

**The Board of Education of the
Good Spirit School Division No. 204 of Saskatchewan**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Good Spirit Board of Education
Thursday, April 24, 2025
Good Spirit Education Complex**

Board Members (P)Present (A)Absent

P	Balyski, Chris
A	Johnson, Jaime
P	Makort, Cara
P	Palmer, Kelly
P	Jamie Smart-Sondergaard
P	Variyan, Steve

P	Brass, Jay-Cee
P	Leson, Shannon
P	Morrison, Jan
P	Pohl, Nicole – Chair
P	Stav, Kendra

Staff

Quintin Robertson – Director of Education
Keith Gervais – Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Denysek – Communications Coordinator
Angella Pinay – Superintendent of Indigenous Education

25-052

Pohl:

Call to order

That this meeting now come to order at 9:24 a.m.

Carried.

Board Member Brass entered the meeting at 9:25 pm

Amanda Kornaga, Superintendent of Schools, and Michelle Goulden, Mental Health Capacity Coordinator, entered the meeting at 9:25 am

25-053

Balyski:

Adoption of agenda

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

25-054

Brass:

Approval of March 27, 2025, regular minutes

That the minutes of the March 27, 2025, Regular meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes

None

Conflict of Interest

None

Delegation

None

Accountability Report

1. Student Well-being, Engagement, and Attendance Rates

25-055

Accountability Report – Student Well-being, Engagement, and Attendance Rates

Smart-Sondergaard: That the Board approve the accountability report on student well-being, engagement, and attendance rates, and acknowledge the report met the requirements of QIs 1.6, 2.1, 8.2, and 11.5, based on the evidence within the report.
Carried.

Board Development

1. Collaboration with Other Elected Officials

Closed Session Items

1. Human Resources Report
 - a. Role of the Indigenous Cultural Advocate
2. Student Discipline Report
 - a. Student Discipline Report – 2063333
 - b. Student Discipline Report – 2167603
3. Transportation Committee
 - a. Godwin Family Request
 - b. Neumann Family Request
 - c. Electoral Boundaries
4. Review Preliminary Budget for 2025-26

25-056

Morrison:

Enter closed session

That the Board enter closed session to receive and review agenda items.
Carried.

Lisa Alspach, Superintendent of Human Resources, entered the meeting at 10:29 am

Ryan Hall, Transportation Manager, entered the meeting at 11:14 am

25-057

Stav:

Exit closed session

That the Board exit closed session.
Carried.

Lunch

Advocacy/Relationship Building

School Community Council Chairs and representatives from across the Good Spirit School Division joined the Board for a lunch and relationship-building session.

25-058

Palmer:

Enter closed session

That the Board enter closed session to receive and review agenda items.
Carried.

25-059

Makort:

Exit closed session

That the Board exit closed session and rise and report.
Carried.

Action Items

1. Items Arising from Closed Session
 - a. Student Discipline Report
 - i. Student Discipline Report – 2063333
 - ii. Student Discipline Report – 2167603
 - b. Transportation Committee
 - a. Godwin Family Request
 - b. Neumann Family Request
 - c. Electoral Boundaries

25-060
Leson: **Student Discipline**
That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2063333.
Carried.

25-061
Variyan: **Student Discipline**
That the Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Student Discipline Report – 2167603.
Carried.

25-062
Balyski: **Godwin Family Request**
That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to approve the Godwin transportation request, with the understanding that the Board reserves the right to review this request as the need arises.
Carried.

25-063
Brass: **Neumann Family Request**
That the Board approve the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to approve the Neumann transportation request.
Carried.

25-064
Smart-Sondergaard: **Electoral Boundaries**
That the Board approve the electoral boundary amendment, as presented at the April 2025 Board meeting.
Carried.

Pat Morrison, Facilities Manager, entered the meeting at 2:21 pm

New Business

1. Review Facilities 3 Year PMR Plan
2. Board Development Survey
3. School Community Council Loans
 - a. Canora Junior Elementary School
4. Policy Review
 - a. Policy 9 – Board Representation
 - b. Policy 12 – Director/CEO Responsibilities
 - c. Policy 12 Appendix A – Director Evaluation Process, Criteria and Timelines
 - d. Policy 12 Appendix B – Director/CEO Role Expectations
 - e. Policy 12 Appendix C – Leadership Practices Interview Guide
 - f. Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

25-065
Morrison: **PMR 3 Year Plan**
The Board approve the Facilities 3 Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan as presented.
Carried.

25-066
Leson: **Canora Junior Elementary School SCC Loan**
That the Board approves the SCC loan application for the Canora Junior Elementary School outdoor classroom project.
Carried.

25-067
Stav: **Policy 9 – Board Representation**
That the Board approve Board Policy 9 Board Representation as presented.
Carried.

25-068
Palmer: **Policy 12 – Director/CEO Responsibilities**
That the Board approve Board Policy 12 Director/CEO Responsibilities as presented.
Carried.

25-069

Makort:

Policy 12 Appendix A – Director Evaluation Process, Criteria and Timelines

That the Board approve Board Policy 12 Appendix A Director Evaluation Process, Criteria and Timelines as presented.

Carried.

25-070

Leson:

Policy 12 Appendix B – Director/CEO Role Expectations

That the Board approve Board Policy 12 Appendix B Director/CEO Role Expectations as presented.

Carried.

25-071

Variyan:

Policy 12 Appendix C – Leadership Practices Interview Guide

That the Board approve Board Policy 12 Appendix C Leadership Practices Interview Guide as presented.

Carried.

25-072

Balyski:

Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

That the Board approve Board Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters as presented.

Carried.

Shane Skjerven, Director of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools and Zeba Ahmad, Executive Director of the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation, joined the meeting at 3:00 pm for a presentation on the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation.

Board Member Variyan exited the meeting at 3:26 pm

Discussion Items presented by the Director of Education

1. Board Chair Council Update
2. Update on City of Yorkton's Planning and Infrastructure Commission
3. Public Section Update
4. Table Talk Report

Ryan Hall, Transportation Manager, entered the meeting at 3:57 pm

Information Items presented by the Director of Education

1. Thank you notes
2. Important Dates
3. Saskatchewan School Boards Association
4. GSSD Professional Development Opportunities
5. Student Incident Report
6. Financial Update
7. Transportation Update
8. Administrative Procedures
 - a. None
9. Correspondence
 - a. Yorkton Minor Football Invitation

Presentation

1. Foundation Presentation with Saskatoon Public Schools

Committee / Conference Reports

1. SCC Meetings & Celebrations

Future Business

1. Meeting dates
 - a. June 12, 2025
 - b. August 14, 2025

- c. Other
 - i. May 22, 2025 – Special Board Meeting
 - ii. August 13, 2025 – Evaluation & Special Board Meeting
- 2. Notice of Motion
- 3. Topics for Future Agenda
 - a. Accountability
 - i. Report on initiatives to deepen relationships with families and communities, particularly in understanding Indigenous identities, histories, and worldviews..
 - b. Board Development
 - i. Effective strategies for engaging with the community, including parents, students, and local organizations, and transparent communication practices.
 - c. Director's Report
 - i. Financial Update
 - ii. Facilities Update & School Tour
 - d. Board Business
 - i. Approve the 2025-26 budget & staffing allocations plan
 - ii. Conduct preliminary Board evaluation survey
 - iii. Review Board Policy 13, Policy 14, Policy 15, and Policy 16
 - e. Relationship Building
 - i. Advocacy with elected officials (MP, MLAs, & SSBA executives)

25-073

Brass:

Adjournment

That we do adjourn at 4:11 pm.

Carried.

BOARD CHAIR – Pohl

SECRETARY – Gervais