



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Seine River School Division Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

Location: Division Office, 475-A Senez Street, Lorette, Manitoba, R5K 1E3

**Trustees In Attendance**

Wendy Bloomfield, Chair - Teams  
Theresa Bergson  
Vicky Kiansky  
Gary Nelson - Teams  
Warren Reavley  
Robert Rivard  
Christine Roskos, Vice Chair  
Marinus Van Osch - Via Teams  
Lise Verrier

**Administration In Attendance**

Dr. Ryan Anderson, Superintendent/CEO  
Chris Szun, Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum & Instruction  
Teresa Hampton, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services  
Amanda Senkowski, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
Karen Alevizos, Recording Secretary

**SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION**

**Trustee Regrets**

**Student Trustees in Attendance**

Nydia Goosehead - Teams  
Wesisa Sifuma- Teams

Invocation at 7:30 pm

**Land Acknowledgement**

Rivière Seine River School Division is located on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Red River Metis. SRSD respects the treaties that were made on this territory and are dedicated to working together in the spirit of reconciliation for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the river flows.

**022/2024** Adoption of the Minutes – February 13, 2024

**Roskos - Reavely**

**THAT** the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved,  
as amended

**CARRIED**

**023/2024** Amendments to the Agenda

**Nelson – Van Osch**

**THAT** all budgetary items be moved to after all non-budgetary items.

**CARRIED**

**024/2024** Adoption of the Agenda

**Rivard - Roskos**

**THAT** the agenda for the February 27, 2024 Regular Board Meeting be approved,  
as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Education Topic**

**The Staffing Cycle**

Dr. Ryan Anderson, Superintendent/CEO and Chris Szun, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and Instruction gave a presentation outlining The Staffing Cycle in SRSD.

**2022/2023 EDI and EYE Data and Pilot**

Teresa Hampton, Assistant Superintendent – Student Services gave a presentation on SRSD's Kindergarten Assessments: Early Development Instrument (EDI) and Early Years Evaluation (EYE).

**Superintendent's Report – Requiring Action**

**Cost Saving Measurers Report as of February 23, 2024**

Received as information.

**025/2024** **RBC Savings Accounts**

**Van Osch – Rivard**

**THAT** the Board approve the closure of the RBC savings accounts as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Feedback regarding Draft Policy No. 441 – Safe and Caring Schools**

Received as information.

**2024-2025 Provincial Universally Accessible School Nutrition Program**

Received as information.

**Committee Reports – Requiring Action**

**Finance & Operations Committee – Meeting Summary February 16, 2024**

Received as information.

**026/2024** **Disbursements January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024**

**Rivard – Verrier**

**THAT** the Board ratify the payment of accounts for the period of January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$3,471,121.99.

**CARRIED**

Human Resources Committee Meeting Summary February 22, 2024

Received as information.

**025/2024**

**Nelson – Roskos**

**THAT** the Board approve the recommendation from the Human Resources Committee to ratify the agreement for the Custodial Employees MGEU Local 143 as negotiated on February 22, 2024.

**CARRIED**

Costing of Possible Reductions: K-4 Bussing Summary

Received as information.

Chairperson Bloomfield passed the gavel to Vice Chairperson Roskos at 8:53 pm to speak on the matter.

**026/2024** K-4 Bussing Beyond Provincial Funding  
(between .8 and 1.6 km from school)

**Bloomfield – Kiansky**

**WHEREAS**, SRSD has been transporting K-4 children, non-eligible for Provincial funding, between .8 and 1.6 km from school for many years.

**WHEREAS** SRSD historically instituted this bussing for the safety and well-being of our youngest and most vulnerable children. In many of our communities, children must cross major roadways, highways, railroad tracks, etc. to get to school, many of those major safety hazards continue to exist today.

**WHEREAS** SRSD is currently facing significant financial challenges and a potential \$5.0M deficit, we can no longer continue bussing non-funded students at no cost.

**THAT**, effective the 2024-25 school year, families be immediately notified that children in Grades K-4, living between .8 and 1.6 km from school, who require transportation to and from school will be assessed an annual fee of \$500 per household, equating to a potential cost recovery revenue source for SRSD of \$150,000.

**CARRIED**

Chairperson Bloomfield resumed her chair at 9:06 pm.

Costing of Possible Reductions: Kids at Play Program Summary

Received as information

Motion No. 003/2024 re: Notice of Motion re: KAP (Kids At Play)

**027/2024**

**Van Osch - Rivard**

**THAT** the KAP (Kids At Play) program as offered by Seine River School division be discontinued as of June 30, 2024. Further should the Government of Manitoba introduce long term funding for such a program or its equivalent, and provide 100% of the costs associated with it, then Seine River School Division will continue the program.”

Chairperson Bloomfield passed the gavel to Vice Chairperson Roskos at 9:33 pm to speak on the motion.

Chairperson Bloomfield resumed her chair at 9:35 pm.

Trustee Van Osch called question to the motion.

**CARRIED**

**028/2024** 3-Year Deficit Reduction Plan

Van Osch – Rivard

THAT Administration prepare the budget with Special Requirement increases in the range of \$3.5 to \$4 million.

Friendly Amendment No. 1

**Nelson – Roskos**

THAT the range be changed to \$3.5 to \$5 million.

Chairperson Bloomfield requested a recorded vote.

In Favor: Roskos, Nelson, Kiansky, Bloomfield

Opposed: Rivard, Van Osch, Verrier, Reavely and Bergson

Abstain:

**Friendly Amendment No. 1 DEFEATED**

Trustee Van Osch called question to the original motion.

Chairperson Bloomfield requested a recorded vote.

In Favor: Rivard, Verrier, Reavely, Van Osch

Opposed: Roskos, Kiansky, Bergson, Nelson and Bloomfield

Abstain:

**Original Motion DEFEATED**

**Correspondence – Requiring Action**

**029/2024** National School Food Program Advocacy template

**Nelson – Roskos**

**THAT** the Board send a letter to The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance & Deputy Prime Minister, advocating for the inclusion of dedicated funding to support a National School Food Program in Budget 2024.

**CARRIED**

Response from MSBA re: Resolutions

Received as information.

**Superintendent's Report – Information Only**

- Procedure No. 437.1 – Assessment of Student Fees

**Other Correspondence – Information Only**

- MSBA E-Bulletin Feb 21, 2024
- Feb 14, 2024 – Feature of the Week
- Feb 21, 2024 – Feature of the Week
- SRSD Public Budget Information Session Invite

**030/2024** **Adjournment**

**Van Osch -**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:27 pm.

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**Chairperson**

**Approved and Confirmed**

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**Secretary Treasurer**