



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 9, 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 7:03 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Additions to the Agenda.

4.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Board approve the agenda.

Unanimous
Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the minutes of the regular meeting on August 26, 2025 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.

Unanimous
Carried.

6.00 Business Arising from the Minutes.

7.00 In-Camera.

Resolution No. 3 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Unanimous
Carried.

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

Unanimous
Carried.

TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR
STUDENT AND STAFFING WAS DISCUSSED.



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

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

8.00 Delegations.

9.00 Board Committee Reports.

10.10 Superintendent’s Report

Division Planning and Programming:

Administration:

- Enrolment Report (September 4, 2025) – see attached

Staffing:

- See attachment on staffing

Correspondence:

Resolution No. 7 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Superintendent’s report be received.
Unanimous
Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer’s Report.

Manitoba Schools Insurance Program – Insurance Appraisal:

The Board discussed the option of completing an appraisal with Suncorp. MSBA has recommended that, due to the recent wildfires, divisions consider updating their building and contents appraisals. The Board agreed that, at this time, it will not move forward with or fund these appraisals.

Lead in Drinking Water

We are in compliance at all of our public school buildings.

New website

Our new website is complete. Our IT Director held a training session on September 3, 2025 for the staff responsible for updating each school’s website.



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Bus & Car Tenders

Resolution No. 8 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the tender from TAC Ventures for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.03 a 2006 48 passenger diesel blue bird vision for the sum of 1350.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 9 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the tender from TAC Ventures for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.10 a 2008 66 passenger diesel blue bird vision for the sum of 1350.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No.10 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the tender from Red Letter Ventures for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.11 a 2006 66 passenger diesel blue bird vision for the sum of 1400.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 11 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the tender from TAC Ventures for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.04 a 2006 48 passenger diesel blue bird vision for the sum of 1350.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 12 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the tender from TAC Ventures of the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.34 a 2002 48 passenger diesel international IHC for the sum of 1350.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 13 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the tender from Kirk Mutch for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32:48 a 2003 66 passenger diesel international IHC for the sum of 1360.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No.14 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the tender from TAC Ventures for the purchase of School Bus Unit #32.07 a 2006 48 passenger diesel Blue Bird Vision for the sum of 1350.00 AS IS, WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 15 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the tender from Spencer Janzen for the purchase of a 2011 Chevy Cruze – Black for the sum of 300.00 AS IS,WHERE IS be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 16 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the fuel tender from Neepawa-Gladstone Co-op for the supply of clear gasoline at Alonsa and Glenella for the 2025/2026 school year be accepted. Unanimous Carried.

Resolution No. 17 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the fuel tender from Dauphin Consumers Co-op for the supply of clear gasoline at McCreary, Eddystone and Laurier for the 2025/2026 school year be accepted. Unanimous Carried.



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Resolution No. 18 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the fuel tender from Dauphin Consumers Co-op for the supply of clear diesel fuel at McCreary and Ste. Rose for the 2025/2026 school year be accepted. Unanimous
Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 19 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 031091 to 031117 in the amount of \$312,668.27.
A/P cheques numbered from 031118 to 031133 in the amount of \$17,408.68.
A/P cheques numbered from 031134 to 031162 in the amount of \$7,318.52.
A/P cheques numbered 031163 in the amount of \$128.80.
A/P cheques numbered from 031164 to 031185 in the amount of \$25,921.88. Unanimous
Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

- The Board Chair will prepare a resolution to bring forward at the regional meeting, advocating for additional financial support from the Manitoba Government to address the increasing number of students with complex needs in our schools, and highlighting the lack of resources available in rural Manitoba.

12.2 Information

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12.3 MSBA Information

- REMINDER - Call for Nominations & Resolutions PKG
- Memo Fall Regional Meetings & PD Day Information Sept 2025e-news
June 11, 2025

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

Staffing

Staffing Report was shared

Resolution No. 20 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of February 11, 2026 to February 18, 2026 as outlined in the New Business Report be approved. Unanimous
Carried.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 21 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the meeting adjourn. Unanimous
Carried.



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The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.