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VISION: *Pursuit of excellence, respect of diversity and achievement for all.*

NO. #2026R-4 (MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM, EDUCATION CENTRE, 545 11TH STREET EAST, PRINCE ALBERT, SK

PRESENT:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

C. BLOOM, Board Chair

J. BROWN, Trustee

N. FRANC, Trustee

B. GEROW, Trustee

B. HOLLICK, Trustee (absent)

M. LEWIS, Trustee

A. LINDBERG, Trustee

A. NUNN, Vice-Chair

D. SANDER, Trustee

B. YEAMAN, Trustee

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

N. Finch, Director of Education

J. Pidborochynski, Chief Financial Officer

J. Ward, Administrative Services Officer

D. Blais, Superintendent of Facilities

G. Tebay, Superintendent of Schools

C. Bloom, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:

#26R-20

Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting move into Closed Session with Board and Administration present.

Carried.

Regular meeting resumed.

OTHERS:

M. Oleksyn, Prince Albert Daily Herald

A. Lindberg provided his personal land acknowledgment.

Trustees were given an opportunity to provide any conflict of interest.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

#26R-21

Moved by B. Yeaman that the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

#26R-22

Moved by A. Nunn that the following consent item be approved:

(a) *That the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 23, 2026 be approved as presented.*

(b) *Administrative Procedure change.*

Carried.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

(a) **Facilities Accountability Report**

Superintendent Blais reviewed three key areas that included the scale of the operations, the condition of facilities/capital pressures and the project completed to maintain and improve our buildings.

#26R-23

***Moved by A. Nunn that the Facilities Accountability Report be received as information.
Carried.***

NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Matters and Motions from the Closed Session of April 20, 2026:**

#26R-24

Moved by C. Bloom that the following motions be brought forward:

- 1. That the Board approve the Financial Statements for the Charity and Scholarship Fund.
Carried***
- 2. That the Board approve the changes to the in-city school attendance boundaries as presented.
Carried.***

(b) **SRSC Report**

G. Tebay reviewed the SRSC Report as T. Vaughn was unable to attend.

(d) **Recap of SSBA Spring Assembly**

A brief overview of the SSBA Spring Assembly session was provided for information.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) **Director's Update**

Student Update

The accomplishments of Saskatchewan Rivers students in the regional Science Fair and the provincial Skills Canada were shared.

Strategic Plan Update

The summary document Strategic Plan Progress Review from the 2024-25 school year that was utilized at the SCC Gathering was shared.

KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:

- Facilities Accountability Report.
- Student celebrations – Science Fair, Skills Canada, Carlton boys' basketball – Silver medal at Hoopla.
- SSBA Spring Assembly.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

J. Brown put forth the following Notice of Motion for the next Board meeting:

Whereas, the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division has never undertaken a division-wide third-party independent review to assess the culture, governance and administration to get a clear understanding of all aspects of the division; and

Whereas, the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Board of Trustees does not spend time in the schools whose operation it governs therefore is not privy to the changing culture, impact and impressions of governance and administration and;

Whereas, annual reports continue to demonstrate that Indigenous student outcomes continue to be significantly below those of non-Indigenous students despite efforts to create an inclusive environment, and

Whereas, those who work with students directly and the community that surrounds them are best ready to provide answers to and suggestions for improvements; and

Whereas, providing an opportunity for reporting back to the school board that is meaningful, anonymous and comprehensive is supported by the following sections of Board Policy 2 as follows:

- 2.1 Requires that the board’s decision represents the entire division;
- 2.2 Requires that the board provide opportunities for information sharing with community and for community input;
- 2.5 Requires the board to provide two-way communication with the school community.
- 9.1 Requires that the board monitor the accessibility, fairness, and safety of processes for appeals, hearing and disclosures;
- 10.6 Recognize students, staff and community;

Therefore, I move that “Saskatchewan Rivers School Division retain George Cuff & Associates, who has done reviews for multiple levels of government, including school divisions to conduct an organizational and cultural review of SRPSD governance and operations to be completed by December 31, 2026”.

BOARD MEMBERS’ FORUM:

Trustees were given an opportunity to share information on items of mutual interest.

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Chair C. Bloom adjourned the meeting. (5:17 p.m.)

SIGNATURES:



Board Chair



Administrative Services Officer

May 11, 2026
Date of Approval