

RECORD OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE **BOARD ROOM** IN THE **SCHOOL DIVISION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE** ON **TUESDAY,**
NOVEMBER 25, AT 4:00 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Gwendoline Dirk, Megan Hilgendorf, Quinn Skelton

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tracy Hensel, Superintendent of Schools
Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer
Cody Edwards, Associate Superintendent: Student Services
Jason Peters, Associate Superintendent: Human Resources
Carla Carrier, Executive Director of Learning
Bailey O'Reilly, Director of Finance

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Krasilowez, Communications Manager
Desmond Panabaker, Medicine Hat High School Student Delegate

CHAIR: Mrs. Catherine Wilson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Hope Schick

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

II. TREATY 7 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy and the people of Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta. We honour and acknowledge the homeland of the Métis people. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us.

The Land Acknowledgement Video was created by Mrs. Reiniger's class at River Heights School.

III. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT DELEGATES

The Board of Trustees welcomed Desmond Panabaker, our student delegate from Medicine Hat High School.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

23. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the Regular and the Committee of the Whole meetings held on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**, and **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, as well as the Organizational meeting held on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**.

THAT the minutes from **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**, and **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, as well as the Organizational meeting held on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025** be approved as

presented.

24. M. Hilgendorf

CARRIED

VI. RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Remembrance Day Ceremonies

We extend our appreciation to Division staff for helping students understand our history and the importance of Remembrance Day, and for honouring and recognizing those who made great sacrifices to give us the freedoms that we have today.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Audited Financial Statements 2024-2025

An external audit is required on an annual basis. The Board's external auditors, Avail LLP, have completed their audit of 2024-2025.

Mrs. Leanne Dulle, Secretary Treasurer and Bailey O'Reilly, Director of Finance presented the audited financial statements to the Board for their review and adoption as the official financial results for the year ending August 31, 2025.

It is recommended that the Board officially approve the enclosed Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2025.

THAT the Board approves the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2025.

25. P. Grisonich

CARRIED

B. O'Reilly left the meeting at 4:30

2. Board Committees and Commitments

The Board Committees for 2025-2026 were presented. It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed assignment to Board Committees for 2025-2026.

Trustee Grisonich has accepted the role of Vice President of PSBAA. Trustee Dirk will be the representative for PSBAA (PSBC).

THAT the Board approves the proposed assignment to Board Committees for 2025-2026.

26. G. Dirk

CARRIED

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter to Minister of Education and Childcare

President of the Public School Board Association of Alberta, Dennis MacNeil, wrote a letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education and

Childcare regarding establishment of a Class Size and Complexity Task Force.

IX. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Alberta School Boards' Association Fall General Meeting

The ASBA Fall General Meeting was held on November 16 to 18, 2025. Catherine Wilson, Pat Grisonich, Gwendoline Dirk, Quinn Skelton and Tracy Hensel were in attendance.

The theme of the conference was about building relationships.

Orlando Bowen, former CFL football player, spoke at the conference and delivered an exceptional message to the attendees.

It was suggested that we contact ASBA with possible topics for upcoming conferences.

2. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta – Fall Conference

The PSBAA Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting in Edmonton on November 19 to 21, 2025. Pat Grisonich, Gwendoline Dirk and Tracy Hensel were in attendance.

This offered new Trustees a great opportunity to learn and network with other Trustees in the province.

X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Superintendent Report

Mrs. Tracy Hensel, Superintendent, provided an overview of the Division's engagement this month.

The division has been active in provincial leadership conversations, including participation in the CASS conference and ASBA and PSBAA annual general meetings focused on compassionate leadership and provincial issues. Key operational updates included submitting classroom-complexity survey data to the government and reviewing PAT results. We discussed capital planning and post-strike transitions with Premier Danielle Smith.

Work also continued in areas of collaboration, training, and student support. Mental health initiatives, including Palix Foundation training, and CASA classroom adjustments, helped address student and staff needs due to the strike. The division also supported cross-district training and continued developing specialized programming with the University of Lethbridge.

An upcoming CASS/ALT presentation will showcase the

division's integrated approach, which is well regarded by teachers.

2. School Council Reports

Trustees shared their positive and exciting engagements at school councils and other school activities since the previous meeting.

School council representatives expressed concerns with recruiting parent/guardian volunteers and supporting school-level fundraising efforts.

3. School Council Meeting Dates

The meetings for Medicine Hat Public School Division school councils were presented to the Trustees.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

27. M. Hilgendorf

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER