

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, March 11th, 2025, AT 7:16 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN 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 Helgason
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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

That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 18th, 2025, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

Jay Ewert from ETA.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

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

That the Board approve the purchase of a Maintenance Vehicle for the total amount up to \$52,000.00.

CARRIED

4c. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That the Board approve the purchase of two propane buses in the amount of \$516,687.36 for the school year 2025-2026.

CARRIED

4d. MOVED BY: Trustee Banks
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0775 in the amount of \$12,300.00.

CARRIED

4e. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Banks

That the Board approve the February cheque listing for the operating account cheques 31470 to 31518 inclusive which total \$115,076.76 and electronic funds transfer which total \$448,034.12 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in January which total \$1,026,102.98.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

5a. MOVED BY: Trustee Banks
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Auer

Motion that the Board approve the minutes from the March 5th, 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

ADVOCACY and PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

Motion that the Board approve the Municipal Meeting to occur Monday May 5th 2025.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve Board Chair Davies and Vice Chair Yorga to contact Allan Campbell to discuss how we can have the MSBA Resolutions previously submitted discussed at the Spring MSBA conference.

CARRIED

6. **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:**

6a. MOVED BY: Trustee Banks
SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the Correspondence & Information Package be received.

CARRIED

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Mosher

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED



Chairperson



Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent Report to the Board – March 11, 2025

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. Professional Development

On March 6 and 7 we had Dr. Zach Groshell supporting Professional Development.

On Thursday he spent the day with Principals, joining us for a Supt / Principal walk-through in GHS classrooms, and modeling some coaching for us. We were very proud to have him see our teachers in action, all of whom have been expanding their tool kit with specific, evidence-based teaching practices that help ensure student learning and engagement for all kids.

On Friday, he led a day of learning for teachers, mainly Grades 7-12 teachers, along with many EAs who we also invited to participate. In the morning, he shared the research and the cognitive science-informed support for direct and explicit instruction. In the afternoon, Dr. Groshell continued to provide examples of very specific and granular 'teaching moves' which can be used to help ensure that all students can experience success, and get on a 'winning streak.'

A few key takeaway messages:

- *Kids become more motivated and engaged when they experience success and believe they are good at school.*
- *Teaching strategies can be thoughtfully planned and practiced to enhance engagement and success for all kids.*
- *We can design teaching and learning so that all kids can experience success – this means providing very clear directions, modelling, support during practice, correction, and positive reinforcement.*
- *We can break down new concepts into smaller chunks to respect students 'cognitive load,' and then design many opportunities for 'retrieval' in order to secure learning in long term memory.*

Dr. Groshell's messages are very much in keeping with the work we are doing connecting *My Evergreen Classroom*, Rosenshine's *Principles of Instruction*, Doug Lemov's *Teach Like a Champion*, and other key sources of support for effective instruction.

2. Work continues to complete staffing assignments for teachers relative to the reconfiguration. This includes consultation as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
3. I attended the first meeting of the MSBA Advisory Committee on Provincial Bargaining on March 4.
4. We hosted an information session for EAs re: the CATEP program through U of W that invites current EAs to participate in a part-time program to pursue their Education Degree.
5. I attended the Board Negotiations committee meeting, the Board Finance committee meeting, the Board Development Committee meeting, and a Regional Superintendents' meeting.

Secretary Treasurer Report
Mar 11th, 2025

New Maintenance Vehicle

2013 Maintenance Truck is at end of life. Replacement is 2024 Chevrolet Colorado - \$51,138.08.

Motion: That the Board approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Colorado in the total amount of \$51,138.08.

New Bus Purchase

Motion: That the Board approve the purchase of two propane buses in the total amount of \$516,687.36 for school year 2025-2026.

The purchase includes a 77 seat regular bus and a 71 seat modified wheelchair bus.

ACI Boiler Replacement

Motion: That the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0775 in the amount of \$12,300.

New Student Information System Software

We have done our due diligence and are now moving forward with the implementation of new software, Powerschool SIS. Annual cost will initially be less than existing software. Existing software will also be available as "read-only" for a portion of the new school year.

The SIS software is used by the majority of school divisions within Manitoba and will provide the functionality required by our schools and the reporting required by the Province.

A contractor has been hired to support the implementation, and a schedule has been created to have the software installed and staff trained before end of school year.

Enhanced Transportation Software

We will move forward with an enhancement to the existing transportation software that will provide additional support capability, enhanced features for transportation staff and allow non-transportation staff to access route information.

Elections Canada

Elections Canada has moved into the Operations Centre (TEC) and will be there until May 31, 2025.

Cheques

Please find February payment recap.

Recommendation: That Board approve the February cheque listing for the operating account cheques **31470 to 31518** inclusive which total \$115,076.76 and electronic funds transfer which total \$448,034.12 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in February which total \$1,026,102.98.

Accounts Receivable

As of February 28, 2025 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of \$103,993.78. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

Meetings / Correspondence

- Meeting with CUPE - Secretaries
- Division meetings – Restructure, Budget & Secretaries
- MASBO Monthly zoom call
- Fraserwood Sports Club
- Board Meetings – Board Development, Board Finance