

**FORT VERMILION SCHOOL DIVISION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 26, 2025**

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Mr. Marc Beland, Board Chair
Mr. Tim Driedger, Board Vice Chair
Mr. Shane Lloyd
Mr. Henry Goertzen
Mr. Benjamin Friesen
Mr. John Zacharias
Mrs. Linda Kowal

Administration Present:

Mr. Michael McMann, Superintendent
Mr. Norman Buhler, Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Natalie Morris, Associate Superintendent
Mrs. Karen Smith, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Gilbert Morris, Supervisor of Learning
Mrs. Leah Martens, Supervisor of Learning
Ms. Janice Sundar, Supervisor of Learning
Mrs. Darlene Bergen, Executive Assistant
Ms. Chandra Tincombe, Public Engagement Coordinator

Guests:

Mr. Dale Driedger, Principal – BHCS
Mr. Kevin Janzen, Assistant Principal – BHCS
Mrs. Heather Kierstead, Principal - FMCS
Ms. Melanie Arcand, Assistant Principal – FMCS

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Mr. Fred Kirby, President

Board Chairman, Marc Beland, called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

25-03-17254
IN-CAMERA

John Zacharias moved that the Board of Trustees go in-camera at 9:59 a.m.

CARRIED

25-03-17255
REVERT TO PUBLIC
MEETING

Henry Goertzen moved that the Board of Trustees move out of in camera at 1:20 p.m.

CARRIED

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25-03-17256 FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – BLUE HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. John Zacharias moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Focus on Student Achievement – Blue Hills Community School Report. <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
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25-03-17257 FOCUS ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – FLORENCE MACDOUGALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Shane Lloyd moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Focus on Student Achievement – Florence MacDougall Community School Report. <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
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25-03-17258 APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Benjamin Friesen moved that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda with the following additional items: c. New Curriculum for Junior High d. Urban Transportation <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
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25-03-17259 APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Benjamin Friesen moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held January 22, 2025, as amended. <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
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BOARD COMMUNICATIONS	None.
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TRUSTEE SHARING ON PD/COMMITTEES	Henry Goertzen attended the ASBA Zone 1 meeting in Grimshaw on March 12. Trustees in the zone shared concerns about the frequency of vehicles passing buses with the stop sign extended and lights flashing. Bus drivers must also be cognizant of the speed of other traffic and their ability to stop.
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**MONITORING
REPORTS**

25-03-17260 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Linda Kowal moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Superintendent's Report as information. <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
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25-03-17261 FINANCE REPORT	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Tim Driedger moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Finance Report as of February 28, 2025. CARRIED
25-03-17262 FISCAL QUARTERLY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Shane Lloyd moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Fiscal Quarterly Accountability Report. CARRIED
25-03-17263 THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Henry Goertzen moved that the Board of Trustees accept the Three Year Capital Plan for 2026-2029. CARRIED
25-03-17264 REVIEW STUDENT FEE STRUCTURE	Report found in the March 26, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Package. Linda Kowal moved that the Board of Trustees amend the current fee structure for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. CARRIED
OTHER BUSINESS	
25-03-17265 MAY AND JUNE BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE	Benjamin Friesen moved that the Board of Trustees move the May Board Meeting from May 21, 2025, to May 27, 2025, and cancel the June 11, 2025, Board Meeting. CARRIED
25-03-17266 WARD 4 TRUSTEE RESIGNATION	John Zacharias moved that the Board of Trustees accept Amanda Paul's resignation as Ward 4 Trustee effective November 30, 2024. CARRIED
25-03-17267 NEW CURRICULUM FOR JUNIOR HIGH	Benjamin Friesen moved that the Board of Trustees support the Curriculum Pilot for Junior High for the 2025-26 school year. CARRIED
25-03-17268 URBAN TRANSPORTATION	Linda Kowal moved that the Board of Trustees continue with the current urban transportation distance limits for the 2025-26 school year and advocate for continued supported funding. CARRIED

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25-03-17269
ADJOURNMENT

Marc Beland moved that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at
2:04 p.m.

CARRIED

(original signed)
Board Chair

(original signed)
Associate Superintendent of
Finance