



Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
January 15, 2026

Date: January 15, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Board Chair Lacey Buchinski
Board Vice-Chair David Rushton
Trustee Wanda Laurin
Trustee Paul Quinney
Trustee Janet Przybylski
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

Members Absent: Trustee Marie Dyck

Staff Present: Superintendent Jeff Thompson
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Freeman
Deputy Superintendent (Acting) Aleeta Ploc
Executive Assistant Chris Warne
Communications Coordinator Kristin Dyck

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Buchinski.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Buchinski gave the land acknowledgement.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on December 18, 2025

2.2. ~~SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS~~

2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2.3.1. Monthly Financial Report – January 2026

2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 2.5.1. 20250513 May 13 Menno Simons School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)
- 2.5.2. 20250916 September 16 FHS Parent Council AGM Minutes (Rushton)
- 2.5.3. 20251113 November 13 Hines Creek School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)
- 2.5.4. 20251113 November 13 FHS Council Meeting Minutes (Rushton)
- 2.5.5. 20251118 November 18 Menno Simons School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)
- 2.5.6. 20260106 January 6 Nampa School Council Minutes (Dyck)

2.6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

~~2.6.1. AP 251 Literary Materials Selections~~

- 2.6.2. Administrative Procedures, New and Updated
- 2.7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- 2.7.1. 20251213 December 16 cc PSBAA Letter to EDC re: AB. Ed. System Review
- 2.7.2. ~~20251216 December 16 cc PSBAA Letter to Premier Smith re: Classroom Complexity~~
- 2.7.3. 20251217 December 17 cc GYPSD Letter to MD re: Flashing Lights
- 2.7.4. 20251217 December 17 cc GYPSD Letter to EDC re: Communications Protocols
- 2.7.5. 20251217 December 17 cc GYPSD Letter to EDC re: Rural Small School Grants
- 2.7.6. ~~20251218 December 18 Letter from Infrastructure re: Dixonville Property~~

16192

Moved by: Trustee Giesbrecht

That the consent agenda be approved as amended.

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Carried

3. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF REGULAR BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, January 15, 2026, was reviewed.

16193

Moved by: Trustee Przybylski

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, January 15, 2026, be approved as amended.

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Carried

4. STRATEGIC

5. GENERATIVE

5.1. Capital Planning Conversation (Thompson) (Policy 2)

Preparations and potential changes to the Capital Plan were discussed.

5.2 Updated Enrollment Projection (Thompson/Freeman) (Policy 12)

Updated enrollment projections and ramifications of dropping enrollment were discussed.

5.3 Administrative Procedures Review (Thompson) (Policy 2)

Superintendent Thompson informed the Board how administration is preparing to review all administrative procedures.

5.4 2026-2027 Draft School Year Calendar (Thompson) (Policy 2)

Superintendent Thompson made the Board aware that feedback on the 2026-2027 Draft School Year Calendar has been mainly positive.



The meeting recessed at 11:09 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 11:16 p.m.

6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW (Policy 10)

6.2.1 Policy 8 – Board Committees – 1st Reading

16194

Moved by: Trustee Przybylski

That 1st reading of Policy 8 - Board Committees, be approved as amended.

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Carried

6.2.2 Policy 9 – Board Representatives – 1st Reading SL6

16195

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That 1st reading of Policy 9 - Board Representatives, be approved as presented.

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Carried

6.3 STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

6.3.1 ASBA

Trustee Rushton provided a verbal report on the ASBA Zone 1 meeting.

6.3.2 PSBAA

No report at this time.

6.3.3 RURAL CAUCUS

Trustee Giesbrecht – nothing to report at this time.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 12:44 p.m.

6.1. IN CAMERA (Policy 7)

16196

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting move in-camera at 12:44 p.m.

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Carried



16197

Moved by: Trustee Giesbrecht

That the meeting revert to regular session at 2:25 p.m.

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Carried

While in-camera land, legal and labour issues were discussed.

16198

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That administration draft a letter for Board signature in response to a concerned student's letter received on January 6, 2026.

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Carried

5.5 Standing Committee Agenda Items

5.5.1 Joint Municipalities Meeting February 4, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

The upcoming Joint Municipalities meeting was discussed.

5.5.1.1 Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Joint Municipalities Committee were reviewed.

5.6 Departmental Presentations - None

5.7 Quarterly Financial Reports (Dec/Mar/Jun/Aug) (None)

5.8 Delegations - None

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6.4 Board Annual Work Plan

The Board Annual Work Plan was discussed.

6.4.1 Trustee Calendar

The Trustee Calendar was reviewed.

6.4.1.1 Attendance at Alberta Rural Education Symposium (ARES) March 1-3, 2026

Attendance at the Alberta Rural Education Symposium was discussed.

**6.4.1.2 Attendance at College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS)
Indigenous Education Gathering April 22-24, 2026**

Attendance at the CASS Indigenous Education Gathering was discussed.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2.2 Substantive Motions

The removal of Substantive Motion 15830 and next steps were discussed.

16199

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That a Board committee be formed to find partners in the Cleardale area to discuss the educational needs of the stakeholders in that community.

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Carried

16200

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That Trustee Buchinski, Trustee Rushton and Ward 7 Trustee Giesbrecht be appointed to the Cleardale Committee.

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Carried

2.6.1 AP 251 Literary Materials Selection

Superintendent Thompson summarized the background and sequence of events that resulted in the implementation of AP 251 Literary Materials Selections.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

16201

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That AP 251 Literary Materials Selection be received for information.

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Carried

2.7.2 20251216 December 16 cc PSBAA Letter to Premier Smith re: Classroom Complexity

16202

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the 20251216 December 16 letter from the PSBAA to Premier Smith re: Classroom Complexity be received for information.



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Carried

2.7.6. 20251218 December 18 Letter from Infrastructure re: Dixonville Property

16203

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the 20251218 December 18 Letter from Infrastructure re: Dixonville Property be received for information.

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Carried

Trustee Giesbrecht left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.
Trustee Giesbrecht returned to the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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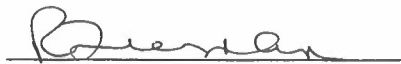
Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

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9. ROUND TABLE

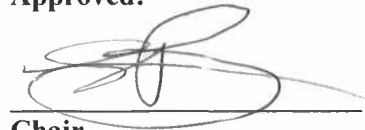
Certified Correct:



Secretary-Treasurer

Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:



Chair

