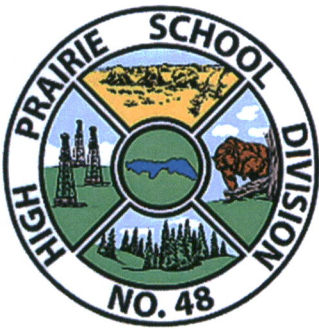




Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
2:00 PM

HPSD Learning Support Centre - High Prairie, AB

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

Absent: Joy McGregor, Chair

Staff Present: Murray Marran, Superintendent
Pam Heckbert, Assistant 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., recessed at 1:58 p.m., reconvened at 4:30 p.m., and ended at 6:35 p.m. There were 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 2:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at: 2:03 p.m.

3. **Opening Remarks**

Vice - Chair, Karin Scholl, acknowledged the ancestral land on which we are meeting.

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution BDO20260421.1001

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the agenda be accepted as *presented*.

Carried

5. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**

Resolution BDO20260421.1002

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held March 24, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. Delegations / Presentations

6.1 Parent Delegation

Parents Samantha Niedzielski and Belinda McLachlan spoke to transportation concerns regarding fee for service.

6.2 IT Update

Technology team provided a road map to update our technology systems.

7. Points to Celebrate

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

8. Discussion Items

8.1 Town of High Prairie

Discussion regarding use of hill on division land by the Town of High Prairie, for sledding purposes.

8.2 Draft Assessment Handbook

8.3 Draft Strategic Plan

8.4 Two Boards Meeting

Board to supply possible dates for October-November 2026.

8.5 Response from Alberta Education regarding removed books

9. Action Items

9.1 Board Policy 8

Resolution BDO20260421.1003

Moved By: Steven Adams

That amended Board Policy 8 - Board Operations and its Appendices, receive third and final reading and be accepted as High Prairie School Division policy.

Carried

9.2 Capital Purchase - Truck for HPSD Mobile Lab

Resolution BDO20260421.1004

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board has reviewed the cost and justification for the purchase of a truck to create an HPSD Mobile lab and has approved up to \$65,000.00 for the purchase.

Carried

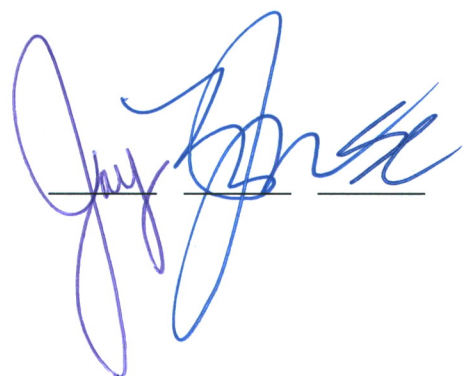
9.3 Capital Purchase - Tools for HPSD Mobile Lab

Resolution BDO20260421.1005

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board has reviewed the cost and justification of the purchase of tools to create an HPSD Mobile Lab and has approved up to \$15,000.00 for the purchase.

Carried



9.4 Capital Purchase - Pilings for Vertical Farm

Resolution BDO20260421.1006

Moved By: Steven Adams

That the Board has reviewed the cost for the purchase of pilings to expand Vertical Farm and has approved up to \$20,000.00 for the purchase.

Carried

9.5 Capital Purchase - Revised Quote for Server, License, and Ongoing Support

Resolution BDO20260421.1007

Moved By: Tammy Henkel

That the Board has reviewed the budget for required server updates, licensing, and ongoing support and has approved a spending limit of up to \$325,000.00.

Carried

9.6 GPV International Trip - Approval in Principle

Trustees discussed Georges P. Vanier School's proposed field trip to Greece from March 25, 2027 - April 2, 2027. There will be no missed school days.

Resolution BDO20260421.1008

Moved By: Michael Strebchuk

That "Approval in Principle" be given to Georges P Vanier's proposed field trip to Greece during Spring Break 2027, subject to adherence to High Prairie School Division Administrative Procedure 260 - Off-Site Activities, and any changes in the [Off-Site Activity Handbook effective January 2024](#), and the following conditions being met:

1. That supervisors on the trip be at the ratio of at least one supervisor for every ten students;
2. That only one teacher supervisor per ten participating students be released from regular duties, with pay on those days where school is in session. Additional teacher(s) may be approved to accompany this trip under the personal leave clause of the HPSP-ATA Collective Agreement;
3. That parents of participating students be involved in planning and implementing the trip;
4. That the Policies, Administrative Procedures, and requirements of the Off-site Activity Handbook of HPSP and the rules of the school must apply to this activity;
5. The risk assessment as required by the Off-site Activity Handbook must be submitted with the request for final approval;
6. Criminal Records Checks including a vulnerable sector check, acceptable to HPSP Human Resources department, must be obtained for any volunteer supervisors not employed by HPSP;
7. HPSP reserves the right to terminate the approval to proceed with the field trip, up to the point of departure, at no cost to the division; and,

a further recommendation (not a requirement) that the school consider procedures to enable participation to all interested students without causing economic hardship for individuals and to explore the purchase of cancellation insurance for the entire activity.

Carried

10. Committee of the Whole

10.1 Advocacy Plan



11. Reports

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Resolution BDO20260421.1009

Moved By: Lynn Skrepnek

To receive the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried

11.2 Finance Reports

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

Resolution BDO20260421.1010

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

11.3 Trustee Reports

There is no new information to report.

11.4 Standing Committee Reports

12. Information

12.1 Correspondence

The following correspondence was received as information:

12.1.1 Big Lakes County - Community Engagement

12.1.2 Sponsorship Package - High Prairie Pow-Wow

Resolution BDO20260421.1011

Moved By: Tammy Henkel

That the Board has approved supporting the High Prairie Traditional Pow - Wow for \$2000.00, as in previous years.

Carried

12.1.3 PSBAA The Advocate March 31, 2026

12.1.4 Growcer - Letter to HPSD Board

12.1 Correspondence

13. Adjournment

Resolution BDO20260421.1012

Moved By: Lorrie Shelp

That there being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

Carried

The YouTube live stream ended at 4:24 p.m.

Chair

Director of Corporate Services

Superintendent