



Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
**August 20, 2026**

Date: August 20, 2026  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Central Operations

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

Members Absent: Trustee Paul Quinney

Staff Present: Superintendent Jeff Thompson  
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Freeman  
Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Gascoyne  
Assistant Superintendent Hayden Gust  
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 Rushton.

### 1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Rushton gave the land acknowledgement.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

### 2.1. MINUTES

~~2.1.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on June 18, 2026~~

~~2.1.2. Minutes from the Organizational Meeting of the Board on June 18, 2026~~

### 2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

### 2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

~~2.3.1. Financial Monthly Report~~

### 2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

~~2.5.1. 20260512 May 12 Hines Creek School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)~~

### 2.6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 2.7. CORRESPONDENCE

~~2.7.1. 20260619 June 19 PRSD Letter to Ministers re: Red Earth Creek Washrooms~~

~~2.7.2. 20260707 July 7 Minister McDougall Response to PRSD Letter re Fairview College~~

~~2.7.3. 20260708 Letter from Clear Hills County Approving 2027 Grant~~

~~2.7.4. 20260727 PRSD Response to Clear Hills County re: Grant~~

**16284**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

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, August 20, 2026, was reviewed.

**16285**

**Moved by:** Trustee Laurin

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, August 20, 2026, be approved as amended.

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**Carried**

### **4. STRATEGIC**

#### **4.1. Report on Business Carried Out Over the Summer (Thompson)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reported on the work done over the summer.

**16286**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the Report on Business Carried Out Over the Summer be approved.

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**Carried**

#### **4.2 Families Matter Week (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed past practices for Families Matter Week.

**16287**

**Moved by:** Trustee Przybylski

That the Board declare the week of the Family Day Holiday in February be Families Matter Week annually.

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**Carried**

### **5. GENERATIVE**

#### **5.1. Superintendent's Vision for 2026-2027 (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson presented his report "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Our Year in Review and the Road Ahead".

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Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.  
Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.  
Trustee Buchinski assumed duties of the Chair at 10:54 a.m.  
Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m. and resumed duties of the Chair.

**16288**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the Superintendent's report "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Our Year in Review and the Road Ahead", be received for information.

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**Carried**

## **5.2 Dixonville Property Update (Thompson)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reported that the Division has received the money for the Dixonville properties.

## **5.3 Red Earth Creek Project Update (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reported on the Red Earth Creek Project progress. Working through proposal that will go to bid for a design build contractor with hope construction will start in March 2027.

## **5.4 Industry Advancement Grant Update (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson and Secretary-Treasurer Freeman gave an update on the Industry Advancement Grant. Had success, hired program coordinator who will start until October, have admin position that is starting on Monday, 2 driving simulators are here and installed, working on tests and getting materials ready, making great advancement

The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m.  
The meeting resumed at 11:37 a.m.

Peggy Johnson and Tegan Martin-Drysdale from the Fairview Regional Campus Society joined the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Round table introductions were performed.

## **5.7 Presentation (11:37 a.m.) Fairview Regional Campus Society – Strategic Plan (Rushton)**

Peggy Johnson and Tegan Martin-Drysdale gave a presentation on the Fairview Regional Campus Society in Fairview, work they have done and steps moving forward.

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:24 p.m.  
The meeting resumed after lunch at 1:03 p.m.

## **FIDUCIARY**

### **6.1. IN CAMERA (Land, Legal, Labour)**

**16289**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the meeting move in-camera at 1:03 p.m.

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**Carried**

Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 2:49 p.m.  
Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

**16290**

**Moved by:** Trustee Laurin

That the meeting revert to regular session at 2:54 p.m.

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**Carried**

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

The meeting recessed at 2:54 p.m.  
The meeting resumed at 3:01 p.m.

**16291**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the Board approve the unexecuted draft Superintendent Employment Contract as presented, noting that it complies with the Band 2 salary caps and regional allowance provisions of the Superintendent of Schools Regulation (Alta. Reg. 98/2019).

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**Carried**

### **5.5 Staffing Update (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed staffing changes for the upcoming school year, and Assistant Superintendent Gust updated the Board on new funding to hire additional staff for this year.

### **5.6 Departmental Presentations Discussion (Rushton)**

Departmental Presentations were discussed.

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**5.8 Rural Health Professions Action Plan Conference (Dyck)**

Trustee Dyck reviewed the Rural Health Professions Action Plan Conference.

**5.9 Delegations - None**

**5.10 Standing Committee Agenda Items - None**

**5.11 Quarterly Financial Reports (Dec/Mar/Jun/Aug) -None**

**FIDUCIARY**

**6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**

**6.2.1 Board Policy 10 – Policy Making**

Board Policy 10 – Policy Making was discussed.

**16292**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That Policy 10 – Policy Making be referred back to the Policy Committee for further review.

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**Carried**

**6.2.2 Board Policy 2 Appendix – Board Annual Work Plan**

Board Policy 2 Appendix – Board Annual Work Plan was discussed.

**6.3 STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**

**6.3.1 ASBA** – discussed in-camera

**6.3.2 PSBAA** – discussed in-camera

**6.3.3 RURAL CAUCUS** – discussed in-camera

**6.4 Board Annual Work Plan**

**6.4.1 Trustee Calendar**

The Trustee Calendar was discussed.

**7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.1.1. Minutes from the Organizational Meeting of the Board on June 18, 2026**

**16293**

**Moved by:** Trustee Laurin

That the Minutes from the Organizational meeting of the Board on June 18, 2026, be received for information.



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Carried

**2.7.2 20260707 July 7 Minister McDougall Response to PRSD Letter re Fairview College**

**16294**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the 20260707 July 7 Minister McDougall Response to PRSD letter re: the Fairview College, be received for information.

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Carried

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**16295**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

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

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Carried

**Certified Correct:**



**Secretary-Treasurer**

Recorder: Chris Warne

**Approved:**



**Chair**

