



Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
**March 14, 2024**

Date: March 14, 2024  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Chair Crystal Owens  
Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski  
Trustee Marie Dyck  
Trustee David Rushton

Members Present Virtually: Trustee Moïse Dion  
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

Members Absent: Trustee Lori Leitch

Staff Present: Superintendent Adam Murray  
Secretary-Treasurer Rhonda Freeman  
Deputy Superintendent Jeff Thompson  
Executive Assistant Chris Warne  
Communications Coordinator Kristin Dyck

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Owens.

### 1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Owens gave the land acknowledgement.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

### 2.1. MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on February 15, 2024

### 2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

### 2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2.3.1. Financial Monthly Report to January 2024

~~2.3.2. Accounts Paid – February 2024~~

### 2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

2.5.1. 20240117 Jan 17 REC School Council Minutes (Dyck)

2.5.2. 20240117 Jan 17 Springfield School Council Minutes (Owens)

2.5.3. 20240129 Jan 29 Worsley School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)

2.5.4. 20240130 Jan 30 PRHS Council Minutes (Owens)

2.5.5. 20240214 Feb 14 Hines Creek Composite School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)

2.5.6. 20240226 Feb 26 Worsley School Council Minutes (Giesbrecht)

**2.6. TRUSTEE WORKPLAN**

**2.7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- 2.7.1. Superintendent's Report
- 2.7.2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

**2.8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2.8.1. 20240221 Feb 21 Invitation to Minister Nicolaides
- 2.8.2. cc of Wolf Creek Public Schools Letter to Federal Minister re Carbon Tax

**15787**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski  
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 14, 2024, was reviewed.

**15788**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski  
That Debrief of Zone 1 Meeting March 13, 2024 be added as 5.8 and, Update on the Education Plan be added as 5.9 to the March 14, 2024, regular meeting of the Board agenda.

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**Carried**

**15789**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck  
That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board March 14, 2024, be approved as amended.

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**Carried**

**4. STRATEGIC**

**4.1. 2024-2025 Draft School Year Calendar (Murray)**

Superintendent Murray reviewed the 2024-2025 Draft School Year Calendar.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 10:31 a.m.  
Trustee Giesbrecht left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

**15790**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski  
That the draft 2024-2025 School Year Calendar be approved as presented.



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Carried

**4.4 GPCSD Request to Place a Modular School on EEO School Site (Owens/Rushton) – discussed after 4.1.**

GPCSD's request to place a modular school on the EEO School site was discussed.

Transportation Manager Lee joined the meeting at 11:04 a.m.  
Transportation Manager Lee left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

**15791**

**Moved by:** Trustee Ruston

The Board of Trustees approve GPCSD's request to place a temporary modular school on the EEO school grounds subject to the following conditions: PRSD administration must approve the physical location of the temporary facility, related matters, and a Joint Use Committee will be formed to oversee the construction and develop a joint use agreement with GPCSD.

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Carried

The meeting recessed for 5 minutes at 11:20 a.m.  
Division Coordinators Whelan, Stalker and Scott-Wilkes joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m.  
The meeting resumed at 11:25 a.m.

**5. GENERATIVE**

**5.5 Departmental Presentations – New Curriculum 11:30 a.m. (Thompson, Whelan, Scott-Wilkes, Stalker)**

Deputy Superintendent Thompson and his team provided information on the new curriculum to the Board of Trustees.

Division Coordinators Whelan, Stalker and Scott-Wilkes left the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

**4. STRATEGIC**

**4.2 2025-2028 Capital Plan (Freeman)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed the 2025-2028 Capital Plan.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 11:59 a.m.  
Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**15792**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

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

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Carried



Transportation Manager Lee joined the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

#### **4.3 School Bus Tender (Freeman/Lee)**

Secretary-Treasurer and Transportation Manager Lee reviewed the school bus tender.

**15793**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the school bus tender from Western Canada Bus for 6 x 70-passenger busses with diesel engines, for a total cost of \$959,850 plus GST, be accepted.

Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Transportation Manager Lee left the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

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**Carried**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:39 p.m.

The meeting resumed after lunch at 2:00 p.m.

#### **6. FIDUCIARY**

##### **6.1. IN CAMERA**

**15794**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the meeting move in-camera at 2:03p.m.

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**Carried**

**15795**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the meeting revert to regular session at 2:52 p.m.

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**Carried**

While in-camera legal issues were discussed.

#### **5. GENERATIVE**

##### **5.1. Debrief of the AB. Rural Education Symposium (ARES) (Owens/Dyck)**

Board Chair Owens and Trustee Dyck gave a debrief on the ARES symposium held March 3-5, 2024, in Edmonton.



## **5.2 April 16-17, 2024, Governance PD (Owens)**

Governance PD will be held on April 16-17, 2024.

## **5.3 Budget 2024 Discussion (Freeman)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman provided information on the 2024 budget.

### **5.3.1 Meals and Mileage Rates**

Meals and mileage rates for the Board of Trustees was discussed.

#### **15796**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That effective April 1, 2024, the mileage rate be changed to \$0.61 cents and meal allowances be changed to \$15.00 for breakfast, \$20.00 for lunch and \$30.00 for supper.

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**Carried**

#### **15797**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the Board of Trustees discuss their per diem rates on the budget meeting day.

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**Carried**

## **5.4 PSBAA Module 10 (Owens)**

The Board completed a review exercise on the PSBAA Module 10.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

## **5.6 Standing Committee Agenda Items**

## **5.7 Delegations – None**

## **5.8 Debrief of ASBA Zone 1 (Owens) (addition to the agenda)**

Board Chair Owens and Trustee Dyck provided an update on the ASBA Zone 1 meeting held on March 12, 2024.

## **5.9 Education Plan update (Thompson) (addition to the agenda)**

Deputy Superintendent Thompson provided information on the reception of the 5-year education plan that the Board approved by administrators.



## 6. FIDUCIARY

### 6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW (No policies to review)

### 6.3 Trustee Calendar

The Trustee calendar was reviewed.

## 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

### 2.3.2. Accounts Paid – February 2024

Trustee Buchinski left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Trustee Buchinski returned to the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

**15798**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dion

That the Accounts Paid – January 2024 report be received for information.

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**Carried**

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

### 2.8.2 Cc. of Wolf Creek Public Schools Letter to Federal Minister Guibeault re: Carbon Tax Rebates

The Wolf Creek Public Schools letter to Federal Minister Guibeault was discussed.

**15799**

**Moved Trustee Dion**

That the copy of a letter Wolf Creek Public Schools sent to Federal Minister Guibeault be received for information.

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**Carried**

**15800**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dion

That administration draft a letter to the federal government for board signature, regarding a tailored policy approach that accounts for the unique challenges and circumstances of rural school boards including:

- **Specific Grants** for energy efficiency improvements,
- **Exemptions or Lower rates** for carbon taxes based on geographical and logistical challenges,
- **Targeted funding and resources** supporting the adoption of green technologies such as electric buses for shorter distances.



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Carried

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**15801**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck  
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Carried

**9. ROUND TABLE**

**Certified Correct:**



**Secretary-Treasurer**  
Recorder: Chris Warne

**Approved:**



**Chair**