

MINUTES FROM THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LETHBRIDGE SCHOOL DIVISION HELD MAY 26, 2025.

In Attendance:

Trustees: Christine Light, Allison Purcell; Genny Steed; Kristina Larkin, Andrea
Andreachuk, Tyler Demers, Craig Whitehead

Administrators: Mike Nightingale, Christine Lee, Robbie Charlebois, Morag Asquith

Trustee Kristina Larkin called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m.

1. Call to order, Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

*Approval of Agenda
7344/25*

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“to approve the agenda, as presented.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Opening Comments

Superintendent Mike Nightingale discussed the significant challenges faced in this year’s budget, including rising expenses, lack of increase in the base grant, and reduced reserves. He shared concerns on the impact of these challenges on staffing and programming. Mike thanked all who worked on this challenging budget.

Opening Comments

4. Review of Feedback from Public Budget Presentation

Director of Finance, Avice DeKolver provided a summary based on the feedback received from the public budget presentation.

Review of Feedback

Trustee Craig Whitehead moved to go In-Camera at 2:18 p.m.

Moved to In-Camera

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tina Carnegie and Garrett Simmons left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Avice DeKolver and Associate Superintendents left meeting at 3:57p.m.

Tina Carnegie, Garrett Simmons, Avice DeKolver, and Associate Superintendents returned to the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Trustee Tyler Demers moved to go back to the Regular Meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting

5. Opening Comments

Trustees were given five minutes to make general comments on the budget or identify issues.

*Trustee Opening
Comments*

6. Revenues and Allocations

*Revenues and
Allocations*

a. Fees

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“That the Board approve the 2025-2026 School Fee Schedule as presented.”

*Approve Fee Schedule
7345/25*

For: Christine Light, Kristina Larkin, Tyler Demers, Andrea Andreachuk, Craig Whitehead

Against: Allison Purcell, Genny Steed

CARRIED

a1. Trustee Genny Steed moved:

“That the Board update policy 802.2 “School Fees’ to include direction and guidance which reflects and supports the overarching philosophies and values of this Board and effectively supports division operations.”

*Policy 802.2 Update
7346/25*

For: Christine Light, Kristina Larkin, Andrea

Andreachuk, Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell, Genny Steed

Against: Tyler Demers

CARRIED

b. Overall Revenues and Allocations:

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“That the Board approve the revenues and use of one-time reserves for the 2025-2026 budget as per page 27 as presented.”

*Overall Revenues and
Allocations
7347/25*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Expenditures and Transfers

*Expenditures and
Transfers
7348/25*

a. Non-Union Salary Increases

The following motion was deferred from April 29, 2025, Board Meeting. Moved by Tyler Demers, “That the Board approve the Non-Union Salary Increase as presented.”

Lethbridge School Division provide non-union staff wage increase as follows:

- Effective September 1, 2024, three percent
- Effective September 1, 2025, three percent
- Effective September 1, 2026, three percent

- Effective September 1, 2027, three percent

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Trustee Honoraria Increase

*Trustee Honoraria
Increase
7349/25*

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Board approve the Trustee Honoraria to increase three percent effective September 1, 2025, and that any future considerations for honoraria changes be aligned with ATA wage increases, effective September 1, 2026, as amended.”

For: Christine Light, Tyler Demers, Craig Whitehead, Allison Purcell, Kristina Larkin

Against: Andrea Andreachuk

CARRIED

Trustee, Tyler Demers moved to extend the meeting past 6:00 p.m.

Extend the Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Instruction (see pages 32-34)

*Instruction
7350/25*

Trustee Christine Light moved:

“That the Board approve the Instruction expenditures and transfers as per pages 32-34 of the 2025-2026 budget as presented.”

For: Christine Light, Tyler Demers, Kristina Larkin, Craig Whitehead

Against: Genny Steed, Andrea Andreachuk, Allison Purcell

CARRIED

d. Administration: (see pages 35-36)

*Administration
7351/25*

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:

“That the Board approve the Administration expenditures and transfers as per pages 35-36 of the 2025-2026 budget as presented.”

For: Kristina Larkin, Tyler Demers, Andrea Andreachuk, Christine Light, Genny Steed, Craig Whitehead

Against: Allison Purcell

CARRIED

- e. Plant Operations and Maintenance: (see pages 37-38)
Trustee Craig Whitehead moved:
“That the Board approve the Plant Operations and Maintenance expenditures and transfers as per pages 37-38 of the 2025-2026 budget as presented.”

Plant Operations and Maintenance
7352/25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- f. Transportation: (see pages 39-40)
Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“That the Board approve the Transportation expenditures and transfers as per pages 39-40 of the 2025-2026 budget as presented.”

Transportation
7353/25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- g. Capital and Debt Services: (see pages 41-42)
Trustee Allison Purcell moved:
“That the Board approve the Capital and Debt Services expenditures and transfers as per pages 41-42 of the 2025-2026 budget as presented.”

Capital and Debt Services
7354/25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Budget Approval

Trustee Tyler Demers moved:
“That the Board approve the 2025-2026 preliminary budget for Lethbridge School Division as detailed in the previous motions and authorize administration to allocate and expend funds in accordance with the budget.”

Budget Approval
7355/25

For: Kristina Larkin, Christine Light, Andrea Andreachuk, Tyler Demers, Craig Whitehead
Against: Allison Purcell, Genny Steed

CARRIED

Adjournment 7:07 p.m.

Christine Light,
Chair

Christine Lee,
Associate Superintendent
Business and Operations

