



Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
**January 16, 2025**

Date: January 16, 2025  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Chair Crystal Owens  
Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski  
Trustee Lori Leitch  
Trustee David Rushton

Members Present Virtually: Trustee Marie Dyck

Members Absent: Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

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 10:00 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 December 19, 2024

### 2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

### 2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2.3.1. Financial Monthly Report

2.3.2. Accounts Paid - December 2024

### 2.4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 2.5. TRUSTEE SCHOOL/COMMUNITY REPORTS

### 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. ~~20241119 Nov 19 Letter from EDC re Disposition of Manning Schools~~

2.8.2. 20241119 Nov 19 Letter from EDC re Disposition of vacant Cleardale lot

2.8.3. 20241219 Dec 19 cc Sturgeon Public Schools Letter to EDC re Data Collection

- 2.8.4. 20241220 Dec 20 cc Northern Lights Public Schools Letter to EDC re Funding Formula
- ~~2.8.5. 20250110 Jan 10 Email re Student Engagement Communication~~
- ~~2.8.6. Undated – Letter from FHS School Council to Trustee Rushton~~

**15982**

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair 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, January 16, 2025, was reviewed.

**15983**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, January 16, 2025, be approved as amended.

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**Carried**

### **4. STRATEGIC – No items**

### **5. GENERATIVE**

#### **5.1. Enrollment Numbers – Dixonville (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the current and preliminary enrollment numbers at the Dixonville School.

This item was tabled until after In-Camera.

#### **5.2 Board Evaluation Discussion (Owens)**

The annual board evaluation was discussed.

#### **5.3 Delegations - None**

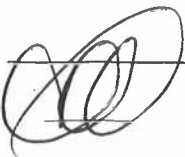
#### **5.4 Departmental Presentations - None**

#### **5.5 Standing Committee Agenda Items**

##### **5.5.1 Joint Municipalities Meeting February 5, 2025**

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Trustee Rushton returned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.



A discussion on the Joint Municipalities meeting began but was then tabled until later in the meeting.

## **6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW**

### **6.2.1 Policy 17 – School Bus Transportation Services**

Policy 17 – School Bus Transportation Services was discussed with suggested changes for the Policy Committee to incorporate.

## **6.3 STANDING ITEMS**

### **6.3.1 ASBA**

Board Representative Buchinski, with input from other trustees, gave an update on the ASBA Zone 1 meeting.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 11:41 a.m.  
Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

### **6.3.2 PSBAA**

Board Representative Owens gave an update on the work of the PSBC, a committee of the PSBAA.

### **6.3.3 ADVOCACY**

Advocacy Committee member Leitch provided a draft document for review. This item was tabled until later in the meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.  
The meeting resumed after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

## **6. FIDUCIARY**

### **6.1. IN CAMERA**

**15984**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton  
That the meeting move in-camera at 12:45 p.m.

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**Carried**

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.  
Trustee Ruston returned to the meeting at 1:33 p.m.  
Vice-Chair Buchinski left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.  
Vice-Chair Buchinski returned to the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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**15985**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the meeting revert to regular session at 2:39 p.m.

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**Carried**

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

The meeting recessed at 2:39 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2:46 p.m.

Trustee Dyck left the meeting during the recess.

**15986**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That we approve the request by administration to purchase the tow truck as presented.

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**Carried**

## **5. GENERATIVE**

### **5.1. Enrollment Numbers – Dixonville (Thompson) (con't from earlier in the meeting)**

**15987**

**Moved by:** Trustee Owens

That the Board of Trustees engage Policy 15 in regards to Dixonville School.

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**Carried**

#### **5.5.1 Joint Municipalities Meeting February 5, 2025 (con't from earlier in the meeting)**

The discussion regarding the Joint Municipalities continued.

##### **5.5.1.1. Terms of Reference for the Joint Municipalities Meeting**

## **6. FIDUCIARY**

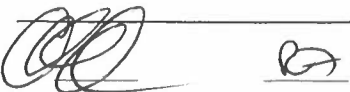
### **6.3 STANDING ITEMS**

#### **6.3.3 Advocacy (con't from earlier in the meeting)**

Discussion on board advocacy was continued.

## **5. GENERATIVE**

### **5.5 Standing Committee Agenda Items - None**



**6. FIDUCIARY**

**6.4 Trustee Calendar**

**6.4.1 Rural Caucus**

Rural Caucus was discussed.

**7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**2.8.1 20241119 Nov 19 Letter from EDC re Disposition of Manning Schools**

The 20241119 Nov 19 Letter from EDC re: Disposition of Manning Schools was discussed.

**15988**

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair Buchinski

That the 20241119 Nov 19 Letter from EDC re: Disposition of Manning Schools be received for information.

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**Carried**

**2.8.5 20250110 Jan 10 Email re Student Engagement Communication**

**15989**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the 20250110 Jan 10 email re: Student Engagement Communication be received for information.

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**Carried**

**2.8.6. Undated – Letter from FHS School Council to Trustee Rushton**

The letter from FHS School Council to Trustee Rushton was discussed.

**15990**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the undated letter from FHS School Council to Trustee Rushton be received for information.

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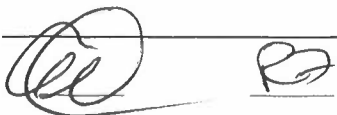
**Carried**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**15991**

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair Buchinski

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



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Carried

9. ROUND TABLE

Certified Correct:



Secretary-Treasurer  
Recorder: Chris Warne

Approved:

  
Chair