



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024

Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, F. Soucy, A. Petrowski were present.

Chair K. Wilkinson was not present. Vice-Chair C. Senkowski chaired.

Also present: B. Szymesko, Superintendent, S. Desjardins, Secretary Treasurer.

Turtle River School Division operates on Treaty 2 lands; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. The Turtle River School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

The Turtle River School Division will focus on meeting the overall needs of its students. In doing so, the Board will maximize the use of specialized programs and facilities to provide the greatest opportunities for student learning and growth. The implementation of these programs is guided by goals that assist students to reach the high degree of self-actualization necessary to become self-sufficient contributing members of society.

1.00 Call to Order at 5:54 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Additions to the Agenda.

4.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Soucy/Petrowski) That the Board approve the agenda.

Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2024 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.

Carried.

6.00 Business Arising from the Minutes.

7.00 In-Camera.

Resolution No. 3 (Soucy/Whyte) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Resolution No. 4 (Whyte/Soucy) That the Board move into In-camera.

Carried.

TRUSTEE SENKOWSKI KEPT CHAIR.
PERSONEL WAS DISCUSSED.



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Resolution No. 5 (Petrowski/Soucy) That the Board move out of In-camera.
Carried.

Resolution No. 6 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Board move out of the “Committee of the Whole.”
Carried.

8.00 Delegations.

9.00 Board Committee Reports.

10.10 Superintendent’s Report

Division Planning and Programming:

Healthy Schools Grant has been received. This grant promotes the physical, emotional and social health of communities.

Universally Accessible School Nutrition Program planning templates and information have been received. Deadline for submitted plans is May 1st, 2024.

Administration:

School Year Calendar 2024-2025 – see attachment of both Divisional and Hutterian Calendars.

Resolution No. 7 (Soucy/Petrowski) That the 2024-2025 Divisional and Hutterian Calendars be approved as per attached.

Carried.

Suspension Report – See attached

Staffing Report – See attached

Correspondence:

- March 20,2024-Letter from Brian O’Leary
The letter is to inform school divisions on the solar Eclipse-Monday, April 8/2024
- March 20,2024- Letter from Nello Altomare
Education Week in Manitoba- April 15-19,2024
- March 26,2024- Letter from Janet Tomy
The letter informed Turtle River School Division on the funding for the Manitoba Healthy Schools Initiative.
- April 3,2024-Letter from Nello Altomare
The announcement of the crucial role Early Childhood Educators play in Manitoba’s licensed early learning and child care centers, nursery schools, and family care homes. To proclaim the week of April 28- May 4,2024 as the 33rd annual Week of the Early Childhood Educator.



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Resolution No. 8 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

A. January Financial Statements Enclosed

Resolution No. 9 (Whyte/Soucy) That the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2024 be accepted.

Carried.

B. Yearend Analysis: Although we still have three months until the end of the year, during which many things could change. Overall, our financial position is favorable as we approach the end of the year

C. Workplace Safety and Health: A couple meetings ago the Secretary Treasurer advised the board that we had a visit from workplace safety and health across all our buildings. Overall, we are doing good however, there are a couple of significant expenses that require attention.

- **Disposal of Chemicals in Science Labs:** In some of our school science labs, there are very old chemicals that need to be disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The Maintenance Supervisor has obtained a few quotes for this task, and they range from \$15,000 to \$20,000.
- **CO2 Detectors for Custodians in Crawl Spaces:** we are in the process of estimating the cost of portable CO2 detectors for custodians to use while working in crawl spaces.

D. Masbo Regional Meeting: The Secretary Treasurer is planning on attending in Russell April 12, 2024 as well as the convention on May 29-31 in Winnipeg.

E. Five Year Capital Plan: The Secretary Treasurer has not received the request for the five-year capital plan, but anticipates that it will coming shortly. She also reached out to the trustees to see if they have suggestions or ideas, they would like to be considered for inclusion in the capital plan.

Resolution No. 10 (Whyte/Soucy) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 11 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 028596 to 028606 in the amount of \$376,551.00.
A/P cheques numbered from 028607 to 028635 in the amount of \$107,821.24.
A/P cheques numbered from 028636 to 028673 in the amount of \$44,576.13.
A/P cheques numbered from 028674 to 028703 in the amount of \$409,200.09.
A/P cheques numbered from 028704 to 028737 in the amount of \$46,746.33.

Carried.



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12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

Resolution No. 12 (Whyte/Soucy) That By-Law 184, Being the Trustee's Indemnity By-law of the Turtle River School Division thereof, be read for the third time and passed.

Carried.

12.2 Information

12.3 MSBA Information

- 2024 Student Citizenship Awards Pkg
- e-news March 20, 2024
- 19th Annual Aboriginal Education Research Forum - May 15 & 16, 2024
- Memo re TADD Scholarship 2024 PKG (PDF Fillable)
- Scholarship Program
- email - Federal Budget 2024-National School Food Program
- MASBO Minute - March 2024
- PB Memo #12 Bargaining Update March 8 2024
- 2024 MASBO Conference & AGM Program
- e-news April 3, 2024
- FYI National School Food Program Un programme national d'alimentation scolaire
- Salary Bulletin
 - 06-2024 Pembina Trails and 5121 March 2023

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

A. Staffing:

Staffing Report was shared.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 13 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024.
The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.**