

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Prairie Spirit School Division No. 206 held in the Prairie Spirit School Division Office, on Monday, April 20, 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Present for the meeting were Board Members:** Kate Kading, Chairperson; Kimberly MacLean, Vice Chairperson; Adin Dereniwski; Cindy Friesen; Wendy Friesen; Bernie Martineau (left at 1:02 p.m.; joined at 1:10 p.m.; left at 3:34 p.m.); Shelby Poggemiller; Michael Richards; Emily Summach and Christa-Ann Willems.

**Also in attendance:** Tracey Young, Director of Education; Dean Broughton, Deputy Director of Education; Bob Bayles, Deputy Director of Business Services, CFO, CHRO; Brenda Erickson, Communications Manager, and Erin Olexyn, Assistant to the Director.

**Guests in attendance:** Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent (joined at 2:56 p.m.; left at 3:12 p.m.) and Danielle Olson, Principal, École Warman Elementary School (joined at 2:56 p.m.; left at 3:12 p.m.).

Kate Kading called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty Six Territory.

1. THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Agenda  
Poggemiller

**Carried.**

2. THAT the Board grant an excused absence for Kimberly Greyeyes from today's meeting.

Excused Absence  
W. Friesen

**Carried.**

3. THAT the minutes of March 30, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Minutes  
Dereniwski

**Carried.**

4. THAT the Board move into closed session at 10:08 a.m. for the following items:

Closed Session  
Richards

- Committee Reports
- Laird Land Title Update
- Laird School Review

**Carried.**

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m.

The Board reconvened in closed session at 1:02 p.m.

Bernie Martineau joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

5. THAT the Board return from closed session at 1:15 p.m.

Closed Session  
Richards

**Carried.**

The following motion arose from the closed session:

The Board engaged in a robust discussion, considering all perspectives related to the Laird School Review. Following the discussion, the Board reached a unanimous consensus to keep the school open.

6. THAT the Board of Education, having completed the school review of Laird School in accordance with The School Division Administration Regulations, determines that Grades 7 and 8 will be discontinued at Laird School, resulting in a Kindergarten to Grade 6 grade configuration, effective June 30, 2026, with students in Grades 7 and 8 attending Waldheim School beginning in the 2026/27 school year;

AND THAT Administration be directed to develop and bring forward an implementation plan, in consultation with the affected School Community Councils, respecting student placement, transportation, and communication with families, by June 15, 2026.

Laird School  
Review  
W. Friesen

***Carried.***

The Board recessed at 1:35 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:55 p.m.

Brad Nichol, Learning Superintendent and Danielle Olson, Principal of École Warman Elementary School joined the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Brad Nichol presented the information report on Indigenous Partnerships, Perspectives, and Outcomes, noting that 100% of Prairie Spirit School Division teachers have participated in professional development focused on First Nations and Métis worldviews, perspectives, the Numbered Treaties, and the impacts of colonization.

Danielle Olson shared the Inspired Learning Opportunity presentation shared at École Warman Elementary School, highlighting equitable opportunities and culturally appropriate assessment practices that support safe and inclusive classrooms.

Brad Nichol and Danielle Olson left the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

The Board agreed to table the Saskatchewan School Boards Association position statements until the next Board meeting.

Bob Bayles presented the decision report requesting approval to award the contract for relocatable moves to Clavet Composite School and South Corman Park School to VCM Construction.

7. THAT the Board award the contract for relocatable moves to VCM Construction in the amount of \$629,370 including GST and PST.

Award of Contract  
for Relocatable  
Moves  
Martineau

**Carried.**

Tracey Young presented Learning for Life Presentations for the Board's information.

Bob Bayles presented the Facility Condition Index report for the Board's information.

Kate Kading presented the decision report to the Board to utilize a Consent Agenda, starting immediately.

8. THAT the Board approves the implementation of a Consent Agenda process for regular Board meetings, with items eligible for inclusion as outlined in this report, effective immediately.

AND THAT this item be referred to the Governance Committee for policy review.

Consent Agenda  
Willems

**Carried.**

Tracey Young presented the decision report requesting approval to move the May Board meeting from Tuesday, May 19 to Monday, May 25.

9. THAT the Board approve the Board meeting date change from May 19, 2026, to Monday, May 25, 2026.

Board Meeting  
Date Change  
Poggemiller

**Carried.**

Bob Bayles presented the decision report requesting approval to dispose of public records.

10. THAT the Board approves the disposal of the public records as identified in the attached inventory list.

Disposal of Public  
Records  
Summach

**Carried.**

Kate Kading and Tracey Young presented their respective monthly reports for the Boards information.

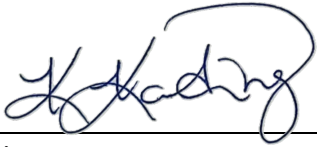
The Board reported on other activities and meetings attended since the last Board Meeting.

Bernie Martineau left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

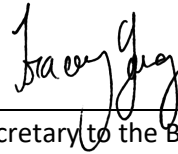
11. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment  
MacLean

**Carried.**



Chairperson



Secretary to the Board



# Board of Education Decision Report April 20, 2026

**Item:** Consent Agenda

**Prepared by:** Kate Kading, Board Chair

**Purpose:** To improve meeting efficiency and allow greater Board focus on strategic governance matters, it is recommended that the Board adopt a Consent Agenda process for routine, recurring, or non-controversial items.

Consent agendas are commonly used by governing boards to streamline approval of matters that do not typically require discussion, while preserving trustees' right to request any item be removed for separate consideration.

**Background:** Currently, several agenda items are brought forward each month that are procedural or administrative in nature and generally require limited discussion. These items consume meeting time that could otherwise be dedicated to other items.

A consent agenda would group certain routine items into a single motion for approval.

Any trustee may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda before approval, with no explanation required.

**Proposed Consent Agenda Items:** The following items are recommended for inclusion:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Regular Board meeting minutes that have been circulated in advance.

2. Requests to Serve Alcohol in Schools

Facility rental or event requests involving alcohol where:

- administrative procedures have been followed;
- insurance and permits are in place;
- no exceptional risks or concerns have been identified.

3. Information from Local Towns and Municipalities Regarding Local Businesses

Routine correspondence or informational notices from municipalities regarding local business developments, openings, closures, or community updates where no Board decision is required.

**Recommendation:** THAT the Board approve the implementation of a Consent Agenda process for regular Board meetings, with items eligible for inclusion as outlined in this report, effective immediately.