



Turtle River School Division

Inaugural Board Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2025

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 6:52 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the agenda be adopted.

Unanimous
Carried.

4.00 Nominations for Office of Chairperson.

Trustee Soucy nominated Trustee Wilkinson

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the nominations for chairperson cease.

Unanimous
Carried.

Trustee Wilkinson declared chairperson.

5.00 Nominations for Office of Vice Chairperson.

Trustee Whyte nominated Trustee Senkowski

Resolution No. 3 (Petrowski/Whyte) That nominations for vice chairperson cease.

Unanimous
Carried.

Trustee Senkowski declared vice chairperson.

6.00 Formation of Committees.

A motion is required as per procedural By-Law No. 181, establishing the Committees and the number of trustees on each committee as stated.



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Resolution No. 4 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the following standing committees be established with the number of trustees on each committee as stated:

Finance Committee – All Trustees
Planning Committee – All Trustees
Policy Committee – All Trustees
Community Engagement Committee – All Trustees
Negotiation Committee – C. Senkowski & K. Wilkinson

Unanimous
Carried.

7.00 Dates for Regular Board Meetings.

Resolution No. 5 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the regular board meetings be held the second Tuesday of each and every month with the exception as follows:

July – 1 meeting – to be set in June
August – 1 meeting- to be set in June

Starting time for regular meetings shall be 6:00 pm.

Unanimous
Carried.

8.00 Appointment of Signing Officers

Resolution No. 6 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Turtle River School Division signing officers be one of:

Chairperson – K. Wilkinson
Vice Chairperson – C. Senkowski
Trustee – F. Soucy
Trustee – A. Petrowski
Trustee – J. Whyte

And one of:

Secretary-Treasurer – Shannon Desjardins
Accountant – Jillian Petillion

Unanimous
Carried.

9:00 Appointment of Auditors.

Resolution No. 7 (Petrowski/Whyte) That Meyers Norris Penny LLP be appointed auditors for Turtle River School Division for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Unanimous
Carried.

10.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 8 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the inaugural meeting adjourn.

Unanimous
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.