

Board Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

VISION - Westwind School Division will be a collaborative community of engaged learners that inspires all students to realize their full and complete potential

MISSION - The mission of Westwind School Division is to foster engaging and student-centered learning environments that will inspire each student to strive for personal excellence and allow all learners to thrive.

VALUES - Our values guide our behaviour, structure our operations and shape our Division strategies. For every decision we make, we will hold ourselves accountable to these values and ask:

- Is this what is best for our students?
- Will this help us build trust and improve relationships?
- How will this decision further education, inform practice and enhance learning?

TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT - We respectfully acknowledge that this event is taking place on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Southern Alberta

- The Board Chair, Jim Ralph, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Trustees Present

Doug Smith

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Jessica Payne

Anna-Joyce Frank entered the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Others Present

Darren Mazutinec - Superintendent

Rob Doig - Assistant Superintendent

Peter Wright - Secretary-Treasurer

Pam Boyson - Executive Assistant

Genevieve Boyd - Communications Officer

- Tami Tolley offered the prayer.
- Approval of Agenda

Motion 2025 - 18 Moved by Josh Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Jessica Payne

Motion carried.

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - Feb 27, 2025

Motion 2025 - 19 Moved by Jessica Payne to approve the February 27, 2025, minutes as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Jessica Payne

Motion carried.

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to a maximum of 15 minutes

Mar 17 - Student Engagement, Central Office, 9:30 am	May 29 - CHS Grad Ceremony, 6 p.m.
Mar 19 - ASBA Zone 6, start time 10:30 am	May 30 - CHS Grad Banquet & Dance, 6:30 pm
Apr 2-4 - Bd Planning Session	May 30 - Stirling Grad Dinner & Ceremony, 6 pm
Apr 2 - Bd Mtg, 11 am	June 1-3 - ASBA SGM, Calgary
Apr 10 - COW Mtg	June 12 - BBQ
Apr 16 - ASBA Zone 6 Lethbridge	June 18 - ASBA Zone 6 Mtg, Lethbridge
Apr 18-25 - Easter Break	June 19 - WAS Grad Ceremony
Apr 30-May 2 - FNMI Gathering, Edmonton	June 19 - MTV Grad 6 pm
May 8 - Board Mtg	June 20 - RJHS Awards 9:30 am
May 15 - CHS Native Honor Night 6 pm	June 20 - CJHS Awards, 8:45 am
May 21 - ASBA Zone 6 Mtg, noon Horizon Bd Office, Taber	June 20 - RES Fairwell Event 10:30 am
May 21 - Edwin Parr Evening, Heritage Inn Taber, 5:30 pm	June 20 - RHS Grad 7 pm Victoria Sports Park
May 29 - Board Mtg	June 25 - MHS Grad 6 pm Tom Karen Gym

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- **Reports**

- Superintendent - Mr. Darren Mazutinec
 - i. Month in Review
- Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Peter Wright
 - i. Month in Review
- Assistant Superintendent - Mr. Rob Doig
 - i. Month in Review
- Communications Report - Ms. Genevieve Boyd
 - i. Month in Review
- Department Head Report: Technology Mr. Jared Pierson

- **Committees**

- Management Committee
 - i. May 5, 2025: Meet with employee groups
- Student Engagement Committee
 - i. March 17, 9:30 am, at Central Office
- Board ATA Liaison Committee
- ASBA Zone 6

- **Trustee PD Reports**

- Rural Education Symposium Report
 - i. Trustees who attended the Rural Education Symposium reported on the sessions they attended.

- **Policies & Procedures**

- Policy 17 Student Transportation Services
 - i. Policy 17 will be revised, and this policy will be forwarded to the next Board Meeting.
- Policy 18 Alternative Programming

Motion 2025 - 20 Motion by Tami Tolley states that, after review, no changes will be made to Board Policy 18 - Alternative Programming.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Jessica Payne

Anna-Joyce Frank

Motion carried.

- **Discussion & Information Item**

- Donations

- i. \$125 from Wanda Gibbons, in memory of Cory Beres, to purchase books for the library, Magrath.

Motion 2025 - 21 Moved by Ross Blackmer to approve the Wanda Gibbons donation as presented.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith

Josh Smith

Jim Ralph

Tami Tolley

Ross Blackmer

Jessica Payne

Anna-Joyce Frank

Motion carried.

- Collegiate and Dual Credit

- i. Several students currently participating in the dual credit program presented to the Board.
 - Bill 27 update - Mr. Mazutinec reviewed upcoming changes to the Education Act.
 - Cell Phone Update
 - i. Mr. Mazutinec collected data from high schools regarding compliance with the new cell phone policy implemented this year. He is delighted with the positive response he received.

Motion 2025 - 22 Moved by Jessica Payne to go in camera at 3:00 p.m.

Those who voted in favor:

Doug Smith

Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Jessica Payne
Anna-Joyce Frank

Motion carried.

- In-Camera

Motion 2025 - 23 Moved by Tami Tolley to come out of in camera at 3:57 p.m.

Those who voted in favor:
Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Jessica Payne
Anna-Joyce Frank

Motion carried.

- Public input, 3 minutes per person to 15 minutes

Motion 2025 - 24 Moved by Ross Blackmer to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Those who voted in favor:
Doug Smith
Josh Smith
Jim Ralph
Tami Tolley
Ross Blackmer
Jessica Payne
Anna-Joyce Frank

Motion carried.

- Next Board Meeting - April 2, 2025

