

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, February 18th, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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 Kohler
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 4th, 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 Banks

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

4b. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

That the Board approve the January cheque listing for the operating account cheques 31436 to 31469 inclusive which total \$130,967.30 and electronic funds transfer which total \$919,483.00 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in January which total \$981,737.27.

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 14079.

CARRIED

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

5b. MOVED BY: Trustee Kohler
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Banks
Motion that the Board approve the minutes from the February 6th, 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:

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

That the Correspondence & Information Package be received.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT:

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Sandra Davis
Chairperson


Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent Report to the Board – Feb 18, 2025

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. Teacher Professional Development

Last week, 12 staff members attended the Plain Talk Conference presented by the Center for Literacy & Learning. I have received several emails of feedback from members of our group, who were very appreciative of the experience. We design these experiences so that there is some choice for participants as well as common sessions and evening de-briefings to maximize opportunities for shared experiences and collaboration. Some highlights for participants included the opportunity to learn directly from important leaders in literacy instruction: Anita Archer, Jan Hasbrouck, Linda Farell, Kareem Weaver, Pamela Snow, Stephanie Stollar, and others. Our recent investments in teacher PD are providing more teachers than ever with opportunities to access very high level learning conferences with the leading researchers and practitioners in education. We are being thoughtful about making sure each occasion is a team-building experience and that a consistent thread makes these much more than “one and done” session. The content (and some speakers) will re-appear in the coming year or two in our own Professional Development Sessions for teachers, including this fall’s beginning of year PD for teachers. I want to thank the board for continuing to make this valuable investment in teacher learning and collaboration – it’s making a significant difference in enhancing teaching practice and building a team culture across the division.

2. Collaborative Classroom Visit

On Feb. 6th we completed our 4th Superintendent and Principal walk-through in Arborg classrooms. It was a great opportunity to see the hard work of teaching staff in action in classrooms to move forward in keeping with the school and division education plan. Principal Brad Harding shared some of the experiences of moving forward with Rosenshine’s Principals of Instruction and of the practices in Teach Like a Champion (Lemov).

3. I was asked to join the MSBA Advisory Committee on Provincial Bargaining and agreed to do so. The time commitment is estimated to be 4-6 hours per month, beginning later this spring. I no longer serve on any of the MASS committees and feel that this contribution will be of benefit to the school division as provincial bargaining continues to evolve.
4. Work continues to complete staffing assignments for teachers relative to the reconfiguration. This includes consultation as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
5. I attended the Board Advocacy / PR Committee meeting on Feb. 14, and the Employee Recognition Committee meeting on Feb. 6.

Secretary Treasurer Report
Feb 18th, 2025

CSBA 2025 Annual Conference

I need confirmation on who will attend the 2025 CSBA Conference in Winnipeg.

Cheques

Please find January payment recap.

Recommendation: That Board approve the January cheque listing for the operating account cheques **31436** to **31469** inclusive which total \$130,967.30 and electronic funds transfer which total \$919,483.00 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in January which total \$981,737.27.

Accounts Receivable

As of January 31, 2025 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of \$94,919.66. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

Meetings / Correspondence

- Meetings with RRC and Robertson College regarding training for ECE / EAs
- Provincial Funding Announcement
- Band Teachers meeting – discuss 2025-26 Budget
- MASBO Monthly zoom calls / emails and phone calls with other STs
- MASB – MTS Collective Bargaining Update
- Board Meetings – Employee Recognition, PR/Advocacy Committee