

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Hanna

Each student will be provided personalized education through innovative practices while celebrating diversity and developing strong relationships that ensure student achievement and foster the growth of well-adjusted citizens.

Present: Holli Smith, Shandele Battle, Jinel Ference (Google Meet), Marsha Tkach, Scott MacPherson, Ken Macfarlane, Lindsay Bond (Google Meet), Shauna Davies (Google Meet), Cam McKeage – Superintendent, Mark Nikota – Secretary Treasurer, and Jennifer Cooper – Administrative Assistant

1. Call To Order

Board Chairperson, H. Smith, called the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division approved the May 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting agenda, as amended.

Carried (2024-2025-83)

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- A. The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division reviewed the April 29, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.
- B. The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division reviewed the May 13, 2025, Special Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

5. Reports of Officers

- A. Administration
 - C. McKeage, Superintendent, presented the administration report. Principals have been hired for Al-Amal Academy, Al-Amal Online Academy, Green Dome Islamic School and Veteran School. The Board & School Council meetings were held on May 5 & 12, 2025.

6. Reports of Committees

- A. Rural Caucus
 - The next meeting will be held at the ASBA Spring General Meeting in June and there is limited space so each school division can have two representatives attend.

Marty McCrea entered the Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.



7. Standing Order of Business

A. 2025-2026 Budget

M. McCrea presented the draft budget 2025-2026. Projected enrolments were reviewed.

Moved by S. MacPherson that the 2025-2026 Operating and Capital Budget be approved as presented.

Carried (2024-2025-84)

M. McCrea left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Recess held at 10:06 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

B. Prairie Land Education Plan

The superintendent presented the 2025-2028 Education Plan.

Moved by S. Battle that the 2025-2028 Prairie Land Education Plan be approved as presented.

Carried (2024-2025-85)

C. Prairie Land Line of Credit Application – Updated Motion

At the January 28, 2025 Board Meeting, a motion was passed to allow Prairie Land to apply for a \$1 million Line of Credit, however RBC needs an amendment made to the motion in regards to security.

Moved by J. Ference that Motion #2024-2025-50 be rescinded.

Carried (2024-2025-86)

Moved by M. Tkach that Administration be authorized to obtain an operating line of credit, not to exceed \$1 million, to be secured by a first position GSA, on the Prairie Land General account held at RBC Financial, for the sole purpose of covering temporary cash flow timing differences.

Carried (2024-2025-87)

Recess held at 10:57 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

D. Transportation Meeting

The superintendent reported on the meeting with Clearview School Division held on May 20, 2025 regarding transportation. The superintendents are working together to come up with an agreement regarding picking up students in the buffer zones.

E. Advocacy & Action Meeting



The Advocacy and Action meeting was held on May 13, 2025. Trustees attending ASBA are H. Smith, M. Tkach, S. MacPherson and S. Battle. The next meeting will be held on June 17 and it will be the Superintendent and Board evaluations.

F. Board Policies 13 & 14

Moved by L. Bond that *Board Policy 13 – School-Based Decision-Making*, be approved as revised.

Carried (2024-2025-88)

Moved by M. Tkach that *Board Policy 14 – Student Transportation*, be approved as revised.

Carried (2024-2025-89)

Recess held at 11:37 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

8. Announcements

No announcements.

9. Closed Session

Moved by S. Davies that the Board move into closed session at 11:42 a.m..

Carried (2024-2025-90)

Moved by S. MacPherson that the Board adjourn the closed session at 12:06 p.m..

Carried (2024-2025-91)

10. Adjournment

The May 27, 2025 Regular Board meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Holli Smith
Board Chair



Mark Nikota
Secretary-Treasurer