

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 203 HELD THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 13, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE BOARD OFFICE AT MEADOW  
LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

Members Present:     Travis Neufeld, Chair  
                              Kristen McGowan, Vice-Chair  
                              Amanda McGowan, Kim Russell, Vaughn Bellin, Patricia  
                              Main, Rick Starnes

Members Absent:       Barb Seymour, Cheyenne Ludwig, Dr. James McKee

      In Attendance:     Jennifer Williamson, CEO  
                              Michelle Pickett, CFO  
                              Davin Hildebrand, Deputy Director of Education  
                              Dawn Paylor, Superintendent of Learning  
                              Cheryl Treptow, Superintendent of Learning  
                              Jennifer Dorval, Superintendent of Student Services  
                              Kaitlin Harman, Communications Officer

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| Agenda<br>26-228                    | Amanda<br>McGowan  | That the agenda be adopted.                                                                                                                               | CARRIED  |
| Minutes<br>26-229                   | Rick Starnes       | That the minutes of the June 11, 2026, regular meeting be approved.                                                                                       | CARRIED  |
| Delegation                          |                    | The Board met with the external auditor via teams, Derek Seiben, representing Vantage LLP, to discuss the upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal year audit.           |          |
| Board Annual<br>Work Plan<br>26-230 | Vaughn<br>Bellin   | That the Board Annual Work Plan be approved as presented.                                                                                                 | CARRIED  |
| By-Election<br>26-231               | Kristen<br>McGowan | That councils situated within Sub-Division No. 6 be consulted regarding our intention to conduct a by-election on October 21, 2026, to fill this vacancy. | CARRIED  |
| Polling Stations<br>26-232          | Amanda<br>McGowan  | That polling stations for the upcoming by-election for Sub-Division No. 6 be established in the following communities:<br>Maidstone<br>Waseca<br>Paynton  | CARRIED  |
| Destruction of<br>Records<br>26-233 | Rick Starnes       | That approval is provided to destroy the records presented as per the Saskatchewan Records Retention and Disposal Guide.                                  | CARRIED  |
| Boundary<br>Exception<br>26-234     | Kristen<br>McGowan | That the request for boundary change exception be approved.                                                                                               | DEFEATED |
| Board<br>Composition<br>26-235      | Vaughn<br>Bellin   | That the Board establish an ad hoc committee to undertake further review of Board composition.                                                            | CARRIED  |
| Finance<br>Statement<br>26-236      | Kim Russell        | That the Financial Report for the period ending Jun 30, 2026, be approved as presented.                                                                   | CARRIED  |
| Finance<br>Statement<br>26-237      | Vaughn<br>Bellin   | That the Financial Report for the period ending Jul 31, 2026, be approved as presented.                                                                   | CARRIED  |

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| Committee of the Whole<br>26-238                 | Travis Neufeld | That we enter a Committee of the Whole.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CARRIED |
| Report from the Committee of the Whole<br>26-239 | Travis Neufeld | That we rise and report from the Committee of the Whole.<br><br>The Committee reported on Education Sector arising issues, personnel, and committee reports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | CARRIED |
| In-Camera Session<br>26-240                      | Travis Neufeld | That we enter an in-camera session.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CARRIED |
| Report from In-Camera Session<br>26-241          | Travis Neufeld | That we rise from the in-camera session.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | CARRIED |
| Future Items                                     |                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. SSBA Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments</li><li>2. Lieutenant Governor’s Board of Education Award of Innovation and Excellence in Education – Discuss Nominations</li><li>3. Technology Department Report</li><li>4. Athletics Association Report</li><li>5. 2026-2027 School Enrollment Numbers</li><li>6. Approval of Director Review</li><li>7. Approval of Board Review</li><li>8. PEP</li></ol> |         |
| Adjournment<br>26-242                            | Travis Neufeld | That we adjourn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CARRIED |

Time: 4:27 p.m.

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Travis Neufeld, Chair

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Michelle Pickett, Chief Financial Officer