



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 26, 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 6:48 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.

Unanimous
Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the minutes of the regular meeting on June 9, 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 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Unanimous
Carried.

Resolution No. 4 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Board move out of the “Committee of the Whole.”

Unanimous
Carried.

8.00 Delegations.

9.00 Board Committee Reports.



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10.10 Superintendent's Report

Division Planning and Programming:

- Strategic Planning reflected into these plans Division/School Plans
- New Teacher Orientation – August 27th
- Back to School planning meeting with the Deputy Minister – August 26
- First Day

Administration:

- Enrolment Report (June 2025) – see attached
- Suspension Report – See attached

Staffing:

- See attachment on staffing

Correspondence:

- July 10, 2025 – Letter from Sarah Gazen – Director of Indigenous Excellence. Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning. The Universally Accessible School Nutrition Program per school has been reviewed and approved by the Department staff for the 2025-2026 school year.
- July 18, 2025 – Letter from Honourable Tracy Schmidt Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning is changing the name of Industrial Arts education to Applied Technology.
- August 13, 2025 – Letter from Brian O'Leary on Manitoba recognizing Canadian Mennonite University Bachelor of Education Program.
- August 18, 2025 – Letter from Assistant Deputy Minister System Performance and Accountability the summary of Bills passed in the 2nd session, 43 Legislature.

Resolution No. 5 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the Superintendent's report be received.

Unanimous
Carried.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer's Report.

Yearend Analysis:

The Secretary-Treasurer is working on the year-end entries and looks like there will be a surplus. The Division has until September 15 to set up any capital reserves. The will request to establishing the following reserves:

- Ste. Rose Shop Program - \$160,000
- Financial Software Program - \$150,000



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The Glenella Daycare Contingency, Division Vehicles and camera were also discussed on whether to set up designated surplus for those as well.

Resolution No. 6 (Soucy/Senkowski) Be it resolved, subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board, that the Turtle River School Division establish a Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$160,000 for the purpose of renovations to the Ste. Rose Industrial Arts classroom. Unanimous
Carried.

Resolution No. 7 (Soucy/Senkowski) Be it resolved, subject to the approval of the Public Schools Finance Board, that the Turtle River School Division establish a Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose to purchase Financial software. Unanimous
Carried.

April 2025 Financial Statements Enclosed

Resolution No. 8 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2025 be accepted. Unanimous
Carried.

May 2025 Financial Statements Enclosed

Resolution No. 9 (Whyte/Petrowski) That the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2025 be accepted. Unanimous
Carried.

McCreary School Request – At the end of June, the McCreary School Principal submitted several formal requests for the Board's consideration:

- **Tennis Court Proposal** – Further discussion is needed. Could this be a project for a parent committee to undertake? Other schools within the division have fundraised for similar projects.
- **Storage Container** – Further discussion is needed. Review available space within the school and identify items that could potentially be disposed of.
- **\$500 Matchable Grant for Playground Equipment** – Approved.
- **Extra Laptops** – This expenditure falls under the Information Technology budget category and can be approved by Senior Administration.

EFT Payment:

Resolution No. 10: That Turtle River School Division offer EFT Payment option through the RBC Express, with upload approval of one of the Trustee, F. Soucy or C. Senkowski and one of S. Desjardins, Secretary-Treasurer or J. Petillion, Accountant. Unanimous
Carried.

Glenella Daycare Project

- Agreement has been signed by CFAN
- Letter from Brian O'Leary, Deputy Minister dated July 10, 2025



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Supervisor Report

- Steven Hopfner – ICT Director
- Collin Janzen – Transportation Supervisor

Resolution No. 11 (Petrowski/Whyte) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received. Unanimous
Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 12 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
A/P cheques numbered from 030783 to 030807 in the amount of \$470,735.74
A/P cheques numbered from 030808 to 030857 in the amount of \$34,958.68.
A/P cheques numbered from 030858 to 030889 in the amount of \$39,137.06.
A/P cheques numbered from 030890 in the amount of \$3,452.66.
A/P cheques numbered from 030891 to 030903 in the amount of \$1,002,498.00.
A/P cheques numbered from 030904 to 030937 in the amount of \$26,406.40.
A/P cheques numbered from 030938 to 030958 in the amount of \$98,081.34.
A/P cheques numbered from 030959 to 030967 in the amount of \$300,795.38.
A/P cheques numbered from 030968 to 031000 in the amount of \$195,765.35.
A/P cheques numbered from 031001 to 031035 in the amount of \$401,174.51
A/P cheques numbered from 031036 to 031052 in the amount of \$24,102.89.
A/P cheques numbered from 031053 to 031068 in the amount of \$312,903.14.
A/P cheques numbered from 031069 to 031090 in the amount of \$37,390.48
Unanimous
Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

10 Year of French Immersion at Ecole Laurier – reply from School Principal

12.2 Information

- June 23, 2025 – Letter from Honorable Tracy Schmidt Minister of Education Re: Jordan's Principle Funding.

12.3 MSBA Information

- e-news June 11, 2025
- e-news June 25, 2025
- Executive Highlights Jun 2, 2025
- Memo re Emergency Management & Preparedness Jun 2025
- MSBA Policies and Requests for Action (2025)
- MSBA - CODEM - Resolution re Structured Literacy- June 23 2025
- MSBA Letter - Minister Gull-Masty - Equitable Funding - June 23 2025
- MSBA Letter - Minister Gull-Masty - Jordan's Principle Follow-Up- 23 June 2025



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- MSBA Letter - Minister Schmidt - MSBA 2025 Resolutions - 23 Jun 2025
- MSBA Letter- Minister Asagwara - Rural Ambulance Wait Times - 23 Jun 2025
- MSBA Letter- Minister Wiebe and Fontaine, Deputy Chief Halley - MSBA 2025 Resolutions - 23 Jun 2025
- MSBA Letter- Ministers Asagwara and Fontaine - MSBA 2025 Resolutions - 23 Jun 2025
- MSBA Letter- Ministers Schmidt, Simard, Sala and Kostyshyn - MSBA 2025 Resolution - 23 Jun 2025
- Memo - Regional Meetings Schedule Update Jun 2025
- CPI Update Unemployment June 2025
- CSBA-ACCCS 2025 Memo - Wildfire Update - Mise à jour feux de forêt #1
- MASBO Minute - June 2025
- Memo- Change of Dates MSBA 2026 Convention - Dates for 2026 Post-Election PD Days - 25 Jul 2025
- Memo to BC SU ST re Spring 2025 Legislative Bill Update
- MUST Fund Assessment for July 1 2025 FINAL July 16 2025
- Non-Teaching Collective Bargaining UPDATE June 10 2025
- Salary Bulletin
 - 15-2025 SOSD CUPE 949
 - 16-2025 HSD and CUPE 3254 Bus Drivers
 - 17-2025 LSSD and BOSA
 - 18-2025-RETSD-RETEAA
 - 19-2025-RETSD-CUPE 4635 Custodial and Trades
 - 20-2025-SVSD-MGEU Support Staff

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

Staffing

Staffing Report was shared

Resolution No. 13 (Senkowski/Petrowski) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of January 5, 2026 to January 9, 2026 as outlined in the New Business Report be approved.

Unanimous
Carried.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 14 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the meeting adjourn.

Unanimous
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025

The Inaugural Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.



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The Regular Board Meeting will start at 7:00 pm.