



## Turtle River School Division

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2025

Chair K. Wilkinson, Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, A. Petrowski, F. Soucy 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 6:30 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 January 14, 2025 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/Petrowski) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

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

Carried.

TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR.  
PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

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

Carried.

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

Carried.



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#### 8.00 Delegations.

#### 9.00 Board Committee Reports.

#### 10.10 Superintendent's Report

##### **Division Planning and Programming:**

Teacher Professional Conduct Framework

Guidance for Schools Regarding Residency Changes Resulting from The Public Schools Amendment Act (Bill21)

##### **Administration:**

Suspension Report – See attached

##### **Staffing Report**

Update on staffing – See attached

##### Personal Leave Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 7** (Soucy/Whyte) That the request for two days personal leave with pay(March 19 &20), half-day extracurricular personal and half-day personal day without pay(March 21), and a personal day without pay (March 24) as outlined in the Superintendent's report be approved.

Carried.

**Resolution No. 8** (Soucy/Whyte) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of May 5, 2025 to May 12, 2025 as outlined in the Superintendent's report be approved.

Carried.

**Resolution No. 9** (Whyte/Soucy) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of March 19, 21, 25 & 27, 2025 as outlined in the Superintendent's report be approved.

Carried.

##### **Correspondence:**

Letter on January 23, 2025 from Jeffrey Kehler Assistant Deputy Minister on Respect in School Training for Teacher Candidates. – Letter enclosed

Letter on January 31, 2025 from Honorable Tracy Schmidt Acting Minister Education and Early Childhood Learning on providing support of Elders and Knowledge Keepers in Schools. – Letter enclosed

Letter on January 31, 2025 from Bryan O'Leary Deputy Minister announcing the applications for the 2025/2026 Student Advisory Council.

**Resolution No. 10** (Soucy/Whyte) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Carried.



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#### 10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

##### A. Business

##### **November 2024 Financial Statements Enclosed**

**Resolution No. 11** (Soucy/Petrowski) That the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2024 be accepted. Carried.

##### **December 2024 Financial Statements Enclosed**

**Resolution No. 12** (Whyte/Soucy) That the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2024 be accepted. Carried.

##### **Budget Meeting**

We have not received the budget announcement, we hope it will be released soon. There will not be much time to finalize everything before the levy deadline on March 15. A few more meetings will have to be scheduled, including the public budget meeting.

##### **Accessibility Plan**

The accessibility plan has been updated to ensure compliance with MAO regulations. We had received a grant to update our website and that project will be underway soon. The new plan reflects these updates.

##### **Glenella Daycare**

We recently had a site visit from the architect and received the first draft of the design. We have shared the drawing with CFAN and asked for their input. It appears that a fenced-in area will be required to meet the daycare licensing requirements. Fortunately, the classroom designated for this purpose has an outdoor entrance along the gym; meaning only two sides of the fence will need to be constructed, as the building will enclose the other two sides. However, it is unclear who will be responsible for covering the cost of the fence, as we have been informed that this expense is not included in the Expanded Daycare Space Initiative Funding.

##### **Seniority List**

As per our Collective Agreements, an annual seniority list must be provided to the unions.-attached

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

#### 11.00 Finance

**Resolution No. 14** (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Accounts as presented be paid.

A/P cheques numbered from 030052 to 030077 in the amount of \$30,991.94.

A/P cheques numbered from 030078 to 030103 in the amount of \$39,324.86.

A/P cheques numbered from 030104 to 030122 in the amount of \$861,058.48.



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A/P cheques numbered from 030123 to 030140 in the amount of \$28,320.84.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030141 to 030172 in the amount of \$51,231.46.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030173 to 030186 in the amount of \$428,745.03.  
Carried.

#### 12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

##### 12.1 Action Required

##### 2025 Annual MSBA Convention Registration and Session selections

Annual MSBA convention is in March.

##### Closed Door Session:

Memo to Board Chairs – Process for 2025 Ministerial Session – Jan 15, 2025.

##### 12.2 Information

##### 12.3 MSBA Information

- e-news Feb 5, 2025 (1)
- e-news Jan 22, 2025
- Memo to Boards re 2025 Student Citizenship Awards
- Manitoba News Release Manitoba Government Continues to Reduce Barriers Through Manitoba Accessibility Fund
- Memo to Members - Positive Publicity Campaign - 23 Jan 2025
- Memo to MSBA Members - CSBA 2025 One-Time Funding Support Jan 2025
- Maintenance Manager - Sunrise SD
- MASBO Minute - January 2025
- Memo re March Annual Convention Guest Room Booking Jan. 2025
- Memo re Roundtable Sessions at Convention February 2025
- Memo to School Divisions re Power School Information Systems Data-Cyber Breach Jan 2025
- MUST Fund Assessment July 1 2025 NOTICE Jan 27 2025
- Non-Teaching Collective Bargaining UPDATE January 28 2025
- Salary Bulletin
  - 01-2025 SSD and CUPE 5097 (Custodial)
  - 02-2025 SOSD and SOSEA

#### 13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

##### A. Staffing

Staffing report was shared

#### 14.00 Announcements

#### 15.00 Adjournment

**Resolution No. 15** (Petrowski/Whyte) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025.



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**The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**