Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 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:
Pam Heckbert, Acting 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 recessed at 2:00 p.m. prior to the Call to Order of the Open 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 2:13 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m.

Coordinator of Numeracy and New Curriculum Hillary Hinds, Coordinator of Literacy and New Curriculum Jenny St. Jean, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kim McConnell, and Director of Student Mental Health Selena Sliger in attendance for presentations to the Board.

3. Opening Remarks

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution BDO20261020.1001

Moved By: Lorrie Shelp

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Resolution BDO20261020.1002

Moved By: Tammy Henkel

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held September 15, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Delegations / Presentations

6.1 Literacy and Numeracy Presentation

Coordinator of Numeracy and New Curriculum, Hillary Hinds, presented on Numeracy and New Curriculum Implementation within the Division. Coordinator of Literacy and New Curriculum, Jenny St. Jean, presented on Numeracy and New Curriculum Implementation within the Division.

Tammy Henkel exited at 3:05 p.m. and returned at 3:34 p.m.

6.2 Supports and Services Presentation

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kim McConnell and Director of Student Mental Health Selena Sliger presented on System Supports, Services, and Student Mental Health within the Division.

Coordinator of Numeracy and New Curriculum Hillary Hinds, Coordinator of Literacy and New Curriculum Jenny St. Jean, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kim McConnell, and Director of Student Mental Health Selena Sliger exited at 4:24 p.m. after concluding presentations.

Meeting recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 4:32 p.m.

7. Points to Celebrate

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

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Upcoming Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce Meeting

8.2 Enrollment Numbers

Student Enrollment HPSD
2478 Provincial
261 Federal
Transportation:
1432 eligible HPSD bus riders 149 non-HPSD eligible bus riders
1581 Total eligible riders

9. Action Items

9.1 Capital Purchase - Shop equipment for the Industrial Arts lab in Georges P. Vanier

Resolution BDO20261020.1003

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board has reviewed the cost and justification of the purchase of equipment for the Georges P. Vanier school Industrial Arts lab and has approved up to $35,000.00.

Carried

Resolution BDO20261020.1004

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the motion for the capital purchase of equipment for the Georges P. Vanier School Industrial Arts lab be tabled until the next meeting.

Defeated

9.2 Capital Purchase - School Buses

Resolution BDO20261020.1005

Moved By: Tammy Henkel

That the Board has reviewed the cost and justification for the purchase of two new school buses and has approved up to $400,000.00 for the purchase.

Defeated

10. Reports

10.1 Superintendent's Report

Resolution BDO20261020.1006

Moved By: Steven Adams

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 Act.

Resolution BDO20261020.1007

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk

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

There is no new information to report for October.

10.4 Standing Committee Reports

11. Information

11.1 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received as information:

11.1.1 Letter from Wolf Creek Public Schools to Minister Nicolaides

11.1.2 Government of AB - Strengthening School Security Update

11.1.3 PSBAA - The Advocate Sept 29, 2026

11.1.4 Letter from Board Chair

11.1.5 Letter from Education Minister

11.2 Next Regular Board Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for November 24, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. with the Closed session.

Resolution BDO20261020.1008

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board recess at 5:21 p.m. to return to the Closed session.

Carried

Recess: The meeting recessed at 5:21 p.m. to return to the Closed session.

The YouTube live stream ended at 5:21 p.m.

Reconvene: The meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Resolution BDO20261020.1009

Moved By: Lynn Skrepnek

That there being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Director of Corporate Services

Acting Superintendent