



Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
**March 13, 2025**

Date: **March 13, 2025**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Central Operations

Members Present: Chair Crystal Owens  
Vice-Chair Lacey Buchinski  
Trustee Marie Dyck  
Trustee Lori Leitch  
Trustee David Rushton  
Trustee Edith Giesbrecht

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

Community Members Present: Kashia Pyska  
Michelle Kristensen  
Karl Sorensen

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Owens.

### 1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Owens gave the Land Acknowledgement during the flag raising ceremony.

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

### 2.1. MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board on February 20, 2025

### 2.2. SUBSTANTIVE MOTIONS

### 2.3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

2.3.1. Financial Monthly Report - not available at this time / early in the month.

2.3.2. Accounts Paid – February 2025

### 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.** February 21, 2025, cc of Letter from GPPSD to EDC Minister re: Funding of Support Staff

**2.8.2.** March 11, 2025, Letter from EDC Minister re: F & E Furniture for MACS

**16003**

**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 13, 2025, was reviewed.

**16004**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board, March 13, 2025, be approved as amended.

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**Carried**

## **4. STRATEGIC**

### **4.2 Dixonville Viability Report (Thompson) 10:15 a.m.**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the steps regarding Dixonville School Viability.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

**16005**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That, in accordance with Section 4, of Policy 15 - School and Program Viability, the Board undertake consideration of closure or program alteration of Dixonville School, to be determined by April 30, 2025.

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**Carried**

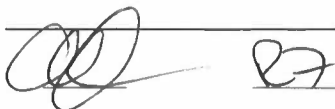
2/3 Guests – left meeting 11:26 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:26 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:34 a.m.

### **4.1. Draft Capital Plan (Freeman)**

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



**16006**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

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

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**Carried**

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

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed the school bus tender.

**16007**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the school bus tender from Dynamic Bus Sales for 8 - Bluebird Vision 70-passenger gas buses @ \$172,990. plus GST (built-in stock) each and 1 - Bluebird Vision 47 passenger gas bus w/2 wheelchair spots @ \$203,850. plus GST (factory order), for a total of 9 buses (including wc unit) for \$1,587,770. plus GST and applicable fees, be approved.

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**Carried**

#### **4.4 2025-2026 Draft Menno Simons School Year Calendar (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson reviewed the draft 2025-2026 Menno Simons School Year Calendar. The draft calendar will be discussed in April at the regular meeting of the Board.

#### **4.5 Manning Bus Garage Name – MACS Trades Centre (Freeman)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed information gathered regarding the proposed name.

**16008**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the Manning Bus Garage be renamed the 'MACS Trades Centre'.

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**Carried**

#### **4.6 E.E.O. Joint Use Agreement (Freeman)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed the E.E.O. Joint Use Agreement.

**16009**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the E.E.O. Joint Use Agreement be approved as presented.

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**Carried**



#### **4.7 Red Earth Public Library Agreement (Freeman)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed changes to the Red Earth Public Library Agreement.

**16010**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the proposed changes to the Red Earth Public Library Agreement be approved.

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**Carried**

#### **4.8 HVAC System (Freeman) (added to the agenda)**

Secretary-Treasurer Freeman reviewed quotes received for the new HVAC system.

**16011**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the bid from LSM Mechanical for the new HVAC system at Central Operations for \$854,000 be approved.

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**Carried**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed after lunch at 1:00 p.m.

### **6. FIDUCIARY**

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

**16012**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the meeting move in-camera at 1:05 p.m.

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**Carried**

**16013**

**Moved by:** Trustee Rushton

That the meeting revert to regular session at 1:45 p.m.

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**Carried**

While in-camera legal and labour issues were discussed.



## **5. GENERATIVE**

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

Board Chair Owens and Trustee Dyck gave a debrief of the Alberta Rural Education Symposium.

### **5.2 Update on the Deputy Superintendent Recruitment (Thompson)**

Superintendent Thompson gave an update on the recruitment of a Deputy Superintendent.

### **5.3 Delegations – Clear Hills County 11:30 a.m.**

The Board heard a presentation from Clear Hills County regarding the Trades Training program they help sponsor.

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

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

#### **5.5.1 TBAC Meeting Date**

A date for the TBAC meeting was discussed and will be set at a later time.

## **6. FIDUCIARY**

### **6.2 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW – None**

Board Chair Owens indicated policy development and review will be discussed at a later date.

### **6.3 STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS**

#### **6.3.1 ASBA**

The ASBA Zone 1 meeting held in Grimshaw March 12, 2025, was discussed.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 2:26 pm

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 2:28 pm

Vice-Chair Buchinski left the meeting at 2:28 pm

Vice-Chair Buchinski returned to the meeting at 2:29 pm

#### **6.3.2 PSBAA**

Board Chair Owens reviewed the upcoming PCBO meeting and indicated April 9, 2025, has been set for the Minister's reception.



#### 6.4 Trustee Calendar

The Trustee Calendar was discussed.

Trustee Rushton left the meeting at 3:03 pm

Trustee Rushton returned to the meeting at 3:04 pm

#### 7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

##### 2.8.2 March 11, 2025, Letter from EDC Minister re: F & E Furniture for MACS

**16014**

**Moved by:** Trustee Buchinski

That the March 11, 2025, letter from the EDC Minister re: F & E Furniture for MACS be received for information.

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**Carried**

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

**16015**

**Moved by:** Trustee Dyck

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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**Carried**

#### 9. ROUND TABLE

**Certified Correct:**



**Secretary-Treasurer**

Recorder: Tammy Carlyle

**Approved:**



**Chair**