

Horizon School Division



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The Board of Trustees of Horizon School Division held its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, beginning at 1:00p.m.

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE: Marie Logan - Board Chair, Maxwell Holst – Vice Chair
Derek Baron, Bruce Francis, Jennifer Crowson, Mandy Court

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Wilco Tymensen, Superintendent of Schools
Phil Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finance & Operations
Karen Rancier, Associate Superintendent of Human Services
Terri-Lynn Duncan, Associate Superintendent of Learner Services
Dr. Adam Browning, Incoming Superintendent
Sheila Laqua, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Blair Lowry, Trustee

ACTION ITEMS

A.1	Moved by Maxwell Holst that the Board approve the agenda Carried Unanimously	AGENDA APPROVED 66/25
A.2	Moved by Derek Baron that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held Monday, May 5 th , 2025, as provided by Enclosure #1 of the agenda. Carried Unanimously	SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVED 67/25
A.3	Moved by Jennifer Crowson that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held Monday, April 28 th , 2025, as provided by Enclosure #2 of the agenda. Carried Unanimously	BOARD MEETING MINUTES APPROVED 68/25
A.4	Moved by Bruce Francis that the Board approve the May 2025 Payment of Accounts in the amount of \$4,570,545.33 as provided in Enclosure #3 of the agenda. Carried Unanimously	PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS APPROVED 69/25
A.5	Moved by Maxwell Holst that the Board approved the 2025-2026 budget as presented by Philip Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finances. Carried Unanimously	BUDGET APPROVED 70/25

A.6	Moved by Derek Baron that the Board approved the 2025-2026 Fee Schedule . Carried Unanimously	2025-2026 FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED 71/25
	Moved by Bruce Francis that the Board make a motion that schools will provide the breakdown of Fees, that have been shared with parents, to Philip Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finance. Carried Unanimously	FEE SCHEDULE MOTION APPROVED 72/25
A.7	Moved by Jennifer Crowson that the Board approved the 2025-2028 Three-Year Education Plan . Carried Unanimously	2025-2028 THREE- YEAR EDUCATONAL PLAN APPROVED 73/25

DISCUSSION ITEMS

D.1 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Each year the Board of Trustees recognizes employees who have served for 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years with Horizon School Division. The Board would like to thank each of them for their dedication and the service that they have provided.

INFORMATION ITEMS

I.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent, Wilco Tymensen May 2025 report can be viewed [here](#).

In addition to the Superintendent's report, he spoke on the following updates:

- Measles in the Southern Alberta Zone
- Minister's Announcement regarding Library Standards

I.2 TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORT

I.2.1 ASBA Zone 6 Report

Trustee, Mandy Court provided the ASBA Zone 6 update to the Board.

- Currently reviewing 104 position statements for Fall General Meeting
- Discussion was held about Jordan's principle and the impact to School Divisions

I.2.2 Facilities Meeting Report

Trustee, Bruce Francis, provided an update regarding Facilities Department work for the month of May 2025:

- 2024-2025 IMR projects
- W.R. Myers/D.A. Ferguson Modernization Phase II
- Milk River Capital Project Phase II
 - ERHS Facility demolition is complete

I.2.3 Administrator's Meeting Report

Trustee, Jennifer Crowson provided highlights from the May 2025 Administrator's Meeting.

- Admin. Symposium to be held in October 2025

- APEX Award Nominees recognition will be held on May 27, 2025

I.3 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Philip Johansen, Associate Superintendent of Finance and Operations shared the following May 2025 summary:

Budget

The board approved a deficit of \$845,398 for the 2025-2026 school year. Highlights include:

- An increase of 1.66% in funding from the province
- 90% of all revenues comes from Alberta Education
- Enrollments are forecast to be slightly higher, over the years total enrollment is fairly stable, over the last number of years enrollment has ranged from 3200 and 3300.
- Staffing levels are comparable to 2024-25.
- Dramatic cost increases are due to the collective agreement signed with CUPE. The deficit for 2025-2026 demonstrates the board's commitment to maintaining staff and programs, but is not sustainable.

Fees

The board approved the fees schedules presented by the schools. There was discussion and concern about the rising costs of various activities.

Associate Superintendent of Finance Report

- Most of time spent on the budget.
- working toward getting joint election agreements with the municipalities.

I.4 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Karen Rancier, Associate Superintendent of Human Services May 2025 report can be viewed [here](#).

I.5 ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF LEARNER SERVICES REPORT

Terri-Lynn Duncan, Associate Superintendent of Learner Services May 2025 report can be viewed [here](#).

CORRESPONDENCE

No discussion came from the Correspondence.

Moved by Bruce Francis that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED
74/25

COMMITTEE ITEMS

Moved by Maxwell Holst that the Board meet in Committee.

Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE
75/25

Moved by Derek Baron that the meeting adjourn.

Carried Unanimously

MEETING ADJOURNED
76/25

Marie Logan, Chair

Sheila Laqua, Executive Secretary