



Turtle River School Division

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024

Chair K. Wilkinson, Vice-Chair C. Senkowski and Trustees J. Whyte, F. Soucy were present.

Trustee A. Petrowski was not present.

Also present: B. Szymesko, Superintendent, S. Desjardins, Secretary Treasurer.

Turtle River School Division operates on Treaty 2 lands; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. The Turtle River School Division respects the Treaties that were made on this territory, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

The Turtle River School Division will focus on meeting the overall needs of its students. In doing so, the Board will maximize the use of specialized programs and facilities to provide the greatest opportunities for student learning and growth. The implementation of these programs is guided by goals that assist students to reach the high degree of self-actualization necessary to become self-sufficient contributing members of society.

1.00 Call to Order at 6:21 pm.

2.00 Reading of Mission and Treaty Acknowledgment.

3.00 Additions to the Agenda.

4.00 Approval of the Agenda.

Resolution No.1 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Board approve the agenda.

Carried.

5.00 Adoption of Board Minutes

Resolution No. 2 (Whyte/Senkowski) That the minutes of the regular meeting on January 9, 2024 be adopted subject to correction for errors and omissions.

Carried.

6.00 Business Arising from the Minutes.

7.00 In-Camera.

Resolution No. 3 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Board move into the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried.

Resolution No. 4 (Whyte/Senkowski) That the Board move into In-camera.

Carried.

TRUSTEE WILKINSON KEPT CHAIR.
PERSONEL WAS DISCUSSED.



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Resolution No. 5 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the Board move out of In-camera.

Carried.

Resolution No. 6 (Senkowski/Whyte) That the Board move out of the “Committee of the Whole.”

Carried

8.00 Delegations.

9.00 Board Committee Reports.

10.10 Superintendent’s Report

Division Planning and Programming:

- EYE – Early Years Evaluation – report (Oct. 2, 2023-Nov 20, 2023) – see attachment.
- PISA 2022 – Results – see attachment

Administration:

- School Year Calendar 2024-2025 – see attachment
- Enrolment Report – see attachment
- Suspension Report – see attachment
- Staffing Report – see attachment

Resolution No. 7 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of February 5, 2024 to February 9, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent’s Staffing List be approved.

Carried.

Resolution No. 8 (Whyte/Soucy) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of April 1, 2024 to April 10, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent’s Staffing List be approved.

Carried.

Resolution No. 9 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the request for personal leave without pay for the period of January 25, 2024 to February 5, 2024 as outlined in the Superintendent’s Staffing List be approved.

Carried.

Correspondence:

- January 25,2024-Letter from Stacey Hay-Director of Teacher Certification and Standards. The letter is to modernize the certificate process and to ensure alignment with other Canadian jurisdictions.



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- January 26,2024- Letter from Brian O’Leary Teachers’ Idea Fund
- January 29,2024- Letter from the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning The letter gives the proclamation of “I Love to Read Month” for the month of February.
- January 30,2024- Letter from Brian O’Leary - The announcement of an investment to support universally accessible school nutrition programming in the 2024-2025 school year.

Resolution No. 10 (Soucy/Whyte) That the Superintendent’s report be received.

10.20 Secretary Treasurer’s Report.

A. 2024/2025 Budget Survey:

Secretary Treasurer is working out all the details of the funding announcement. Having the ability to increase our local levy is an improvement from the last few years. Also having the formula guarantee set at 100% will be helpful. The province is focusing on a Nutrition Program for all schools. Turtle River will receive \$242,000 under this initiative and is 2.9% of our 4% increase.

Secretary Treasurer has included the 2024/2025 Funding Information that was provided by Tina Choy-Pohl, Director, EFB.

B. Accessibility Communicatoin and Information Standard:

We will need to do some work on our website to meet this standard. Steven Hopfner, ICT Director has been looking into a few options. One solution is to redo our websites with a new website provider. This option will cost us some money (we are quoted \$6,700). The Division have filled out an application from the Manitoba Accessibility Fund (MAF) grant.

C. Seniority List:

Our Seniority List has been completed as of December 31, 2023.

D. School Bus Tenders:

This year’s bus orders are out; costs again have increased 27% on a 53 seat Bluebird (\$162,200.). We currently have a bus reserve of \$356,049.

E. Workplace Safety and Health:

We received a visit at all our schools from Workplace Safety and Health and overall we did pretty good. However, there is always something to improve. Stephen Oversby, Maintenance Supervisor received the list of recommendations that he is currently working on getting resolved.



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Resolution No. 11 (Senkowski/Soucy) That the Secretary-Treasurer's report be received.

Carried.

11.00 Finance

Resolution No. 12 (Senkowski/Whyte) That the Accounts as presented be paid.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028324 to 028351 in the amount of \$306,682.63.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028352 to 028361 in the amount of \$129,837.20.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028362 to 028388 in the amount of \$ 43,178.85.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028389 to 028425 in the amount of \$439,126.87.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028426 to 028462 in the amount of \$55,922.55.
 A/P cheques numbered from 028463 to 028477 in the amount of \$393,051.00.

Carried.

12.00 Board Information and Correspondence

12.1 Action Required

Resolution No. 13 (Whyte/Soucy) That By-Law 184, Being the Trustee's Indemnity By-law of the Turtle River School Division thereof, be read for the first time.

Carried.

12.2 Information

12.3 MSBA Information

- Award Program Memo
- COSL Winter Conference Program 2024
- Appeals Procedure memo
- Convention-Call-for-Presentation
- Convention Registration Pkg (Memo and Program Overview)
- e-news January 10 2024
- Exec Highlights Jan 15 2024
- B'nai Brith Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition
- 2024 Student Citizenship Awards Pkg
- A Field Trip for Your Class - Holocaust Education through Theatre
- e-news January 24_2024
- Federal Budget 2024 template letter - Funding for National Food School Program (Eng)
- Holocaust & Human Rights Symposium Letter to teachers
- MEC - Share Your Priorities for Manitoba's 2024 Budget
- Special Announcement - Chief Superintendent Designate Jan 2024



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- Frontier School Division - Area 3 Superintendent - Closing Date February 12, 2024
- Manitoba Down Syndrome Society Sock Design Contest2. MEC - Share Your Priorities for Manitoba's 2024 Budget. Federal Budget 2024 template letter - Funding for National Food School Program (Eng)
- Memo and Program UPDATE Jan 31
- MUST Fund Assessment July 1 2024 notice Jan 30 2024
- Non-Teaching Collective Bargaining UPDATE January 12 2024 & Jan 31, 2024
- e-news February 7_2024
- Executive Highlights Feb 5 2024

13.00 New Business/Other Business Report

A. Administration:

B. Staffing:

Staffing Report was shared.

14.00 Announcements

15.00 Adjournment

Resolution No. 14 (Soucy/Senkowski) That the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024.
The Regular Board Meeting will start at 6:00 pm.**