



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026
2:00 PM**

HPSD Learning Support Centre - High Prairie, AB

Present: Joy McGregor, Chair
Karin Scholl, Vice-Chair
Tammy Henkel, Trustee
Lynn Skrepnek, Trustee
Lorrie Shelp, Trustee
Steven Adams, Trustee
Michael Strebchuk, Trustee

Staff Present: Murray Marran, Superintendent
Pam Heckbert, Deputy Superintendent
Darla Stout, Director of Finance
Sandra Cairns, Director of Corporate Services
Kyle Nichols, Director of Communications
Richa Sherman-Peters, Executive Assistant

- 1. Division Vision Statement & Values and Board Priorities**
- 2. Call to Order**

The Closed Session of the agenda took place at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 1:16 p.m. prior to the Call to Order of the Open session. There were no additions to the Closed session.

The following items were reviewed under Closed: Trustee Upcoming Meetings & Accommodations, Finance Documents, Committee of the Whole, Suspension List, Action List, and Retirements, Resignations, Appointments & Transfers.

The YouTube live stream began at 2:06 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Chair McGregor, Trustee Adams, Trustee Scholl, Trustee Skrepnek, Director of Corporate Services Sandra Cairns, and Deputy Superintendent Heckbert all attended virtually.

- 3. Opening Remarks**

Chair, Joy McGregor, acknowledged the ancestral land on which we are meeting.

- 4. Adoption of Agenda**

Additions: 9.5 Respond to Town of Slave Lake's Letter

Resolution BDO20260217.1001

Moved By: Karin Scholl

That the agenda be accepted as *amended*.

Carried

- 5. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Resolution BDO20260217.1002

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 20, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Delegations / Presentations

6.1 Career Coach Lead - Monica Edwards

Career Coach Lead, Monica Edwards, provided a Career Coaching program update.

6.2 Attendance Officer - Lisa Palko

Attendance Officer, Lisa Palko, provided an update on attendance data and plans for improvement.

7. Points to Celebrate

Director of Communications, Kyle Nichols, presented Points to Celebrate:

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Bloomfield Colony

Trustee Strebchuk expressed interest in investigating the steps required to partner with the colony on a school. Superintendent Marran was directed to research the matter and report to the Board with findings for discussion.

Resolution BDO20260217.1003

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk

That the Board requested Superintendent Marran investigate a possible collaboration with Bloomfield Colony.

Carried

8.2 Board Advocacy Letter

The Board discussed which specific advocacy points to include in the letter for the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

8.3 Meeting with Minister

Discussion took place regarding setting up in-person meetings with the Ministers once they are back in session.

9. Action Items

9.1 Draft Board Policy 14 - School Closures

The Board reviewed and approved amended Board Policy 14.

Resolution BDO20260217.1004

Moved By: Lorrie Shelp

That Board Policy 14 - School Closures, receive first reading to amend Policy 14 as presented.

Carried

Resolution BDO20260217.1005

Moved By: Karin Scholl

That Board Policy 14 - School Closures, receive second reading to amend Policy 14 as presented.

Carried

Resolution BDO20260217.1006

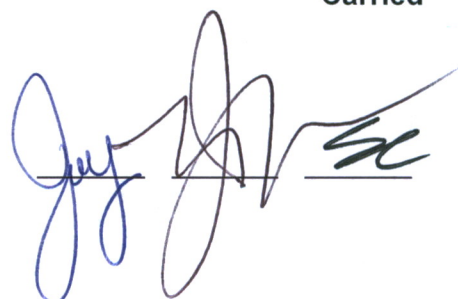
Moved By: Tammy Henkel

To proceed with third and final reading of Board Policy 14 - School Closures.

Carried

Resolution BDO20260217.1007

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk



That Board Policy 14 - School Closures, receive third and final reading and be accepted as High Prairie School Division policy.

Carried

9.2 Draft Board Advocacy Points 2026

Resolution BDO20260217.1008

Moved By: Lynn Skrepnek

That the Board has reviewed and approved the Board Advocacy Plan for 2026.

Defeated

Resolution BDO20260217.1009

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board moves to have Advocacy plans moved to Strategic Planning.

Carried

9.3 Employee Recognition Awards Banquet 2026

Review and approval of plans for Employee Recognition Awards Banquet 2026.

Resolution BDO20260217.1010

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk

To approve the Employee Recognition Awards Banquet recommendations as presented.

Carried

9.4 Draft 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

Resolution BDO20260217.1011

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board has reviewed and approved the proposed 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.

Carried

9.5 Response to Letter from Town of Slave Lake

The Board will be drafting a letter to the Town of Slave Lake in response to their letter regarding a new subdivision.

Resolution BDO20260217.1012

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board send a letter to the Town of Slave Lake regarding the proposed subdivision.

Carried

10. Reports

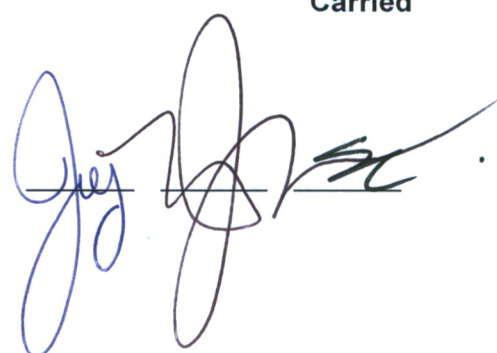
10.1 Superintendent's Report

Resolution BDO20260217.1013

Moved By: Karin Scholl

To receive the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried



10.2 Finance Reports

Director of Finance, Darla Stout presented the financial information during the Closed Session in adherence of the Protection of Privacy (POP) Act.

Resolution BDO20260217.1014

Moved By: Steven Adams

To approve the Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Cheque/EFT Register, School Generated Funds, VISA and Budget reports as presented in the Closed session.

Carried

10.3 Trustee Reports

None

10.4 Standing Committee Reports

None

11. Information

11.1 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received as information:

11.1.1 Letter to MLA van Dijken from Pembina Hills School Division

11.1.2 PSBAA The Advocate 2026-01-30

11.2 Next Regular Board Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 24, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the Closed session.

12. Adjournment


Resolution BDO20260217.1015

Moved By: Steven Adams

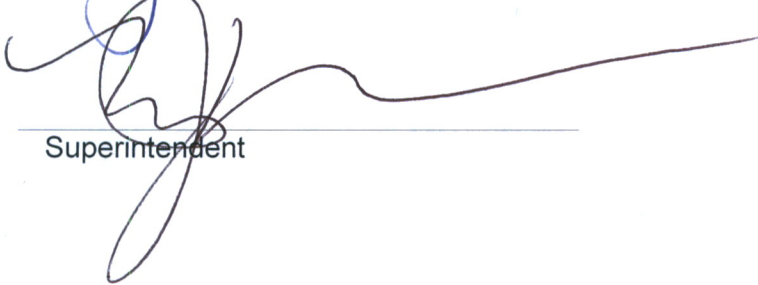
That there being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 4:21 p.m.

Carried

The YouTube live stream ended at 4:21 p.m.


Chair


Director of Corporate Services


Superintendent