advisory Council web page](#) to learn more and apply today!



## YES I CAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS: INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

The Nellie McClung Foundation's Yes I Can Leadership Awards celebrate outstanding young women across Manitoba who are making a meaningful impact in their schools, workplaces, and communities. Launched in 2022, the program responds to the decline in confidence many girls experience during their teenage years by highlighting real-life role models who embody leadership, resilience, and possibility.

Each year, young women ages 16–25 are recognized through a powerful video series showcasing achievements across fields such as science, business, advocacy, and the arts. Their stories inspire others to see what's possible and to believe in the message at the heart of the program: Yes, I can.

Do you know a young woman who is making a difference in Manitoba? The Yes I Can Leadership Awards are now accepting applications and nominations for 2026. Young women can apply

themselves or be nominated by educators, mentors, families, community organizations, and peers.

Help celebrate the next generation of women leaders by sharing this opportunity with your networks. We encourage communities across Manitoba to recognize and uplift young women who are creating meaningful change.

**Learn more or apply: [nelliemcclungfoundation.com/yesican](http://nelliemcclungfoundation.com/yesican)  
The deadline to apply is June 12.**

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## CANADIAN MULTICULTURALISM DAY

On June 27, Canadian Multiculturalism Day honours the many cultural communities that help build a strong and vibrant Canadian society. Take this opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity that enriches us collectively and reaffirm your commitment to equity, inclusion and mutual respect. Multiculturalism is one of Canada's great strengths. Learn more about the Government of Canada's actions to promote and protect multiculturalism in Canada.



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## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: VALUABLE RESOURCES

With school board elections less than five months away, conversations across the province will be turning to schools and education. NOW IS THE TIME for school boards to start promoting elections and reaching out to potential candidates in their communities by sharing information on divisional websites, hosting town halls and sharing details on social media.

Check out the [election page](#) on our website for important dates and information to help individuals prepare to run and vote in the **election on October 28**. Here, you will also discover valuable resources, including a recording of the candidate information session, recently hosted by MSBA ([link coming soon](#)), [Questions for School Board Candidates](#), [10 Characteristics of Effective Board Members](#), [a guide to School Boards and Trusteeship in Manitoba](#), the [School Board Election campaign financing guidebook](#), [frequently asked questions](#) and much more.

If your board is interested in using the election logo or banner graphics produced by MSBA, feel free to download them from our [online digital toolkit](#)!

# 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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