

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER
SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON MAY 8, 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT

PATRICK MCFEELY
DOUG ALGAR
LYLE ALBRECHT
KAREN BELICH
DWIGHT DIBBEN

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

NATASHA WILM - Acting Superintendent of Schools
IMOGENE WALSH, Secretary-Treasurer
STEPHEN HOYLAND, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services
MICHELLE GIRVAN, Executive Assistant - Superintendent

BOARD CHAIR MCFEELY IN THE CHAIR

Cheryl Kropinske joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair McFeely called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#99\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- #100\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the March 31, 2025 minutes of the special meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED
- #101\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the April 14, 2025 minutes of the special meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED
- #102\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approves the April 22, 2025 minutes of the special meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED
- #103\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the April 24, 2025 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED
- #104\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves the April 29, 2025 minutes of the special meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED
- #105\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the May 2, 2025 minutes of the special meeting of the Board as amended.
CARRIED

CUPE RATIFICATION

- #106\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Memorandum of Agreement between The Battle River School Division and the Canadian Union of Public Employees - Local 1075, as agreed to on April 11, 2025 and presented on May 8, 2025, be ratified.
CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 BUDGET

#107\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-26 budget as presented.

#108\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees amends the motion to use \$1,523,028 of Instructional Operating Reserves.

Trustee Albrecht requested a recorded vote.

In favour of the motion

Doug Algar
Karen Belich
Patrick McFeely

Opposed to the motion

Lyle Albrecht
Dwight Dibben

CARRIED

#109\25 D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approves the elimination of the Student Wellness Facilitator program and that those funds be used towards certificated positions within schools.

Trustee Algar requested a recorded vote.

In favour of the motion

Lyle Albrecht
Dwight Dibben

Opposed to the motion

Doug Algar
Karen Belich
Patrick McFeely

DEFEATED

#110\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-26 budget as presented with the additional use of \$1,523,028 of instructional operating reserves for certificated staffing in schools.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

- #107\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-26 budget as presented with the additional use of \$1,523,028 of instructional operating reserves for certificated staff in schools.

Trustee Dibben requested a recorded vote.

In favour of the motion

Doug Algar
Karen Belich
Patrick McFeely

Opposed to the motion

Lyle Albrecht
Dwight Dibben

CARRIED

Ms Kropinske left the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:50 A.M.)

- #111\25 D DIBBEN - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Wilm, Mr Hoyland and Ms Girvan left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:10 P.M.)

- #112\25 L ALBRECHT - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

CONTRACT APPROVAL

- #113\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approve the Acting Superintendent contract as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

MEETING RECESS

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 12:11 p.m. and reconvened at 12:39 p.m.

IN-CAMERA SESSION (12:56 P.M.)

#114\25 D DIBBEN - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, and Acting Superintendent of Schools, be excluded.

CARRIED

Ms Walsh, Mr Hoyland and Ms Girvan left the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:23 P.M.)

#115\25 L ALBRECHT - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Board Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

PATRICK MCFEELY, BOARD CHAIR

IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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