



Board of Trustees
Organizational Board Meeting
June 18, 2026

Date: June 18, 2026
Time: 2:31 p.m.
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Trustee Marie Dyck
Trustee Wanda Laurin
Trustee Lacey Buchinski
Trustee Janet Przybylski
Trustee David Rushton
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

Members Present Virtually Trustee Paul Quinney

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Secretary Treasurer Freeman.

2. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board, June 18, 2026, was reviewed.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (POLICY 7) (Secretary-Treasurer)

3.1. Election of Chair of the Board of Trustees (Policy 5) (Secretary-Treasurer)

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Laurin nominated Trustee Rushton for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Rushton accepted the nomination for the position of Board Chair of the Board of the Trustees.

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman called for nomination for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees a second time.

Trustee Giesbrecht nominated Trustee Buchinski for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Buchinski accepted the nomination for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman called for nomination for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees a third time.

No further nominations.

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman declared nominations cease for the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees after calling for nominations three times.

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman declared Trustee Rushton elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Peace River School Division

Trustee Rushton was sworn in as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Peace River School Division by Secretary-Treasurer Freeman and assumed duties of the Chair of The Peace River School Division.

3.2 Election of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees (Policy 6)

Board Chair Rushton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Laurin nominated Trustee Buchinski for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Buchinski accepted the nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of the Trustees.

Trustee Dyck nominated Trustee Giesbrecht for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Giesbrecht declined the nomination.

Board Chair Rushton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees a second time.

Trustee Przybylski nominated Trustee Dyck for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Dyck accepted the nomination for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Board Chair Rushton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees a third time.

No further nominations.



Board Chair Rushton declared nominations cease for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees after calling for nominations three times.

Board Chair Rushton declared Trustee Buchinski Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the Board Chair and Vice Chair election ballots be destroyed.

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4. Establishment of Regular and Organizational Board Meeting Dates and Times

10:00 a.m.	August 20, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	September 17, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	October 22, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
	PSBAA Oct 14-16	
10:00 a.m.	November 19, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	December 17, 2026	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	January 21, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	February 18, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	March 25, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
	CASS Mar 17-19, 2027	
10:00 a.m.	April 15, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	May 20, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	June 17, 2027	Regular Board Meeting
4:00 p.m.	June 17, 2027	Organizational Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.	August 19, 2027	Regular Board Meeting

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Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the regular and organizational meeting dates of the Board be approved.

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5. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD COMMITTEES AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

5.1. Board Committees Policy 8

Board Committees

Membership on the Board Committees was discussed.

2026-2027 Board Committee Members			
1.	Advocacy Committee	3 Trustees	Giesbrecht / Przybylski / Laurin
2.	Audit Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	2 Trustees	Rushton / Quinney
3.	Council of School Council (COSC) <i>(Standing Committee)</i>		All trustees
4.	Discipline Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	Up to 5 Trustees	Excludes Board Chair and Local Trustee
5.	Grievance Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees / Alternate (A)	Przybylski / Buchinski / Rushton / Quinney (A)
6.	Negotiations – C.U.P.E. (Support Staff and Bus Drivers) <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees / Alternate (A)	Note- due to recent Collective Agreement signings, this committee will not be active until 2028
7.	Negotiations – Teachers ATA <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 Trustees / Alternate (A)	Note- due to recent Collective Agreement signings, this committee will not be active until 2028
8.	Policy Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	3 trustees	Rushton / Dyck / Giesbrecht / Buchinski (A)
9.	Student Engagement Team Committee <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	All Trustees	All Trustees
10.	Support Staff Bus Driver Liaison (SSBDL) <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	2 Trustees / Alternate (A)	Dyck / Laurin / Buchinski (A)
11.	Teacher Board Advisory (TBAC) <i>(Standing Committee)</i>	2 Trustees / Alternate (A)	Buchinski / Przybylski / Giesbrecht(A)

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Moved by: Trustee Laurin

That the Board Committee list be approved as amended.

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5.1.1. School Councils

	<u>2026-2027</u>
EE Oliver School (EEO)	Rushton
Fairview and Area Learning Store (FALS)	Rushton
Fairview Jr./Sr. High (FHS)	Rushton
Grimshaw Public School (GPS)	Quinney
Hines Creek Composite School (HCC)	Giesbrecht
Lloyd Garrison School (LGS)	Przybylski
Manning Aurora Composite School (MACS)	Buchinski
Menno Simons Community School (MS)	Giesbrecht
Nampa Public (NA)	Dyck
Peace River High School (PRHS)	Laurin
Peace Regional Outreach (PO)	Dyck
Red Earth Creek (REC)	Dyck
Springfield School (SP)	Laurin
T.A. Norris Middle School (TA)	Laurin
Worsley Central School (WO)	Giesbrecht

The School Council representatives list was reviewed.

5.2 Board Representatives Policy 9

5.2.1. Board Representatives

Appointments of the Board Representatives was discussed.

2026-2027 Board Representatives for External Committees			
1.	Alberta School Boards Association Zone One Representative (ASBA)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Buchinski / <i>Rushton</i> (A)
2.	Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Buchinski
3.	EE Oliver (Fairview) Joint Board Committee (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Rushton / <i>Przybylski</i> (A)
4.	Grimshaw Community Services Board	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Quinney / <i>Przybylski</i> (A)
5.	Grimshaw Library Joint Use Services Agreement (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Quinney / <i>Przybylski</i> (A)
6.	Grimshaw Shared School Advisory Joint Use (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Quinney / <i>Przybylski</i> (A)
7.	Grimshaw Shared Schools Library Dispute Resolution Committee	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Buchinski
8.	Manning Aurora Composite School (MACS) (Joint Use) NEW	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Buchinski / <i>Laurin</i> (A)

9.	Menno Simons (Cleardale) Agricultural Society Recreation Committee (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Rushton / Przybylski (A)
10.	Peace River Community Services Board	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Dyck / Laurin (A)
11.	Public School Board Council (PSBC)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Dyck
12.	Red Earth Creek Community Library (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Dyck
13.	Rural Caucus	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Laurin / Giesbrecht (A)
14.	TEBA Committee Representative	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Buchinski
15.	Town of Peace River (Joint Use) NEW	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Laurin / Dyck (A)
16.	Worsley & District Agricultural Society Recreation Committee (Joint Use)	1 Trustee / Alternate (A)	Giesbrecht

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Moved by: Trustee Dyck

That the Board Representatives list be approved as amended.

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6. Advocacy

6.1 Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Chamber of Commerce meetings were discussed.

6.2 Joint Municipalities Meeting – February 17, 2027

6.3 Joint Meeting with Holy Family Catholic Regional School Division (HFCRD) TBD – Their turn to host (they cancelled 2026 when it was our turn)

6.4 Community Engagement

Community Engagement was discussed.

6.5 Meeting with MLAs

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by: Trustee Przybylski

That the organizational meeting be adjourned at 3:53 p.m.





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7. ROUND TABLE

Certified Correct:



Secretary-Treasurer
Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:



Chair

