

## **Board Minutes – January 13, 2025 (Unapproved)**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Division Office Board Room on January 13, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

### **Board Vice Chair: Treaty and Land Acknowledgement**

Spanning generations, acknowledgement of the land is a traditional custom of Indigenous people when welcoming outsiders onto their land and into their homes. To build respectful relationships, acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. It honours the authentic history of North America, its original people and tells the story of the creation of this country that has historically been missing.

Before we begin, we would like to acknowledge that we are on Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples have lived since time began.

We are gathering today on the ancestral lands of the (Neeyawak) nēhiyawak (Cree), Anihšīnāpēk (Saulteaux), Nakota, Dakota, and Lakota native - who walked and lived on this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and spirituality.

We acknowledge this land became the Homeland of the Red River Metis.

We respect and honour the Treaties that were made on all territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past. With this understanding, we are committed to move forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in the spirit of education, reconciliation, and collaboration.

We acknowledge that today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far who call it home and we all bound together by Treaty 4.

### **The following were present:**

**Trustees:**  
G. Wowchuk  
K. Highmoor  
A. Fuchs  
T. Mendel  
V. Rooks

**Superintendent:** R. Tomlinson

**Secretary-Treasurer:** B. Rausch

**Absent:**  
D. Burghart  
V. Zastre

### **Additions to the Agenda:**

16.2.4 Personnel

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### Resolutions:

- R1 K. Highmoor, A. Fuchs:  
**THAT** the Minutes of the regular board meeting of December 9, 2024, be adopted. CARRIED
- R2 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:  
**THAT** as per item 5.1, the Notice of Motion given at the December 9, 2024, Board meeting to amend Board Policy 6 and to delete Board Policy 17, be received and the amended Board Policy 6 as presented and deletion of Board Policy 17, be approved. CARRIED
- R3 K. Highmoor, A. Fuchs:  
**THAT** the Superintendent/CEO Report, 7.1.2, Responsive School Estimate, be received and the recommendation to proceed (sign contract) and fund from the Operating Fund Accumulated Surplus, be approved. CARRIED
- R4 V. Rooks, T. Mendel:  
**THAT** the Superintendent/CEO Report, 7.1.3, Swan Valley School Division Strategic Plan as presented, be adopted. CARRIED
- R5 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:  
**THAT** as per item 8.2, the Report on Capital Disbursements be received, and the invoices outlined be approved/ratified for payment. CARRIED
- R6 A. Fuchs, K. Highmoor:  
**THAT** as per the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, 8.3, general cheques numbering 59585 to 59627 and cheques 3404 to 3526, transfers (bank fees) and EFT's, which includes general and payroll in the amount of \$2,575,391.97, for the month ending November 30, 2024, be approved for payment. CARRIED
- R7 K. Highmoor, V. Rooks:  
**THAT** the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, 8.4, Student Laptop Devices, be received, and the purchases as outlined, be ratified. CARRIED
- R8 K. Highmoor, A. Fuchs:  
**THAT** notification of Executive Representatives from the Taylor School Parent Advisory Council, 13.2, be received, and acknowledged by the Board of Trustees for the 2024/2025 school year. CARRIED
- R9 T. Mendel, K. Highmoor:  
**THAT** the Board move to In-Camera. CARRIED
- R10 A. Fuchs, V. Rooks:  
**THAT** the Board move out of In-Camera. CARRIED
- R11 V. Rooks, T. Mendel:  
**THAT** the Staffing Report of the Superintendent/CEO, 7.2 and 16.2.1, be ratified. CARRIED

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- R12 T. Mendel, A. Fuchs:  
**THAT** the Personnel Report, 16.2.4, be received, and the request for unpaid leave as outlined, be approved in accordance with Federal and Provincial Legislation and regulation. CARRIED
- R13 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:  
**THAT** the Superintendent/CEO report, 16.4.1, SVSD Teacher Development, be received, and the recommendation as outlined, be approved. CARRIED
- R14 K. Highmoor, A. Fuchs:  
**THAT** we do now adjourn at 9:50 p.m. CARRIED

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Chair

  
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Secretary-Treasurer

*These Minutes are available in alternate formats upon request.*