

Board Minutes – January 27, 2025 (Unapproved)

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held in the Division Office Board Room on January 27, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Board 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 (Remote)
T. Mendel
V. Rooks
D. Burghart
V. Zastre (Remote)

Secretary-Treasurer: B. Rausch

Absent: R. Tomlinson

Additions to the Agenda

By Board consensus, the following additions to the Agenda was approved:

- 5.1. Policy 7
- 16.3.5. Mercer Cap Guidelines
- 8.2.5. Capital Disbursement
- 16.8.3. Board Chair
- 16.2.2. Request for Unpaid Leave

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Resolutions:

- R1 K. Highmoor, D. Burghart:
THAT the Minutes of the regular board meeting of January 13, 2025, be adopted. CARRIED
- R2 D. Burghart, 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
- R3 V. Rooks, T. Mendel:
THAT as per the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, 8.3, general cheques numbering 59628 to 59694 and cheques 3527 to 3551, transfers (bank fees) and EFT's, which includes general and payroll in the amount of \$3,137,196.22, for the month ending December 31, 2024, be approved for payment. CARRIED
- R4 D. Burghart, K. Highmoor:
THAT the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, 8.4, Human Relations Committee be received, and the proposed Labour Management Liaison Committee Terms of Reference be included as an appendix to the mandate of the Human Relations Committee (standing committee of the SVSD Board of Trustees). CARRIED
- R5 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:
THAT the Board move to In-Camera. CARRIED
- R6 D. Burghart, V. Rooks:
THAT the Board move out of In-Camera. CARRIED
- R7 K. Highmoor, T. Mendel:
THAT the Staffing Report of the Superintendent/CEO, 7.2 and 16.2.1, be ratified. CARRIED
- R8 V. Rooks, T. Mendel:
THAT the Personnel Report, 16.2.2, be received, and the request for unpaid leave as outlined, be approved. CARRIED
- R9 T. Mendel, V. Rooks:
THAT the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer, 16.3.4, Arts, Cultural and Sport in Community Grant be received and subject to approval by Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation of the proposed changes outlined in the Project Change Request Form the Swan Valley School Division endorse the request. CARRIED
- R10 D. Burghart, V. Rooks:
THAT the presentation by Jessica Lacasse, Swan Valley Communities that Care, 3.0, be received and the survey results as presented by accepted and authorized for sharing by Swan River Communities that Care with stakeholders. CARRIED

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R11 K. Highmoor, D. Burghart:
THAT we do now adjourn at 8:27 p.m. CARRIED

Chair



Secretary-Treasurer

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