

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 203 HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE BOARD OFFICE AT MEADOW LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

Members Present: Travis Neufeld, Chair
 Kristen McGowan, Vice-Chair
 Kim Russell, Amanda McGowan, Rick Starnes, Laurel Pauls(teams), Barb Seymour(teams), Patricia Main(teams), Vaughn Bellin, Cheyenne Ludwig(teams)

Members Absent: 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

Agenda 26-161	Amanda McGowan	That the agenda be adopted as amended.	CARRIED
Minutes 26-162	Kim Russell	That the minutes of the December 11, 2025, regular meeting be approved as presented.	CARRIED
Delegation		The Board met with Facilities Department Supervisor Bob Tough to review the operations of the Facilities Department.	
School Year Calendar 26-163	Vaughn Bellin	That the 2026-2027 school year calendar chosen by the NWSD division and school staff be approved in principle and that it be submitted to the Ministry of Education for review to ensure that all Education Regulations are being met.	CARRIED
Policy 7 26-164	Rick Starnes	Motion to approve the final version of Policy 7.	CARRIED
Policy 12 - appendices 26-165	Kristen McGowan	Motion to approve the final version of Policy 12 - appendices.	CARRIED
Policy 9 26-166	Amanda McGowan	Motion to approve the final version of Policy 9.	CARRIED
Board Rate 26-167	Vaughn Bellin	Motion 26-128 review and adjusted to read 1) Per Diem - equal to 1/197 th of Class IV, Step 4 of the Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement as of 2022/23.	CARRIED
Major Capital Program 26-168	Kim Russell	That the Major Capital Request list for 2027-2028 be approved as presented. 1) Maidstone – New Prek – 12 school 2) Pierceland – New Prek – 12 school 3) Meadow Lake – New Prek – 8 school Barb requested a recorded vote: 7 in favour -Travis, Kristen, Amanda, Cheyenne, Laurel, Kim, and Vaughn 3 not in favour -Rick, Barb, and Patricia	CARRIED

Minor Capital Program 26-169	Vaughn Bellin	That the Minor Capital Request list for 2027-2028 be approved as presented. 1) Lashburn High – Major Renovation 2) Hillmond – Major Renovation	CARRIED
Closed Session 26-170	Travis Neufeld	That we enter a Closed Session.	CARRIED
Report from the Closed Session 26-171	Travis Neufeld	That we rise from the Closed Session.	CARRIED
Finance Statement 26-172	Amanda McGowan	That the Financial Report for the period ending Dec 31, 2025, be approved as presented.	CARRIED
Committee of the Whole 26-173	Rick Starnes	That we enter a Committee of the Whole.	CARRIED
Report from the Committee of the Whole 26-174	Rick Starnes	That we rise and report from the Committee of the Whole. The Committee reported on Education Sector arising issues, personnel, and committee reports.	CARRIED
Future Items		1. 2026-2027 Budget Priorities 2. School Calendar 2026-2027 Approval 3. French Immersion 4. PEP	
Adjournment 26-175	Rick Starnes	That we adjourn.	CARRIED

Time: 3:36 p.m.

Travis Neufeld, Chair

Michelle Pickett, Chief Financial Officer