

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Davies (Chair), Jillian Yorga, Dianna Auer, Gladys Kohler, Penny Helgason, Amanda Mosher

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Colette Banks,

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mr. Hill, Superintendent, Mr. Moore, Secretary - Treasurer

In accordance with the revised procedure by-law, all motions have a recorded vote. The recording occurs by noting on each motion those trustees opposed, abstained or absent. When no trustees are recorded it represents a unanimous vote.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

1a.    MOVED BY:                      Trustee Helgason  
          SECONDED BY:                Trustee Mosher

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

2a.    MOVED BY:                      Trustee Kohler  
          SECONDED BY:                Trustee Auer

Motion: That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

**3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:**

Jay Ewert from ETA.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

4a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Kohler

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE BOARD (In-Camera) RECOMMENDATION:**

5a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

Motion: That the Board approve leave request by Employee 14640.

CARRIED

5b. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

Motion: That the Board approve FTE reduction request by Employee 12642.

CARRIED

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

5c. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion: That the Board approve the changes to the ESD Trustee Learning Report.

CARRIED

5d. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion: That the Board approve the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

**POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

5e.      MOVED BY:                      Trustee Kohler  
              SECONDED BY:                Trustee Yorga

Motion: That the Board approve the modification to Policy 7.

CARRIED

5f.      MOVED BY:                      Trustee Kohler  
             SECONDED BY:                Trustee Helgason

Motion: That the Board approve the modification to Policy 17.

CARRIED

5g. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

**Motion:** That the Board approve the change in Terms of Reference wording for all committees.

CARRIED

5h. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion: That the Board approve the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

5e.      MOVED BY:                          Trustee Auer  
              SECONDED BY:                 Trustee Mosher

**Motion:** That the Board approve the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting minutes.

CARRIED

**6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:**

6a. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion: That the Correspondence & Information Package be received.


CARRIED


**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary-Treasurer



## Superintendent Report to the Board – Feb 4, 2025

### 5.1 Superintendent Report

1. Teaching hiring is underway with 15 hires completed. Many of these are teachers completing a current term contract who have elected to return to us in the fall. 4 teachers who are new to the profession and new to the division have been hired so far.
2. Work continues to complete staffing assignments for teachers relative to the configuration. This includes consultation as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
3. On Jan. 23, Maggie MacIntosh of the Winnipeg Free Press visited Winnipeg Beach School to prepare for a feature story on our approach to reading instruction and interventions. The publication date was intended to be Feb. 1 to kick off “I Love to Read” month. Special thanks to all participating staff: WBS Principal Crystal MacDonald; classroom teacher Makayla Specaluk; Indigenous Ed Consultant and Interventions Teacher Kelly Milne; SLP Britney Morrish; Learning Co-ordinator Jess Worden; Vice-Chair Yorga, and parents who shared their experience and point of view.
4. On January 31, 2025, we held a divisional PD day in Arborg for K-8 teachers, while Gr. 9-12 teachers had an administrative day. PD Topics were related to divisional resources for literacy instruction and intervention. Thanks to Jess Worden for coordinating, and our presenters / facilitators Della Magnusson & Jenna Konschuk; Melissa Kushnir & Jess Vandersteen; and Britney Morrish.
5. I attended the Board Development Committee meeting on Jan. 22, the Policy Committee meeting on Jan. 23, and Negotiations meeting on Jan. 28.
6. I’d like to acknowledge the role some of our division staff are playing at a provincial level, serving on the executive of their respective associations: Gibby Finnbogason, Provincial Director – Maintenance with Manitoba Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) and Charlie Marks, Member at Large with Manitoba Association of Education Technology Leaders



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7. On the evening of January 30<sup>th</sup>, Jess Worden and Della Magnusson were part of a panel of discussants for a special screening of a documentary film at the U of M. The film, *Counted Out* is generally about the “math crisis” in the United States, and re-enforces the importance of a numerate citizenry to our economy, democracy and ecological well-being. Della and Jess were among several educators from K-12 as well as University Math professors sharing their viewpoints on the film and engaging in discussion with the viewers.

**Secretary Treasurer Report**  
**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**ACI Boiler Replacement**

Provincial Government has approved the tendering of the ACI Boiler Replacement. Closing date of RFP is Feb 18 and projected cost is \$536,329.

**Elections Canada**

Rental contract was signed Jan 28, 2025 with dates of March 1 2025 to May 31, 2025. Rental is for over 5,000 sq ft of Operations Centre.

**MSBA Registration**

Everyone has been registered. Please confirm you intention for Wed night by the Monday before the event.

**CSBA Registration**

Hotel room have been booked for everyone. Please review handout and indicate if you will be attending any of the special events.

**Meetings / Correspondence**

- FYRST/Re-Start Steering Committee Meeting
- Board Meetings – Board Development, Policy Committee,
- Provincial Teacher Contract Review with MSBA
- Meeting with Principals to discuss attendance data
- Love to Read tour visiting 4 schools
- Operations Planning Session
- Globe and Mail Cyber Update – Federal Government
- Auditors