



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2024

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

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 6:03 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Additions to the Agenda.

4.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Whyte/Soucy) 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 February 13, 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 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”
Carried.

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

TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR.
PERSONEL WAS DISCUSSED.

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



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Resolution No. 6 (Soucy/Senkowski) 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:

-Turtle River School Division Annual Report on Continuous Improvement.

Administration:

- Enrolment Report – see attachment
- Suspension Report – see attachment

Staffing Report:

Resolution No. 7 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of March 14, 2024 to March 25, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent’s Staffing Report be approved.

Carried.

Correspondence:

- February 14, 2024 – Letter from Brian O’Leary Deputy Minister Manitoba Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care and the regional health authorities have been organizing vaccine clinics at Manitoba schools, in Partnership with school divisions/boards and independent schools across the province
- February 22, 2024 – Letter from Nello Altomare Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. Community Schools Program funding for school programming for Alonsa School.
- February 28,2024- Letter from Brian O’Leary Deputy Minister. Provincial Assessment Program, Grade 12 Provincial tests and Grade 10 Provincial evaluation will be halted effective the 2024-2025 school year. Implementation of 2023-2024 assessments will continue as planned for the duration of the current school year.
- March 4,2024- Letter from Mona Pandey, Assistant Deputy Minister Nutrition funding information for 2024-2025 school year. The list of schools with the highest soci-economic need funding is also attached.



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Resolution No. 8 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

A. 2024/2025 Budget:

Resolution No. 9 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Special Requirement for the 2024/2025 school year be set at \$4,438,814 and 2024 Special Levy be set at \$4,574,396 less the Tax Incentive Grant of \$271,971, less the Property Tax Offset Grant of \$ 403,087 or 12.775 mills inclusive. This is to be made up of 4,321,213 for Turtle River and 253,183 for the DSFM.

Resolution No. 10 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Turtle River School Division Financial Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 with total operating expenditures of \$12,909,720 with \$60,000 in capital expenditures, be approved.

B. 2023-2024 A1:

We received our final funding for the 2023/2024 period, and it appears we are \$32,220 below our projected budget. This shortfall might be a widespread issue across the province leading to a reallocation of some funds for compensation. Turtle River will be granted an additional \$28,000 to help address this deficit.

C. November 2023 Financial Statements:

Resolution No. 11 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

D. December 2023 Financial Statements:

Resolution No. 12 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

E. MUST Fund Approval:

Secretary Treasurer has applied to the MUST fund for 2 grievances that we received in the last few months and we have been approved.

- Teachers Inclement Weather Grievance
- CUPE – Statutory Holiday Grievance

F. Five Year Capital Plan:

We have not received the request for our five-year capital plant but the Secretary Treasurer is anticipating it to come. Trustees were asked if they had any suggestions or ideas they would like to be considered for inclusion in the capital plan.

Resolution No. 13 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.



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11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 14 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 028478 to 028514 in the amount of \$295,533.27.
A/P cheques numbered from 028515 to 028558 in the amount of \$463,625.29.
A/P cheques numbered from 028559 to 028595 in the amount of \$ 58,990.22.
Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

Resolution No. 15 (Soucy/Senkowski) That By-Law 184, Being the Trustee's Indemnity By-law of the Turtle River School Division thereof, be read for the second time.
Carried.

Letter requesting National School Food Program funds from the Federal Government.

12.2 Information

Region 1 Email: Charlene Gulak re: resignation

12.3 MSBA Information

- e-news February 7, 2024
- e-news February 21, 2024
- e-news March 6, 2024
- Manitoba Chess Championship Teacher Ms.O.Petryshyn
- Save the Date - Manitoba Safety and Health Week Launch
- School Trustees - Climate Caucus Handbook
- The Canadian Olympic School Program, Destination Paris 2024! (with poster)
- Stone Soup 2024 March 11-17
- RDI e Newsletter Issue 15 March 2024
- AERF Shawane Dagoiwin Call for Presentations
- 2024 Resolutions PKG
- MASBO Minute February 2024
- Memo - MSBA Risk Management Services - 26 Feb 2024
- MSBA Director Occupational Risk, Health, Safety & Liability Management
- Memo to Divisions re. MSBA Non-Teaching Pension Plan-Service Provider

- Salary Bulletin
 - 03-2024 Frontier SD Area 5 USW ratified agreement
 - 04-2024 Seine River SD MGEU Sec Lib



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- 05-2024 Seine River SD MGEU Custodians
- 01-2024 Fort la Bosse UFCW 832 ratified agreement
- 02-2024 Fort la Bosse UFCW 832 EAs ratified agreement

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

A. Staffing:

Staffing Report was shared.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 14 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at : pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024.
The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.**