

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, TUESDAY, April 28th, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE EVERGREEN SUPPORT CENTRE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Davies (Chair), Jillian Yorga (left at 6:55pm), 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 Helgason

Motion that the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING:

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2a. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
SECONDED BY: Trustee Mosher

Motion that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 14th, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:

- Jessica Worden – Director of Programs and Student Services
- Melissa Kushnir – Psychologist
- Stephanie Mills – Teacher at Sigurbjorg Stefansson Early School
- Jenna Korschuk – Teacher at Gimli High School
- Randy Semenek – Principal at Riverton Early Middle 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 Auer

Motion that the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0893 of \$609,600 for Gimli High School Science Lab Renewal.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approves the return of Debbie Thorsteinson to the role of Senior Election Officer for the Oct 28th 2026 Trustee Election.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve Senior Administration to move forward with the disposal of Land located in Fraserwood per the province's direction.

CARRIED

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Motion that the Board Chair contact Town of Arborg and Municipality of Bifrost Riverton with an offer to present the information shared at the Municipal meeting on April 27, 2026.

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve the Advocacy & Public Relations committee meeting minutes from April 22nd, 2026.

CARRIED

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Motion that the Board add the following topic to a future planning session: Review and define in a procedure the Terms of Board Chair / Vice Chair / Committee Chairs, which should not exceed three years, unless there are extenuating circumstances

CARRIED

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

Motion that the Board approve the Policy committee meeting minutes from April 23rd, 2026.

CARRIED

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Motion that the Board approve the Scholarship committee meeting minutes from April 22nd, 2026.

CARRIED

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Motion that the Board approve the Employee Recognition committee meeting minutes from April 23rd, 2026.

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 Helgason

Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED


Chairperson


Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent's Report to the Board – April 28, 2026

5.1 Superintendent Report

1. **Presentation:**

- a. Randy Semenek, Principal, Riverton Early Middle School;
- b. Jess Worden (Director of Programs and Student Services), Melissa Kushnir (School Psychologist), Stephanie Mills (Student Services SSES), Jenna Konschuk (Student Services GHS & Connect) will present on Student Services in Evergreen

2. **Superintendent & Principals Walkthroughs**

Our Principals, Ms. Worden and I had our principal meetings and walkthroughs at WBS on April 21st. 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.

3. **Early Dismissal**

Our most recent early dismissal session was held on Friday, April 24. Thank you to the Board for feeling a sense of responsibility to share reflections on your term in office at the opening of the afternoon. One of the things that really stands out for me is what a great job the board has done to be simultaneously knowledgeable about the work happening in our schools, and embracing a governance role that focusses on support and advocacy, accountability and celebrating and communicating our successes with the public.

Later this week, principals will gather for planning session to prepare for next year's professional development sessions in early dismissals – continuing our focus on My Evergreen Classroom and the Evergreen 8.

4. **Kindergarten Orientation Evenings**

The board was represented at recent orientation sessions for our fall kindergarten students and families this week. Thank you for providing welcome packages for our new students!

5. **Trustee Brochure re: Being a Trustee in Evergreen**

Each trustee will have copies of this document which helps orient interested candidates for school trustee to our work in Evergreen.

6. **Municipal Breakfast**

Thank you for hosting the third annual Breakfast with Municipal leaders. Your commitment to advocating locally for the hard work and success of our schools and staff is effective and greatly appreciated.

7. **Administrative Procedures – for your information**

- We have developed a new procedure to address AI in our schools and workplace. Charlie Marks, IT Manager, will seek additional feedback from our staff as we continue to update our procedure and develop a list of approved tools.
- Please see the new procedure outlining expectations for members of our school communities re: posting online. As you know, when individuals post about challenging situations or matters of complaint online, it can make it more difficult to navigate issues with appropriate respect for privacy and fairness.

8. **Upcoming school events:**

Trustees will be provided with a summary of upcoming engagements at the schools re: concerts, grads, etc.

9. The GHS Enviro club will attend the fairtrade conference in Winnipeg this coming weekend.

<https://www.fairtrade.net/ca-en/get-involved/2026-national-fair-trade-conference.html>

Secretary Treasurer Report – Apr 28th 2026

Senior Election Officer

Recommendation: That the Board approve the return of Debbie Thorsteinson to the role of Senior Election Officer for the Oct 28th 2026 Trustee Election.

Promissory Note LTPS0893

Recommendation: That the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0893 of \$609,600 for Gimli High School Science Lab Renewal.

Fraserwood Land Disposal

The Province has provided direction regarding the disposal of Fraserwood Land. The following motion would start the process of determining who receives the land. At the next board meeting, May 19th, the Board would vote to confirm the successful applicant was.

Recommendation: That the Board approve Senior Administration to move forward with the disposal of Land located in Fraserwood per the province's direction.

March Financials

Provided on a separate document.

Meetings / Correspondence

- Provincial Meeting to kickoff Capital projects, Fraserwood Land Disposal and the Play Structure Fund
- Division Meetings – Principal Meeting
- ETA Meeting
- Board Committee Meetings – PR Advocacy, Scholarship, Policy and Employee Recognition
- Municipality Breakfast
- Visit from Secretary Treasurer at Lakeshore School Division