

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, March 10th, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Hill, Superintendent, Ms. Worden, Director of Programs and Student Services, 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 Mosher

Motion 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 Helgason

Motion that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 27th, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

- Jamie Gilbert – Principal of Gimli High School

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

Motion that the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the board approve the January cheque listing for the operating account cheques 31958 to 31979 inclusive which total \$202,535.21 and electronic funds transfer which total \$842,928.93 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in December which total \$1,087,831.33 be approved.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve the First reading of Borrowing By-Law 1/25.

CARRIED

4e. MOVED BY: Trustee Helgason
 SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

Motion that the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0858 for \$136,000. for Winnipeg Beach School Beam Repair.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE BOARD RECOMMENDATION

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

Motion from Board to indicate show of support for FTE Reduction Request from Employee 13640, Maternity Leave Extension from Employee 13411 and Employee Termination of Employee 14858.

CARRIED

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMENDATION

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

Motion that the minutes from the Board Committee Meeting held on February 11th, 2026 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

Superintendent's Report to the Board – March 10, 2026

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. **Presentation: Jamie Gilbert, Principal of GHS**

2. **Data Team Meeting**

On Feb. 4 we hosted school teams from our elementary schools. Ms. Worden facilitated group review and collaborative planning related to our literacy data and intervention practices. These meetings provide an opportunity for school teams to learn from one another and devote some time to adjust action-plans to support student learning.

3. **Visit from Willard Reaves, Jon Gerard, Jasbir Singh**

On Feb. 11, we hosted a visit from Mr. Reaves, Dr. Gerard and Mr. Singh. Mr. Reaves is current leader of the Manitoba Liberal party – the party that put forward the bill re: universal screening that passed with support from all three provincial parties. Dr. Gerard has been keen to arrange a visit for some time so that they could see what our approach to literacy instruction and intervention looks like in action. They were very impressed with all that they saw, and made many comments about the inclusive and interactive teaching in our classrooms – for literacy instruction but also more generally. Mr. Reaves shared his own personal story of being a child who struggled mightily to learn to read until his Grade 3 teacher, Mrs. Harris provided more intensive supports including systematic phonics instruction and turned his experience of school into something positive. He went on to attend college and then played football, including for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the early 1980s. This visit is featured in a recent edition of the Express Weekly news here:

<https://www.expressweeklynews.ca/#page=2>

4. **Early Dismissal**

On Feb. 13, our schools held PD sessions during the early dismissal. These sessions are essential for our school leaders and staff to keep moving the professional learning forward re: My Evergreen Classroom and the Evergreen 8. Principals use these sessions for teachers to review, script and rehearse the implementation of these inclusive and engaging teaching strategies.

5. **Principal / Superintendent Walk-Through**

Our Principals, Ms. Worden and I hosted our principal meetings and walkthroughs at ACI on Feb. 17. It was a pleasure to see our teachers bringing our My Evergreen Classroom document to life in their classrooms with many examples of the core Evergreen 8 instructional strategies. Principals also received additional online training from StepLab coach, Rachel Sewell on supporting teacher growth through purposeful PD planning. The StepLab platform allows staff to provide 'drop-in' feedback to one another and has also been customized with our Evergreen 8 strategies to assist teachers with descriptions of every strategy and to assist principals in creating PD session planning focussed on the Evergreen 8.

6. **Visit from Minister of Education, Tracy Schmidt, and Assistant Deputy Minister Janet Tomy**

On Feb. 19 we were honoured to host the Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister. Minister Schmidt began her visit reading to students and Winnipeg Beach School and observing an early years reading lesson. We then toured a few classrooms at Dr. George Johnson School and we had presentations from Crystal MacDonald, Principal of SSES and from Kelly Milne, Kelly Croy and Kim Angus. Our guests were very impressed and moved by what they observed in our classrooms and what they

heard from our staff. The Minister made several positive comments about the calm, engaging and inclusive classrooms and our guests were very impressed by the compelling improvement data that we shared with her, which highlighted the positive impact of our literacy approaches in reducing or eliminating the achievement gap between indigenous and non-indigenous students.

7. Research connections

Our recent work to improve student achievement in literacy in numeracy is being studied by Dr. Ardith McGeown Plant, Executive Director, Centre for Social Science Research and Policy, University of Manitoba.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Dr. Jeanne Sinclair we're being featured in a panel discussion on the evening of March 23rd hosted by Signal Education Research focused primarily on literacy instruction.

Secretary Treasurer Report – Mar 10th 2026

Audit

Motion: That the Board approve School Year Audited Financial Statements.

Borrowing By-Law 1/25

Motion: That the Board approve the First reading of Borrowing By-Law 1/25

Promissory Note LTPS08758

Motion: That the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0858 for \$136,000 for Winnipeg Beach School Beam Repair.

January Financials

Provided on a separate document.

Cheques

Please find January payment recap:

Cheque listing for the operating account cheques 31958 to 31979 inclusive which total \$202,535.21 and electronic funds transfer which total \$842,928.93 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in January which total \$1,087,831.33.

Accounts Receivable

As of January 31, 2026 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of \$77,724.56. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

Meetings / Correspondence

- Auditors
- Board Committee Meetings – Board Development, Advocacy & PR
- MASBO Meeting –Budget planning
- Division Meetings – Secretary Meeting, Various Budget Meetings