

## **Special Meeting of the Board**

### **Minutes**

Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Craig M. Stahlke Board Room  
Administration Office  
181 Henlow Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3Y 1M7

#### **1. Recognition of Treaty Land**

We acknowledge we are on the lands of Turtle Island where Indigenous Peoples have lived since time began. These are the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininew, and Dakota Nations as well as the traditional trade and travel routes of the Anishinew, Dene, and Inuit. We also acknowledge we are on Treaty One territory and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Pembina Trails School Division is committed to working together in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes sur les terres de l'île de la Tortue où les peuples autochtones vivent depuis le début des temps. Il s'agit des terres ancestrales des nations Anishinaabe, Ininew et Dakota, ainsi que des routes traditionnelles de commerce et de voyage des Anishinew, des Dénés et des Inuits.

Nous reconnaissons également que nous sommes sur le territoire du Traité un et la patrie nationale des Métis de la rivière Rouge. La Division scolaire Pembina Trails s'est engagée à travailler ensemble en partenariat avec les communautés autochtones dans un esprit de réconciliation.

#### **2. Attendance**

Trustees:

C. Nachtigall, C. Stahlke, A. Becker, L. Karn, C. Jolly, T. Johnson, D. Johnson, S. Pope.

Administration:

S. Amos, Superintendent

C. Roberts, Assistant Superintendent, Inclusion Support Services

T. Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, Equity and Education Services

T. Patzer, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Assessment and Learning Services

S. Carleton, Secretary-Treasurer  
L. Farmer, Chief Human Resources Officer

Regrets:

J. Brar

**3. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**4. Draft Budget 2026-27**

On behalf of the Board, Trustee C. Stahlke read the following:

Pembina Trails is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that support the growth of all our students. Each year, our Board of Trustees must rise to the challenge of stretching every dollar of public money to maximize the positive impact of our budget and ensure we continue to provide quality education. To help our students succeed, we must invest in exceptional resources, programs and staffing across the division. All of this must be done within the context of ever-increasing student population growth, increasing costs and increased fixed expenditures. Our annual budget aims to reflect investments, which support our strategic plan, including the Three Expectations for Student Learning: enhancing engagement, literacy and numeracy, and graduation and our anti-racism initiatives. This budget complies with the provincial guidelines on the amount that may be spent on administrative expenses. While the Division has received a slight increase in overall funding, it is not enough to keep up with student enrolment increases, salary increases and fixed cost increases like utilities and insurance. While the Provincial Government has enabled us to determine and raise an amount of funding through local property taxation, Pembina Trails Board of Trustees has endeavored to balance the needs of providing excellence in education and impacts to local property owners.

Tonight, we will share the 2026/27 draft budget summary, including information about expenditures, explanation of expenditure increase, revenue, and the impact on property taxes. This is not the final budget. Over the next few weeks, the Board of Trustees will review the draft and decide on any necessary changes based on a balance between the needs of the division and the impact on our taxpayers.

The increase in combined operating and capital expenditures of \$24.5 million or 9.9 per cent in the draft budget addresses additional resource needs particularly designed to address class size guidelines and support for students with

exceptional needs. Some of the major reasons for expenditure change in the draft budget include:

- Pembina Trails continues to grow. While the rate of growth has slowed somewhat, our division is projecting an increase of approximately 120 students over last year's projections. Since 2017, our Division enrollment has increased by over 4,000 students, or 30%.
- Resources will continue to be directed to a broad-based approach to literacy, regulation and student well-being interventions where the greatest impact can be felt.
- A continued focus on maintaining or decreasing class sizes in general at K-8 with a large emphasis on K-3, will further allow Pembina Trails to focus on the Board's Three Expectations for Student Learning.

Aside from property tax revenue, the largest source of financial support comes from the Provincial Funding of Schools Program, which is projected to provide a 1.1 percent increase for 2026/27 due to increases in projected enrolment. The total revenue increase from both Provincial and Non-Provincial sources (not including property tax) is projected to be 1.7 percent.

Details of the full draft budget media release will be available to the public on our website, as of Friday (tomorrow) morning. We value pre-budget community consultation, and our trustees truly want to hear from the public. Feedback regarding the 2026/27 Draft Budget can be made by letter directed to the Board of Trustees, by email at [budget@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:budget@pembinatrails.ca) or by appearing as a delegation, in person, at the regular board meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026. Parties interested in appearing as a delegation are required to email their notice to appear and written presentation to Emily Vickers at [evickers@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:evickers@pembinatrails.ca) by Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Following Trustee Stahlke's statement, the Secretary-Treasurer gave a brief presentation outlining key elements of the proposed draft budget. He indicated that presentation notes would be available to the public via the division website on Friday, February 20, 2026.

### **Resolution # SBM20260219.1001**

Moved By C. Stahlke

Seconded By L. Karn

THAT the 2026-27 Draft Budget be approved for disclosure and,

THAT the deadline for delegations to register to present at the Regular Meeting of the Board on Thursday, February 26, 2026, be extended to close of business on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

**Carried**

**5. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary-Treasurer