

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BATTLE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION, HELD ON MAY 27, 2025, COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

PATRICK MCFEELY  
DOUG ALGAR  
LYLE ALBRECHT  
KAREN BELICH  
DWIGHT DIBBEN (Virtual)

**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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#116\25      K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#117\25      K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the May 8, 2025 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board as presented.

CARRIED

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**INELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION FEES**

- #118\25      K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees approves the fee for ineligible transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year at \$400.00 per student in grades 1 - 12 and \$200 per child in Kindergarten, to a maximum charge of \$900 per family.
- CARRIED
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**EDUCATION ASSURANCE PLAN**

- #119\25      D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 - 2028 Education Plan as presented.
- CARRIED
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Teachers Colby McFeely and Kiva Olson and students Drashti Patel, Dexter Grosfield, Maci-Ann Ketchmark, Ryder Schultz, Bailey Steman, Zachary Redman, Noah Doucette, Liam Perry, Zachary McNally, Aria-Rose Levesque, Noella Hardy-Morin, Alleah Falenda, Matthew Carlson, Phillip Bailey, Aubrey Stasko, Noah Newman, Lincoln Dzus, and Peyton Hunt-Nordstrom joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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**STUDENT SUCCESS**

The Sparling Stars Choir, composed of the bright and talented voices of our Grade 4 and 5 students, performed for the Board of Trustees. Their joyful rendition of *Computer Cat*, originally by Donna and Andy, brought smiles and laughter, capturing the song's playful spirit with charm and confidence. The choir then touched hearts with a beautifully moving performance of *Goodbye, Farewell* from the motion picture *Christopher Robin*.

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Teachers, Colby McFeely and Kiva Olson and students, Drashti Patel, Dexter Grosfield, Maci-Ann Ketchmark, Ryder Schultz, Bailey Steman, Zachary Redman, Noah Doucette, Liam Perry, Zachary McNally, Aria-Rose Levesque, Noella Hardy-Morin, Alleah Falenda, Matthew Carlson, Phillip Bailey, Aubrey Stasko, Noah Newman, Lincoln Dzus, and Peyton Hunt-Nordstrom left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

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**NEW NORWAY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDY**

- #120\25 K BELICH - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to Switzerland, Italy, and France by the New Norway School students during the spring break of 2027.

CARRIED

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**TOFIELD SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDY**

- #121\25 D ALGAR - That the Board approves, in principle and subject to Administrative Procedure 261 'Travel Study', the international travel trip to England, France, and Belgium by the Tofield School students during the spring break of 2027.

CARRIED

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**DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

- #122\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Maxwell Simmentals Ltd. in the amount of \$7,800 plus legal costs for the property located at NW 11-46-12-W4 and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

CARRIED

- #123\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Maxwell Simmentals Ltd. in the amount of \$5,200 plus legal costs for the property located at SE 1-46-13-W4 and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

CARRIED

- #124\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Michael James Lawes in the amount of \$2,025 plus legal costs for the property located at NW 20-48-11-W4 and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

CARRIED

- #125\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Mark Wallace Giebelhaus in the amount of \$500 plus legal costs for the property located at Plan 4558HW, Block 6, Lot 16, in the Village of Holden, and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

L Albrecht - Abstain Due To Conflict of Interest

CARRIED

- #126\25 K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Mark Wallace Giebelhaus in the amount of \$500 plus legal costs for the property located at Plan 4558HW, Block 6, Lot 17, in the Village of Holden, and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

L Albrecht - Abstain Due To Conflict of Interest

CARRIED

#127\25 D ALGAR - That the Board of Trustees accepts the offer from Jeremy Dale Madu in the amount of \$5,002 plus legal costs for the property located at SE 32-49-12-W4 and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to finalize the disposition.

CARRIED

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**CHANGE BOARD MEETING DATE**

#128\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board meeting currently scheduled for September 25, 2025 be rescheduled for September 11, 2025.

CARRIED

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Cheryl Kropinske, Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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**FISCAL MONITORING REPORT**

Chair McFeely invited Cheryl Kropinske's review of the Interim Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2025.

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Cheryl Kropinske left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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**FACILITY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

#129\25 L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of two used vans for the Facilities Department up to \$80,000, with funding to be taken from the Facility Vehicle capital reserve for \$76,527.12, and the remaining amount to be taken from the 2024-2025 Facilities Department budget.

CARRIED

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Dwight Dibben, Board Trustee, joined the meeting virtually at 10:27 a.m.

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Kristi Edwards, Director of Transportation, joined the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

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**TRANSPORTATION APPEAL DECISION**

- #130\25      D DIBBEN - That the Board of Trustees approve a boundary change starting the 2025-2026 school year to the Viking attendance area to include the area south from the midpoint of Section 8-48-15-W4 to the middle of section 32 47-15-W4 and from the middle of Section 32 47-15-W4 east to middle of Section 36 47-15-W4.

CARRIED

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Kristi Edwards, left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:10 A.M.)**

- #131\25      K BELICH - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, be excluded.

CARRIED

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Natasha Wilm, Imogene Walsh, Stephen Hoyland and Michelle Girvan left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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**OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (11:24 A.M.)**

- #132\25      L ALBRECHT - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

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**ACTING SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

- #133\25      L ALBRECHT - That the Board of Trustees approves the Acting Superintendent's Contract as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

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Dwight Dibben, left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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**MEETING RECESS**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recessed at 11:24 a.m. and reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

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Natasha Wilm, Imogene Walsh, Stephen Hoyland and Michelle Girvan joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

#134\25      K BELICH - That the Board of Trustees asks Administration to develop an At Home Learning Administrative Procedure.

CARRIED

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**IN-CAMERA SESSION (1:53 P.M.)**

#135\25      L ALBRECHT - That the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees recess to permit Trustees to meet in-camera, and that all persons, except Trustees, Acting Superintendent Wilm, Secretary-Treasurer Walsh, Assistant Superintendent - Education Services Hoyland, and Executive Assistant - Superintendent Girvan be excluded.

CARRIED

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Patrick McFeely left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

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Patrick McFeely joined the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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**OUT OF IN-CAMERA SESSION (2:26 P.M.)**

#136\25      D ALGAR - The in-camera session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened.

CARRIED

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**CONTRACT APPROVAL**

#137\25      D ALGAR - That the Board Chair writes a letter in response to the County of Camrose as discussed in-camera.

CARRIED

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**PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

#138\25      L ALBRECHT - That the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to deal with the disposal of properties as discussed in -camera.

CARRIED

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**ADJOURNMENT**

All items of business being completed and there being no dissent, Board Chair McFeely adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

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PATRICK MCFEELY, BOARD CHAIR

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IMOGENE WALSH, SECRETARY-TREASURER

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