



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2024

Chair K. Wilkinson, Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, 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 6:50 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/Petrowski) That the Board approve the agenda.

Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the minutes of the regular meeting on August 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 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Board move into In-camera.

Carried.

TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR.
PERSONNEL WAS DISCUSSED.

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

Carried.

Resolution No. 6 (Soucy/Senkowski) 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:

- Universally Accessible School Nutrition Program
- Guidelines for Cell Phone Use for 2024-2025
- Inform Net
- Suspension
- Strategic Action Plan 2022-2025
- Annual Planning Cycle

Administration:

Staffing Report – See attached

Correspondence

- August 15, 2024 – Letter from Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning – Enhancing Guidelines for Cell Phone Use in Schools
- August 30, 2024 – Letter from Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning – Proclaim September 10 to 21, 2024 as Peace Days in Manitoba

Resolution No. 7 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

- A. 2023/2024 Year-End:** Yearend analysis was shared with estimated number from the new teachers' agreement and its cost. Board agreed to maintain our 4% surplus target, by setting up a designated surplus and the remaining to be put in the bus reserve.

Resolution No. 8 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the designated surplus be set up in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase audio phones from Clear Concepts.

Carried.

B. Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) Grant Approval: The Secretary Treasurer received a phone call in August confirming that we've been approved for the MAF to upgrade our website for better accessibility. We were initially denied and we have now received a formal confirmation letter regarding our approval.



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C. Turtle River School Students that are attending DRCSS for program not offered: See attached

D. Travel & Expense Reimbursement: Procedure and meal allowance increase – An increase to meal allowance was made

E. MASBO Correspondence:

- MASBO Minute – September 2024
- Job Posting – Accountant Brandon SD

Resolution No. 9 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 10 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 029345 to 029357 in the amount of \$348,897.88.
A/P cheques numbered from 029358 to 029372 in the amount of \$35,009.56.
A/P cheques numbered from 029373 to 029408 in the amount of \$274,316.56.
A/P cheques numbered from 029409 to 029432 in the amount of \$29,708.08.

Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

- Response email from the Municipality of McCreary was shared

12.2 Information

- **E3G:** Update on the progress of updating our Board Operating Procedures.
- **Provincial Bargaining:** Update from meeting on September 6, 2024 meeting will be shared.

12.3 MSBA Information

- Finance Office Administrator
- REMINDER - 2025 Call for Nominations & Resolutions
- Hanover SD Assistant Superintendent Job Posting 2024
- Learning Opportunities Calendar 2024/2025
- 2024-25 MSBA Membership Fees and Rebates
- Assistant Supervisor of Operations Portage la Prairie SD
- MSBA Memo - 13 August 2024- School Division Compliance re Bill S-211 Combatting Forced Child Labour in Supply Chains
- Secretary-Treasurer Turtle Mountain SD
- Salary Bulletin
 - 14-2024 Seine River UFCW Bus Drivers 2023 2027



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13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

A. Staffing:

Staffing Report was shared.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 11 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024.
The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:30 pm.**