



## Turtle River School Division

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 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 5:47 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/Senkowski) 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 11, 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** (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** (Soucy/Senkowski) 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:**

Grade 9 Credit Attainment and Marks Data Reports (hand-out)

Request for leaves per school (hand-out)

##### **Administration:**

Suspension Report – See attached

##### **Staffing Report**

Update on staffing – See attached

**Resolution No. 7** (Soucy/Senkowski) That the request for a leave of absence without pay as an educational assistant for the period of March 3, 2025 to June 26, 2025 as outlined in the Superintendent's report be approved.

Carried.

##### **Correspondence:**

Letter on February 21, 2025 from Rhonda Shaw, Executive Director on the Skills Strategy Enhancement Fund Grant submission.

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

Carried.

#### 10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

##### **2025/2026 Budget:**

**Resolution No. 9** (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Special Requirement for the 2025/2026 school year be set at \$4,557,464 and 2025 Special Levy be set at \$4,749,458 less the Property Tax Offset Grant & Tax Incentive Grant of \$675,058 or 11.373 mills inclusive. This is to be made up of 4,498,139 for Turtle River and 251,719 for DSFM

Carried.

**Resolution No. 10** (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Turtle River School Division Financial Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 with total operating expenditures of \$13,341,847 be approved.

Carried.

##### **Non-union Salary Scale**

**Resolution No. 11** (Whyte/Petrowski) That the non-union salary scales be approved as per attached.

Carried.



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#### **2024-2025 A1**

We've received the final funding for the 2024/2025 school year and it looks like we're \$30,128 short of our projected budget. This shortfall appears to be in the Categorical Support and Equalization funding.

#### **Jordan's Principle Funding**

We have not received payment from Jordan's Principle for our EA's salaries for the months of December, January and February, totaling \$54,836.20. As previously discussed, there have been concerns about payment due to the media attention surrounding the misuse of funds. We currently have 9.5 EA/s (8.5 FTE) hired to be paid under the JP.

**Resolution No. 12** (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received. Carried.

#### **11.00 Finance**

**Resolution No. 13** (Senkowski/Whyte) That the Accounts as presented be paid.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030187 to 030201 in the amount of \$20,635.38.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030202 to 030240 in the amount of \$103,061.59.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030241 to 030268 in the amount of \$444,866.00.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030269 to 030295 in the amount of \$71,890.46.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030296 to 030305 in the amount of \$9,845.41.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030306 to 030308 in the amount of \$41,489.21.  
A/P cheques numbered from 030309 to 030334 in the amount of \$436,585.57.  
Carried.

#### **12.00 Board Information and Correspondence**

##### **12.1 Action Required**

##### **Retirement Gift Brochure:**

Trustee Soucy & Trustee Senkowski have been working on a brochure for employee retirements/resigning – see attached.

##### **12.2 Information**

##### **12.3 MSBA Information**

- CSBA ED Posting 02.24.25
- e-news March 5, 2025
- Highlights Feb 10 2025 - Final
- Future Now Expo 2025 - School Poster
- Memo re Invitation to Annual Mock Car Crash Event for Gr. 10-12 Mar 2025
- e-news Feb 19, 2025
- CPI Update Unemployment January 2025
- MASBO Minute - February 2025



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- Memo re MSI Insurance Budgeting for 2025-26 Feb 2025
- MSI Annual Report 2023-24

#### **13.00 New Business/Other Business Report**

#### **14.00 Announcements**

#### **15.00 Adjournment**

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

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

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