



BOARD

March 20, 2025



Board of Trustees with Student Success presenters: Hay Lakes School Principal Lloyd MacKenzie, Doug Algar, Hay Lakes School student Asseel Sigha, Dwight Dibben (on screen), Patrick McFeely, Karen Belich, Lyle Albrecht

Election, Fall 2025

Fall 2025 will see elections for Trustees across BRSD and Alberta. The Returning Officer will accept completed nomination forms for the position of Public School Board Trustee at the Division Office of the Battle River School Division (4302 38 Street, Camrose) between Jan. 1, 2025, and by no later than 12 p.m. (noon) on Mon., Sept. 22, 2025 (Nomination Day), for a total of five (5) Trustee positions. Candidates wishing to submit their completed nomination forms before Nomination Day can contact the Returning Officer to schedule an appointment by calling 780-672-6131, Ext. 5235.

Information updates, including handbook and forms, are available on the BRSD website.

CASA Highlights

CASA, formerly known as Child and Adolescent Services Association, offers mental health treatment to diagnosed children and youth. This community-based service is short-term intervention for up to five months.

A CASA Classroom was placed in Daysland School, beginning service in February 2025. A teacher, therapist, therapist assistant, as well as off-site personnel support the group of students. Busing has been arranged to transport students from Camrose area.

Capital Plan Approval

The Board has approved Battle River School Division's 2025 capital plan report to be submitted to Alberta Education.

BRSD's 2026-29 capital plan priorities are:

- C.W. Sears School/Tofield School: Kindergarten to Grade 12 Replacement school (prioritized modernization of C.W. Sears School since 2019)
- New Kindergarten to Grade 9 Camrose School to replace École Charlie Killam School (ÉCKS) and École Sifton School (ÉSS)
- Hay Lakes School: Modernization/Replacement school
- Kindergarten to Grade 9 addition for Chester Ronning School to replace Jack Stuart School and Sparling School

The capital plan report is available on the website.

Dual Credit Funding for Healthcare

Alberta Education approved funding to support BRSD's dual credit application for the start-up Health Care Aide grant. This valuable student opportunity will provide hands-on experience in the healthcare field while earning both high school and post-secondary credits.

Viking Roof

The Board of Trustees approved BRSD's selection of Acron Roofing Systems Inc. for the Viking School 2025 Roofing Program.

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highlights

Student Success

The Board of Trustees received a presentation from Asseel Sigha, Hay Lakes School student and Minister's Youth Council (MYC) member.



Asseel explained responsibilities and student opportunities that accompany this role, as well as the diverse perspective this student group offers to help enhance and improve education and policies affecting students.

Community Engagement

As part of the Board's Community Engagement Plan, members met with the Town of Bashaw in March, and are planning to meet with the Village of Forestburg in April.

Joint Use and Planning Agreement

The Board has approved the Joint Use and Planning Agreement (JUPA) between BRSD and Flagstaff County, between BRSD and the Town of Bashaw, and between BRSD and the Town of Viking.

International Travel Study

The Board approved an international student trip for a group of students from ÉCCHS to go to Greece in March 2026 and a group of students from CHSPS to go to Portugal in March 2026.

International travel provides students valuable learning experiences; AP 261 International and National Travel Study indicates our Board's support for student learning experiences that relate to the curriculum.

Summer School Fees

The Board approved for 2024-25 summer school student fees to remain at the same rate as in the previous year: \$45/course (BRSD); \$65/course (non-BRSD)

Eligible Transportation Services

Eligible Transportation Services for the 2025-26 school year remains the same: K-6 at 1.0 km; Gr. 7-12 at 2 km

Reports

The Board of Trustees continues to receive reports from BRSD Senior Leadership: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources and Secretary-Treasurer.

These reports support informed decision-making and ensure alignment with BRSD's priorities: Learning Success for All; Enhance High Quality Learning and Working Environments; and, Well-Being

Bus Purchases

The Board approved the purchase of new school buses.

Education Survey

The Board of Trustees thanks all families, students, and staff who participated in the BRSD Education Plan Stakeholder Survey to provide valuable feedback. We received 3,529 survey responses.

Events and Meetings

Upcoming Council of School Councils meeting:

- Tues., April 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Killam Public School

Board Policy Work

This month, as part of its role and responsibilities in governance, the Board reviewed:

- Policy 3 Schedule A, Board Annual Work Plan
- Policy 9: Committees of the Board
- Policy 11: Policy Making
- Policy 12: Board Delegation of Authority
- Policy 13: Role of the Superintendent
- Policy 17: Student Transportation Services and Attendance Areas
- Policy 24: International Travel Study

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