



Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
March 26, 2026

Date: March 26, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Board Chair Lacey Buchinski
Vice Chair David Rushton
Trustee Marie Dyck
Trustee Janet Przybylski

Members Present Virtually: Trustee Wanda Laurin

Members Absent: Trustee Paul Quinney
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

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 10:01 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 February 19, 2026

2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS – see 5.5

2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

2.5.1. 20250917 September 17 EEO School Council AGM (Rushton)

~~2.5.2. 20251110 November 10 Worsley School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)~~

2.5.3. 20251126 November 26 EEO School Council Minutes (Rushton)

2.6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

2.7. CORRESPONDENCE

2.7.1. 20260218 February 18 cc Buffalo Trail PS Letter to Minister EDC re Underfunding

~~2.7.2. 20260226 February 26 cc Wolf Creek PS Letter to Minister EDC re Funding for
Students Retaking a Course~~

~~2.7.3. 20260303 March 03 Education Week April 13-17, 2026~~

2.7.4. 20260312 March 12 cc Grand Yellowhead PSD Letter to Minister EDC re: Crisis of Rural School Sustainability

16221

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the consent agenda be accepted as amended.

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Carried

3. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF REGULAR BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, March 26, 2026, was reviewed.

16222

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, March 26, 2026, be approved as amended with 4.2 Joint Use Planning Agreement with the Village of Nampa and 6.2.1 Policy 10 – Policy Making – 1st Reading, removed.

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Carried

4. STRATEGIC

4.1. 2025-2028 Capital Plan Approval (Thompson) (Policy 2)

The 2025-2028 Capital Plan was reviewed.

16223

Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the 2025-2028 Capital Plan be approved as amended.

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Carried

4.2 Joint Use Planning Agreement with the Village of Nampa (Thompson) – removed from agenda.

5. GENERATIVE

5.1. Debrief of the AB. Rural Education Symposium (ARES) (Policies 03 and 07)

The AB. Rural Education Symposium was discussed.

5.2 Review of Nampa Enrollment (Thompson) (Policy 02)

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the projected enrollment for the Nampa Public School in Nampa.



The meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m.
The meeting resumed at 11:01 a.m.

5.3 Update on the Dixonville School Site (Policy 02)

Superintendent Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed the status of the property at the former Dixonville School site and adjacent lots.

16224

Moved by: Trustee Buchinski

That administration draft a letter for Board signature to the Ministers of Infrastructure and Education and Childcare, copied to MLA Dan Williams, and the County of Northern Lights, requesting a resolution for the disposition of the Peace River School Division land parcel adjacent to the Division's former Dixonville School.

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Carried

5.4 Value Scoping Session in the Town of Peace River (Thompson) (Policy 02)

A Value Scoping session in the Town of Peace River was discussed.

16225

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the Board approve the draft Executive Summary of Community Engagement Activities for the Town of Peace River Value Scoping project.

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Carried

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 1:06 p.m.

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6.1. IN CAMERA

16226

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That the meeting move in-camera at 1:06 p.m.

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Carried

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Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the meeting revert to regular session at 1:42 p.m.

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Carried



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

5.5 Review of the Division's Foundational Statements (Buchinski) (Policy 01)

The Division's Foundational Statements were discussed.

5.6 Planning Engagement with Administrators (Przybylski) (Policy 02)

Governance engagement and topics for a meeting with school administrators were discussed.

Trustee Dyck left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Trustee Dyck returned to the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

16228

Moved by: Trustee Rushton

That Superintendent Thompson consult with the Admin. Association to determine their interest in engaging with the Board on governance topics and, if interested, report back on their proposed preference for an in-person or virtual meeting, format, length of engagement and preferred timeframe for the meeting.

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Carried

5.7 Transportation Industry Advancement Grant (Thompson) (Policy 12)

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Superintendent Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Freeman provided information on the Transportation Industry Advancement Grant the Peace River School Division received.

5.8 Quarterly Financial Reports (Dec/Mar/Jun/Aug) (Thompson) (Policy 02)

Superintendent Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed the quarterly financial reports.

5.9 Standing Committee Agenda Items (Policy 08)

5.9.1 Support Staff/Bus Driver Liaison Committee (SSBD) April 21, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Items for the Support Staff/Bus Driver Liaison Committee meeting on April 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. were discussed.

5.9.2 Teacher Board Advisory Committee (TBAC) Meeting April 28, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Items for the Teacher Board Advisory Committee (TBAC) meeting on April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. were discussed.



Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

5.10 Delegations - None

5.11 Departmental Presentations - None

FIDUCIARY

6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW (Policy 10)

~~6.2.1 Policy 10 Policy Making 1st Reading~~ - Removed from the agenda.

6.3 Standing Items

6.3.1 ASBA - Trustee Buchinski discussed the upcoming ASBA Zone 1 meeting we are hosting on April 15.

6.3.2 PSBAA – Trustee Dyck emailed a report to trustees.

6.3.3. Rural Caucus – Trustee Giesbrecht emailed information to trustees.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 3.19 p.m.

6.4 Board Workplan

6.4.1. Trustee Calendar

The Trustee calendar was reviewed.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

2.5.2 20251110 November 10 Worsley School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)

The nutrition program at Worsley Central School was discussed.

16229

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the 20251110 November 10 Worsley School Council Minutes be received for information.

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Carried

2.72 20260226 February 26 cc Wolf Creek PS Letter to Minister EDC re Funding for Students Retaking a Course

Peace River School Division does not run courses for students to retake over the summer.



16230

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the 20260226 February 26 letter from Wolf Creek Public School Division to the Minister of Education and Childcare regarding funding for students retaking a course during the summer be received for information.

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Carried

2.7.3 20260303 March 03 Education Week April 13-17, 2026

Education Week activities were discussed.

16231

Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the memorandum from the ATA dated March 03, 2026, announcing Education Week occurring from April 13-17, 2026, be received for information.

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Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by: Trustee Rushton

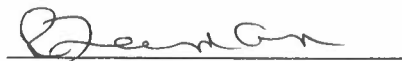
That the meeting be adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Carried

9. ROUND TABLE

Certified Correct:



Secretary-Treasurer

Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:



Chair

