



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Living Sky School Division No. 202

On

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Note: MC motion carried

Present		Trustees: <i>Pethick, Weber, Connor, Gartner, Kemery, Kobelsky, Leask, Linnell, Omelchenko, and Schneider.</i> Also in attendance were: Director of Education, <i>Brenda Vickers</i> and Superintendent of Business, <i>Lisa Palmarin.</i>		
A	Call to Order	Chairman <i>Pethick</i> called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.		
	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	Trustee <i>Weber</i> declared a conflict of interest regarding Item G.4 Rural Transportation Services RFP Award Recommendation.		
B	Agenda	MC	Trustee <i>Omelchenko</i> moved the agenda to be approved as presented.	083-01/28/2026
C	Minutes	MC	Trustee <i>Leask</i> moved the Board of Education to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.	084-01/28/2026
D	Business Arising/Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting	Nothing to report.		
E	Presentations & Delegations	NBCHS Welding Students		
F	Business As Usual	MC	Trustee <i>Leask</i> moved the Board to receive and file the following business as usual reports: - Facilities - Superintendents Supervision/Curriculum Update	085-01/28/2026
G	Action Items	G.1	Accounts	
		MC	Trustee <i>Connor</i> moved the Board to approve the payment of accounts as presented.	086-01/28/2026
		G.2	Appointment of Auditor	
		MC	Trustee <i>Kemery</i> moved the Board to appoint the accounting firm of HRO Chartered Professional Accountants to audit the books and accounts of the division for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026.	087-01/28/2026
		G.3	Ratification of Memorandum of Settlement CUPE 4747	
MC	Trustee <i>Schneider</i> moved the Board to ratify the Memorandum of Settlement between the Board and CUPE Local 4747, as presented, and authorize administration to implement the terms of the renewed collective agreement effective September 1, 2025.	088-01/28/2026		

		Trustee <i>Weber</i> declared a conflict of interest moving into the in-camera portion and removed himself from the meeting.	
		MC	Trustee <i>Linnell</i> moved the Board to the in-camera session. 089-01/28/2026
		MC	Trustee <i>Pethick</i> moved the Board to rise and report from the on-camera session. 090-01/28/2026
		G.4	Rural Transportation Services RFP Award Recommendation
		MC	Trustee <i>Omelchenko</i> moved the Board to direct the administration to commence formal negotiations with Southland Transportation Ltd. for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purchase of the Division's bus fleet and inventory as indicated in their proposal; and - The assumption of rural student transportation services, including provision for extra-curricular transportation services, in accordance with the terms outlined in the RFP and Southland's submission. 091-01/28/2026
		Trustee <i>Weber</i> returned to the meeting.	
		G.5	Minor Capital
		MC	Trustee <i>Kobelsky</i> moved the Board to approve the submission of the Spiritwood High School Capital Renewal Project to the Ministry of Education under the 2027-28 Minor Capital Renewal Program. 092-01/28/2026
		MC	Trustee <i>Gartner</i> moved the Board to approve the submission of the Luseland School Capital Renewal Project to the Ministry of Education under the 2027-28 Minor Capital Renewal Program. 093-01/28/2026
		G.6	Elder's Council
		MC	Trustee <i>Weber</i> moved the Board to endorse the vision and plan to begin a new elder's council with a renewed mandate to serve LSKYSD as a whole and with deeper connection to the Board. 094-01/28/2026
H	Administrative Reports	MC	Trustee <i>Connor</i> moved the Board to receive and file the administration report as presented by Brenda Vickers, Director and Lisa Palmarin, Superintendent of Business. 095-01/28/2026
I	Board Reports	MC	Trustee <i>Kemery</i> moved the Board to receive and file the following board reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December Board Chair Commitments, - Public Section Report, and the - Catholic Advisory Committee Update. 096-01/28/2026
J	Information Items	MC	Trustee <i>Schneider</i> moved the Board to receive and file the following information items as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous Agenda, - December 3 enrolments, - Fiscal Accountability Report, - SSBA Trustee Academy, - SSBA Spring Assembly, and the - CSBA information. 097-01/28/2026

K	In-Camera	MC	Trustee <i>Kobelsky</i> moved the Board to the in-camera session.	098-01/28/2026
		MC	Trustee <i>Gartner</i> moved the Board to rise and report from the on-camera session.	099-01/28/2026
L	Items Arising from In-Camera	MC	Trustee <i>Linnell</i> moved the Board to receive and file the Human Resources Confidential Staffing Report as presented.	100-01/28/2026
M	Advocacy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board is very pleased with the strong communication taking place around key initiatives including Sky Plus, Literacy Week activities, and ongoing SCC meetings. It is encouraging to see these efforts aligning and gaining traction, reinforcing the collaborative spirit that supports student learning and school community involvement. - Several schools across the division have recently been recognized for their creativity leadership, and commitment to student well-being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hartley Clark Elementary has been awarded a grant to install a book vending machine. This initiative is especially exciting as the plan is to feature Indigenous and culturally diverse literature for the students. o Kerrobert Composite School was honored by Public Schools of Saskatchewan for the exceptional work of its Volunteer Club. This recognition highlights the school's dedication to fostering citizenship, leadership and community service among students. - The Board discussed the ongoing NBCHS Hockey School, now in its third year, received a generous donation from the Colby Cave Memorial Fund and Strathcona Resources Ltd. Also noted in the conversation was the NBCHS grade 7 ELA pilot. 	
N	Adjournment	MC	Trustee <i>Weber</i> moved the Board to adjourn the regular meeting of January 26, 2026 at 8:26 p.m.	101-01/28/2026

Ronna Pethick
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Lisa Palmarin
SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS