

NO. #2026R-5 (MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 119 FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 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

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-25

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

T. Vaughn, Board Student Representative, SRSC

A. Nunn provided his personal land acknowledgment.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

#26R-26

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

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS:

#26R-27

Moved by D. Sander that the following consent item be approved:

(a) That the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 20, 2026 be approved as presented.

(b) That 2026-27 School Community Council Clusters be approved.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

J. Brown spoke to her Notice of Motion (see below). She noted that she would be requesting a recorded vote.

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:

- 1.1 Requires that the board’s decision represents the entire division;
- 1.2 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”.

B. Hollick asked for clarification on whether the motion included naming the vendor. J. Brown confirmed that it did.

N. Finch reviewed the division’s tendering process for information.

#26R-28

Moved by A. Lindberg that the motion be tabled until after the Board’s governance training scheduled for September 21, 2026.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) **Matters and Motions from the Closed Session of May 11, 2026:**
No motions brought forward from the Closed Session.

(b) SRSC Report

T. Vaughn reviewed the SRSC Report for Board information.

(c) Feedback on Saskatchewan School Boards Association Position Statements

The Board reviewed and provided feedback on the following Position Statements.

- Position statement 2.2 on “Assessment of Student Achievement”;
- Position statement 2.4 on “Indigenous Education”;
- Position statement 4.2 on “Teacher Education and Certification”;
- Position statement 5.1 on “Public Engagement”.

The Position statement 3.2 on “Infrastructure Funding will be placed on the June Board meeting agenda for review and discussion.

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

(a) Director’s Update

- Graduation dates
The graduation dates for SRPSD high schools were shared for information.
- Student Updates
The accomplishments of Saskatchewan Rivers students in the Mann Gallery Juried High School Art Show were shared
- Saskatchewan Student Assessments Dates and Timelines
A summary of the student assessment dates was provided.
- Upcoming Division Student Events
The division student events that are taking place in the upcoming months was listed.

(b) 2026-2027 Board Meeting Schedule

#26R-29

***Moved by D. Sander that the 2026-2027 Board Meeting schedule be approved.
Carried.***

Discussion around holding a Board Seminar will be added to a future Board meeting.

(c) 2026-2027 Board Annual Work Plan

#26R-30

***Moved by B. Yeaman that the 2026-2027 Board Annual Work Plan be approved as presented.
Carried.***

(d) 2028-2030 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) Plan

#26R-31

***Moved by B. Hollick that the 2028 - 2030 Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan be approved as presented.
Carried.***

(e) Annual Budget 2026-2027
#26R-32

Moved by B. Hollick that the Board approve the Annual Budget as presented, including any minor revisions or capital funding adjustments arising subsequent to the Ministry of Education’s review and approval.
Carried.

KEY MESSAGES FOR SCC/PUBLIC FROM BOARD MEETING:

- 2026-27 Budget.
- PMR Plan approval.
- SRSC wrap up event/Pipe ceremony/Treaty teachings.

BOARD MEMBERS’ FORUM:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

#26R-33

Moved by A. Lindberg that the meeting adjourn. (5:07 p.m.)
Carried.

SIGNATURES:



Board Chair



Administrative Services Officer

June 15, 2026

Date of Approval