

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dianna Auer

**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 Banks  
       SECONDED BY:                Trustee Mosher

That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

**3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:**

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

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

That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

**5. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION PACKAGE:**

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

That the Correspondence & Information Package be received.

CARRIED

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Motion that the Board move back into In Camera.

CARRIED

## 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS

7a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

That the Board renew Loan from Access Credit Union with a 4 year term at interest rate of 3.74%.

CARRIED

7b. MOVED BY: Trustee Banks  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Kohler

That the Board suspend the monthly transfers in June and July of 2025. Reinstate the transfers starting August 1 2025 to be \$600,000 on the 10th of each month and \$550,000 on the 25th of each month.

CARRIED


**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

8a. 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 – May 6, 2025

### 5.1 Superintendent Report

#### 1. Welcome High School Principals – Transitions for Grades 7-9

Principals will share some examples of their actions to date and next steps with transitions to support our reconfiguration of grade levels.

##### GHS Update – Jamie Gilbert

- Nov – GHS tours for students and parents. Phone calls with parents that had questions on survey.
- MY students visiting GHS through sports, band and career fair.
- March - Principal and GHS teachers presented to Gr. 6-8 students from WBS & DGJMS about GHS and the different courses that are offered. Course information and preference documents sent home.
- June – WBS & DGJMS Gr. 6-8 students tour GHS
- Jan-June – Students with specific plans visiting GHS often/regularly.
- Jan-June – Additional tours for selected MY students with student services teachers.
- Separate schedules and classroom locations for Gr. 7-8 & Gr. 9-12.

##### RCI Update – Erin Furgala

- Grade 7 & 8 attend RCI for Band every Mon/Wed afternoon
- Grade 6-8 students invited alongside RCI for ice fishing and lunch on Mar 24, 2025
- Grade 6 & 7 coming to Grade 10 Careers Class "Career Fair"
- Grade 6 student with SSP comes to RCI for an hour, to begin transitions
- Erin & Gaylene to go over to REMS to talk to kiddos about what to expect at RCI (students will get schedules)
- Grade 6-8 classes will each come tour RCI (early June) and have opportunity to meet staff and ask questions
- Grade 8 conversation about the credit system
- Open house on Sept 4 for students and parents

##### ACI Update – Brad Harding

- All grade 7 & 8 students currently attend the high school twice weekly for band, sports
- End of year farewell being planned for 6,7, & 8
- Letter to grade 6-8 students with the teaching staff going home in May to inform parents of the staff teaching grade 7/8
- Grade 6-8 information night and school tour May or early June
- Additional transition visits being prepared for specific students based on individual needs.
- School supplies have already been received and will be placed in student lockers
- Grade 7/8 students will have some different expectations to minimize contact with grade 9-12 and provide age-appropriate expectations:
  - New room assignments to keep 7/8 classrooms in proximity to each other
  - Eat in 7/8 classrooms and student lounge for grade 9-12 only
  - Require parental permission to leave school property during lunch break
  - Not permitted to be at the designated smoking area

2. Literacy and Learning Conference hosted in Toronto by the International Dyslexia Association of Ontario April 26, 27

We had a team of teachers attending this conference, and I've received very positive feedback from participants, for example:

*I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to learn and grow with my colleagues. Stephanie Stollar's presentation helped me clarify so many things that I have wondered over the last few years. Many of my breakout sessions provided me with applicable skills I can take back to my classroom in the morning. Stollar shared the need to work as a team within our school and as a division. This year, we have taken so many steps toward the goal of growing and creating learning plans for all students and I cannot wait to see where it goes next year!*

3. Meeting with Municipal Council Representatives May 5

It was a pleasure and privilege to attend the Board's breakfast with Municipal Council Representatives yesterday morning. I'm grateful to the staff & parents who helped us present, and appreciate the bravery and skill of our 3 Kindergarten students, who were able to do some reading for the group. Participants in the breakfast expressed gratitude for the hard work of our staff to ensure that full time Kindergarten and early literacy initiatives are making a positive difference in the lives of so many kids. I'm confident that our message about the positive system change that we can make due to Evergreen's size and our ability to support local divisional programming choices resonated with the municipal leaders.

4. Principal Planning Retreat – April 28,29

Our Principals and consultants met over two days last week to reflect on our education plan priorities and look ahead to next year. Dr. Zach Groshell joined us and helped prepare our leaders to model specific evidence-based teaching strategies for teachers. Our aim is to help every teacher can expand their toolkit and enhance their repertoire of strategies to ensure learning and participation for all students. Feedback on the two days from our Principals celebrated the collaborative spirit, the specific focus on teaching and learning, and the overall direction of our Education plan priorities.

5. Upcoming Professional Development:

June 2-5: We're very fortunate to welcome Tom Sherrington (<https://teacherhead.com/>), author of two key resources we've been using: Rosenshine's Principles in Action, and Teaching Walkthrus (<http://www.walkthrus.co.uk/>) – these works provide step-by-step breakdowns of high leverage teaching strategies. Tom will be working with our Principals and our early career teachers.

June 6, 7: We have a team of teachers attending the ResearchEd Canada event in Toronto. This is a conference that features a variety of sessions about evidence-based practice for teachers.

The board's support of these Professional Development investments ensures that our staff have high quality learning opportunities that they can trust will help them with our pursuit of our division plan priorities and goals.

**Secretary Treasurer Report  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Provincial Adjustment to 2025-26 Funding.**

**Artic Wolf – Syber Security Monitoring**

**Changes in Bank Account Signing Authority**

Motion to Change Bank Signor at SSES

Motion to modify Bank Signors at Access Credit Union for Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School Bank Account, to add Crystal McDonald. The other named individual(s) on the account would retain their current status.

Motion to Change Bank Signor at WBS

Motion to modify Bank Signors at Access Credit Union for Winnipeg Beach School Bank Account, to add Raya Charrier. The other named individual(s) on the account would retain their current status.

**Expand Gimli Children's Centre After School Program into DJGMS**

Motion to enter into a contract with Gimli Children's Centre to allow them to rent a portion of the Dr George Johnson Middle School to allow them to offer an After School Program.

**Cheques**

Please find April payment recap.

Motion that Board approve the April cheque listing for the operating account cheques **31576 to 31593** inclusive which total \$219,905.27 and electronic funds transfer which total \$505,936.20 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in April which total \$1,000,291.01.

**Accounts Receivable**

As of April 30, 2025 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of \$50,003.47. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

**Meetings / Correspondence**

- GHS School Level Scholarship Meeting
- ACI Boiler Replacement meetings
- Restructure Update Meeting
- SIS Powerschool Training Session with Secretaries
- FYRST Board Meeting
- Access Credit Union – account review
- Westshore Foundation – New Scholarship Meeting
- ARBC Band Boosters
- Operations Planning Session
- Trustee Meetings – Municipality Leaders Meeting