

Regina Catholic Schools



Public Board Meeting

Tue Sep 2, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Ryan Bast (Board Chair), Vicky Bonnell (Deputy Chair), Bob Kowalchuk (Deputy Chair), Rob Bresciani, Greg Fischer, Shauna Weninger, Darren Wilcox

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley Ehman (Director), Josh Kramer (CFO), Stacey Gherasim, Wade Hackl, Heidi Hildebrand, Dave Magnusson, Ryan Robinson, Mark Wernikowski, Twylla West, Jill Hrynkiw (Recorder)

R. Bast called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. RCSD Vision Statement

R. Bast: To provide a quality Catholic education that is faith-based, student-centered, and results-oriented.

2. Opening Prayer

D. Wilcox opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Land Acknowledgement

R. Bast: We are blessed to serve, live and learn on Treaty 4 territory, traditional lands of the nêhiyawak (neh HEY o wuk), nahkawé (NUK ah way), Nakota, and homeland of the Métis, Lakota, and Dakota. Collectively, we are committed to seeking the Truth and taking intentional steps toward Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in our communities.

R. Bast shared the meeting may be recorded.

4. Consent Items

R. Bast: The following consent items have been received as information. Do any of the trustees want to move a consent item to discussion? No Trustees responded.

- i. RCSD Board of Trustees Update - September 2025
- ii. Student Enrolment - June 25 & August 31, 2025
- iii. Staffing Report - May 27, 2025 – August 22, 2025
- iv. Asset Protection Hotline Report
- v. 2024-25 Q3 Governance Budget Summary Report - Sept 1-May 31, 2025
- vi. 2025-2026 CEC Organizational Charts
- vii. 2024-25 Transportation Year End Report
- viii. 2024-25 Quarter 3 - Forecast

5. 14139: Adoption of Agenda

V. BONNELL: That the agenda be adopted.

 CARRIED

6. Conflict of Interest

R. Bast: Do any of the trustees have a conflict of interest based on the agenda they need to declare? No Trustees responded.

7. 14140: Adoption of Minutes

S. WENINGER: That the minutes of the June 23, 2025 Special Public Board Meeting be adopted.

 CARRIED

8. Decision Items

a. 14141: 2023-2026 RCSD Strategic Plan Amendments

B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board approve the amended 2023-26 RCSD Strategic Plan as presented.

☒ **Post 2025-26 amended STRAT Plan to Website**

Assigned to: Jill Hrynkiw

 CARRIED

b. 14142: Policy 8 - Board Operations (including Appendix B - Schedule of Remunerations and Expense Allowances)

G. FISCHER: That the Board approve the amendment to Policy 8 - Board Operations - Appendix B - Schedule of Remunerations and Expense Allowances as presented.

 CARRIED

9. Discussion

a. Review 2025-26 Board Annual Work Plan and Events Schedule

The Board reviewed the 2025-26 Board Annual Work Plan.

10. Governance

No reports.

11. Governance - Executive Council Reporting

No reports.

12. Reports

a. Chair's Report

R. Bast welcomed everyone back to the new school year and shared hopes for a faith-filled year of learning and growth. Updates included Board participation in strategic planning and

enterprise risk management exercises, a governance and communications in-service with Tony Baldwin, attendance at CLASS and BLOOM events, Harbour Landing West Ministry groundbreaking, and the Opening Mass & Faith Day with Bishop Don, including Faith Formation PD and Years of Service Awards

b. Committee Chair Reports

c. Trustee Reports

i. SCSBA - V. Bonnell

Trustee V. Bonnell informed the Board that SCSBA Board of Directors nominations are coming due and requested the Board's support for her nomination to serve year 2 of her 2-year term as President.

ii. 14143: Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) Board Nomination

B. Kowalchuk: That the Board nominate Trustee Vicky Bonnell to continue in her second year in the position of SCSBA Vice-President for the October 2025 SCSBA Annual General meeting.

 CARRIED

iii. SSBA Communications and Strategic Review Services Meeting – August 26, 2025 (Online) - B. Kowalchuk

Bob attended the SSBA Communications and Strategic Review Services meeting. Key discussion points included the need for stronger communication across member boards, enhanced communication skills, and improved crisis readiness. Due to limited funding for advocacy, emphasis will be placed on internal efforts and clearer job descriptions, including a Provincial Communications Playbook outlining roles and expectations. Boards with greater capacity were encouraged to share successful practices with smaller boards through peer-sharing sessions.

d. Director's Report

Director, K. Ehman highlighted a busy summer of preparations for school start-up, including a governance workshop with Tony Baldwin, CLASS 2025 at the new Catholic Education Centre, BLOOM professional learning for support staff, and the Opening Mass & Faith Day with nearly 1500 staff. Updates also included commissioning new leaders, celebrating service awards, and significant facilities work with new portables and classroom additions to support enrollment growth. The Director noted the celebration of 125 years of Catholic education and looking forward to 125 more, with a special focus on "Celebrate," the third and final year of our division theme

13. Community Linkage

14. Correspondence

- a. City of Regina Connectivity Program - Sandra Schmirler Way**
Provided as information.

- b.** 2025-26 Board Hosted Superannuate and Retiree Reception and Dinner Invite to Archbishop Don Bolen
Provided as information.
 - c.** 2025 CHAS Convention Poster August
Provided as information.
 - d.** Minor Capital Advocacy Joint Letter to Minister of Education
Provided as information.
 - e.** 2025-26 Estimated Revenues and Expenditures Ministry Approval
Provided as information.
 - f.** Letter from Hon Everett Hindley - Back to School
Provided as information.
- 15.** 14144: Move in to Closed Session
S. WENINGER: That the Board move in to Closed Session.

 CARRIED

- i.** Sensitive Matters
- 16.** 14145: Move out of Closed Session
B. KOWALCHUK: That the Board move out of Closed Session.

 CARRIED

- 17.** Items for Future Agenda
- 18.** 14146: Adjournment
R. BRESCIANI: That the meeting be adjourned.

 CARRIED

- 19.** Closing Prayer
B. Kowalchuk closed the meeting with a prayer.
- 20.** 2025-2026 Board of Trustees Priorities
 - a.** Continue to prepare for the future of the school division through succession planning.
 - b.** Continue to support and advocate for Catholic Education and liaise with our Church.
 - c.** Create a long-range plan, five to ten years that is sustainable.
 - d.** Establish the role of the board as it relates to the division.
 - e.** Ensure Board/Division culture is maintained.

Ryan Bast

Ryan Bast, Board Chair

Josh Kramer

Josh Kramer, Chief Financial Officer