Evergreen School Division Minutes

September 22, 2026
6:30 p.m

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIVISION HELD AT GIMLI, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 6:30PM AT THE EVERGREEN BOARD OFFICE

PRESENT Sandra Davies (Chair), Jillian Yorga, Glady Kohler, Penny Helgason, Amanda Mosher, Dianna Auer (Virtual)

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Hill, Secretary-Treasurer Moore, Director Worden

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 Yorga
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 Kohler
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion: That the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 16th, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2b. MOVED BY: Trustee Yorga
SECONDED BY: Trustee Helgason

Motion: That the minutes from the Special Meeting held on June 30th, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

2c. MOVED BY: Trustee Helgason
SECONDED BY: Trustee Yorga

Motion: That the minutes from the Special Meeting held on September 2nd, 2026, be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

3. **VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS:**

Tom Sherrington

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

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

Motion: That the Board approve the Superintendent's Department Reports.

CARRIED

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

Motion: That the Board approve cheque listing for the operating account cheques 32074 to 32150 inclusive which total $147,970.75 and electronic funds transfer which total $3,465,501.51 and the electronic funds transfer from payroll account in June to August which total $2,908,934.93.

CARRIED

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

Motion: That the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0939 of $1,461,700. for DGJMS Ventilator Upgrade, GHS Roof Replacement and GHS Floor Joist Replacement.

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 Mosher

Motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

Superintendent's Report to the Board – September 22, 2026

5.1 **Superintendent Report**

1. **Presenter: Tom Sherrington, author of teaching walkthrus**

   Tom Sherrington will share his experience and understanding about instructional improvement within and beyond Evergreen.

2. **CBC Radio National Documentary**

   https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-63-the-current/clip/16236307-are-kids-learning-math-right-way

   As you may remember, Julia Pagel, from CBC Radio visited on June 3. Her radio documentary aired on "The Current" with Matt Galloway on September 9 all across Canada. Evergreen is featured, and some of the commentary recorded with our students, Mr. Able Lugumire (Math teacher at GHS), Ms. Worden and myself also aired in the feature. Also featured are Dr. Anna Stokke, University of Winnipeg Math Professor and host of the podcast "Chalk & Talk," as well as University of Manitoba Faculty of Education Associate Professor, Martha Koch. These guests are framed in the documentary as representatives of opposing views on math teaching and learning. Anna Stokke is presented as a proponent of direct and explicit instruction; and Martha Koch is presented as a proponent of a proponent of inquiry-based or discovery learning (and I believe she advocates in the piece for a 'balanced approach'). As you know, we've been deliberate about equipping our teachers with explicit teaching strategies designed to support highly participatory and inclusive classrooms. While the piece puts some emphasis on quantitative results, and we certainly have evidence of success by those markers, we also believe strongly that the effectiveness of our classrooms is qualitatively evident as well.

3. **Summer Literacy Tutors**

   Our summer literacy tutoring program was recently featured in the Express Weekly. Thank you to the Board for supporting our first effort at this program, which was a huge success. Our students did a great job maintaining and improving their reading skills, and our tutors also learned a great deal – for some of them it will prove to be a great support to future careers as teachers! Article will be attached.

4. **September 8 – Fraserwood Hall**

   Thanks to those who were available to join us on September 8th for our welcome back gathering of all staff. Thanks to Chair Davies and Vice-Chair Yorga for sharing a message reflecting on the board's term of office. I believe that it's helpful for the staff to learn about the many ways that the board has supported our work – through investments, advocacy, public relations and focussed governance.

5. **Administrative Procedures:**

   a. Supervision & Evaluation of Teachers (updated – for information)

   b. Supervision & Evaluation of Principals (updated – for information)

   c. Supervision & Evaluation of Student Services Teachers (updated – for information)

   d. Draft '*Staff and Student Interactions*' (for information and questions – to be brought back for approval in October)

6. **Leadership Development Program / Assistant Principals**

   We held our first sessions of the leadership development program and Assistant Principals group last evening with over 30 participants. We continue to develop 'lateral leadership' in the school division. We took a closer look at Evergreen Instructional Leadership Framework; Steplab's Instructional Coaching Cycle, My Evergreen Classroom & the Evergreen 8. I'm grateful to all the teachers who are willing to give their time so that they can deepen their understanding and expand their leadership experience in our schools and classrooms.

7. **Tragic Loss in Early September**

   As you know, a tragic accident on a local highway took the lives of 4 young people just prior to the start of the school year. Two of the young people who lost their lives, Maya Borsa and Braiden Davis were graduates in the GHS class of 2026. In addition to reaching out to families, additional supports were placed at GHS. On September 8, Gimli High School staff received guidance from a psychologist to help them recognize signs of grief and distress and respond appropriately to students who may be struggling. A psychologist was also available in the school on September 9 and 10, alongside student services staff, to provide support to students. Mr. Gilbart announced to all students that supports were available and encouraged any student to connect with student services staff, our division psychologist on site, or a trusted adult at the school. School leadership also met to review student needs, coordinate supports, and plan ongoing communication and outreach. The school continued to reach out to those most closely connected to this tragedy last week, and will continue to provide supports at the school level.

Secretary Treasurer Report
Sep 22nd, 2026

Operations Update

- GHS Science Lab Upgrade – on track for completion by Nov 2026
- GHS Roof Replacement – started in Sept and has a completion date of May 2027
- GHS Floor Joist Replacement – East door ramp is completed and door replacement scheduled for Oct, project completion is Nov 2026
- DGJMS Ventilator Upgrade – Project is on hold until May 2027 so it does not impact the start of the Connect program.
- WBS Playground enhancement – Year 1 of a 2 Year enhancement was completed – new structures.
- ACI Gym Floor refinished
- Finance team moved to TEC

Promissory Note LTPS0939

Promissory note for Provincial funding of the DGJMS Ventilator Upgrade for $240,000, GHS Roof Replacement for $892,700 and GHS Floor Joist Replacement for $329,000. The following motion is to accept the Promissory Note.

Motion that the Board approve Promissory Note LTPS0939 of $1,461,700 for DGJMS Ventilator Upgrade, GHS Roof Replacement and GHS Floor Joist Replacement.

Transportation Update

- Radio upgrade – Analog to Digital – increases the coverage, clearer communication and reduced maintenance costs (on newer technology)
- Arrival of New Large Bus – expected to arrive late fall / early winter, received in Aug. Expect arrival of smaller bus later this fall.
- Purchase of new Van – costly repairs over the summer resulted in the purchase of a new Van. The expenditure was not anticipated / budgeted, so I leased the purchase for 3 years, with a buyout that we can budget for in year 3.
- Started the school year with a full complement of bus drivers – each route had a driver and we had spare drivers. End of 2nd week and we are already down 2 drivers. As a result of this and the request to change routes, we potentially will have routes without drivers. So we are creating a temporary Full Time Spare Driver Position.

Cheques

Please find June to August payment recap:
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Accounts Receivable

As of August 31, 2026 ESD had accounts receivable outstanding of $167,123.49. These have been analyzed and are deemed collectible.

June Financials

Separate document provides Jun Financials

Meetings / Correspondence

- Board Meetings – Jun 30 Meeting, Sep 1 Meeting, Sep 2 Meeting
- Division Meetings – Jun 29 Employee Recognition, Sep 8 Welcome Back Mtg, various meetings with Finance Team, Secretaries, Operations, Transportation, Senior Election Officer
- Operation Project Meetings
- Meeting with the Province – capital projects
- Meetings with Auditors
- Meeting with Vendors – software vendors and a bank
- Principal Meeting – kickoff for school
- Other Meetings – Lawyer, MSBA – FIPPA, Secretary Treasurer Group
- CPA Training – Various Courses