

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF PRAIRIE LAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 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:**

Shandele Battle, Scott MacPherson (Online), Holli Smith, Marsha Tkach, Sharon Walker, Danielle Kurek, Gemma Norburn, Chris Warwick, Cam McKeage – Superintendent, Katherine Mann – Deputy Superintendent, Mark Nikota – Secretary-Treasurer and Jennifer Cooper – Administrative Assistant

**Absent with Regrets:** Syed Raza – Associate Superintendent

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**1. Call To Order**

Board Chairperson, H. Smith, called the April 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division approved the April 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting agenda, as amended (items 6A PSBAA Report, 9B ASBA Zone 5, 6B Rural Caucus, 9C Transportation).

**3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

- A. The Board of Trustees of Prairie Land School Division reviewed the March 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**5. Reports of Officers**

- A. Administration
  - C. McKeage, Superintendent, presented the administration report. Staff appreciation banquets will be held on June 9 and 10, 2026. Trustees reviewed and discussed the Bill 25 section document.

Recess held at 10:52 a.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Tanya Beaulieu, Parent, entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**4. Presentations**

- A. Transportation Request – Tanya Beaulieu
  - T. Beaulieu presented on a transportation request regarding their bus route.

T. Beaulieu left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Trustees continued to review and discuss the Bill 25 section document.

Trustee Gemma Norburn entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

## 6. Reports of Committees

### A. PSBAA

M. Tkach reported on the PSBAA meeting.

### B. Rural Caucus

S. MacPherson provided an update on Rural Caucus. The Rural Caucus meeting at the ASBA SGM will be held at 12:30 p.m.

Recess held at 12:20 p.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

## 7. Standing Order of Business

### A. Board Advocacy and Action Meeting

The next Board Advocacy meeting will be held on May 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.. Agenda items will be budget, Education Plan, Board Policies 10 and 11 and the Board Governance Manual. The Board Chair registered trustees for an ASBA advocacy session from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. on political relations.

### B. MLA Meeting

Minister's Horner assistant will be at the meeting today at 2:45 p.m. for a meeting with trustees. A virtual meeting has been schedule with MLA Ellingson for June 23, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Agenda items for today's meeting will be Complexity Teams, Small Scale Capital Grant, Operations and Maintenance Funding for Alternative Program Schools, Digital Assessments and Bill 25.

Moved by M. Tkach that the Board move into closed session at 1:00 p.m..

**Carried (2025-2026-50)**

Moved by C. Warwick that the Board move out of the closed session at 2:08 p.m..



**Carried (2025-2026-51)**

Recess held at 2:08 p.m.

Board Chair, H. Smith, called the Board Meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Discussion held on Transportation Request. Further information is to be brought forward and this will be discussed at the June 23, 2026 Board meeting.

Danielle Kurek left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

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**C. Value Added Proposals**

Delia and Morrin Schools have put forward proposals to explore opportunities that enhance student engagement while ensuring schools remain relevant and meaningful within their communities. Delia school is exploring the implementation of a faith-based program alongside a shift to a four-day instructional week. Morrin School is proposing the continuation and refinement of its Hockey Academy model.

Moved by M. Tkach that the Board move into closed session at 2:47 p.m..

**Carried (2025-2026-52)**

Moved by G. Norburn that the Board move out of the closed session at 3:10 p.m..

**Carried (2025-2026-53)**

Moved by S. Battle that the Board of Trustees approve the one-year pilot project for the Delia School faith based program and four day week for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Carried (2025-2026-54)**

Moved by S. Walker that the Board of Trustees approve the one-year pilot project for the Morrin School Hockey Academy for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Carried (2025-2026-55)**

Director of Finance Marty McCrea entered the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**D. 2026-2027 Draft Budget**

M. Nikota and M. McCrea presented the 2026-2027 draft budget. The budget will be on the May 26, 2026 Board agenda for approval.

M. McCrea left the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

**E. Board & School Council Meeting**

The proposed dates for the Board and School Council meeting are May 19 or 20, 2026. Agenda items will be 2026-2027 Budget, Complexity Teams, and Prairie Land Education Plan. Agenda items will be discussed at the Advocacy and Action meeting on May 12.

**F. Board Policies 7 & 8**

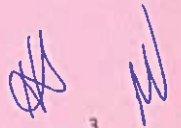
This was tabled to the May 26 Board meeting.

**8. Announcements**

Trustees reported school reports.

**9. Closed Session**

Moved by S. Walker that the Board move into closed session at 4:11 p.m..



**Carried (2025-2026-56)**

S. Battle left the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Moved by C. Warwick that the Board move out of the closed session at 4:32 p.m..

**Carried (2025-2026-57)**

**10. Adjournment**

The April 28, 2026 Regular Board meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Holli Smith  
Board Chair



Mark Nikota  
Secretary-Treasurer