



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Living Sky School Division No. 202

On

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Note: MC motion carried

Present		Trustees: <i>Pethick, Weber, Connor, Gartner, Kemery, Kobelsky, Leask, Linnell, Omelchenko, and Schneider.</i> Also in attendance were: Director of Education, <i>Brenda Vickers</i> and Superintendent of Business, <i>Lisa Palmarin.</i>		
A	Call to Order	Chairman <i>Pethick</i> called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.		
	Declaration of Conflict of Interest			
B	Agenda	MC	Trustee <i>Connor</i> moved the agenda to be approved as presented.	102-02/25/2026
C	Minutes	MC	Trustee <i>Gartner</i> moved the Board of Education to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2026.	103-02/25/2026
D	Business Arising/Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting	Nothing to report.		
E	Presentations & Delegations	Nothing to report.		
F	Business As Usual	MC	Trustee <i>Kemery</i> moved the Board to receive and file the IT business as usual report.	104-02/25/2026
G	Action Items	G.1	Accounts	
		MC	Trustee <i>Kobelsky</i> moved the Board to approve the payment of accounts as presented.	105-02/25/2026
		G.2	School Year Calendars	
		MC	Trustee <i>Weber</i> moved the Board to approve the 2026-2027 LSKYSD School Year Calendars as presented, pending any minor changes from the Ministry of Education.	106-02/25/2026
		G.3	Board Policies	
		Tabled for a later date.		
H	Administrative Reports	MC	Trustee <i>Leask</i> moved the Board to receive and file the administration reports as presented by <i>Brenda Vickers</i> , Director and <i>Lisa Palmarin</i> , Superintendent of Business.	107-02/25/2026

I	Board Reports	MC	Trustee <i>Linnell</i> moved the Board to receive and file the following board reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January Board Chair Commitments, - Board Chair Council Report, and the - Public Section Report. 	108-02/25/2026
		MC	Trustee <i>Omelchenko</i> moved the Board to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reschedule the March 31 after budget work session to March 26, 2026 at 4:00 pm, and - Direct the director to schedule a joint board meeting with Light of Christ, tentatively for the April 29, 2026 meeting. 	109-02/25/2026
J	Information Items	MC	Trustee <i>Pethick</i> moved the Board to receive and file the following information items as presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous Agenda, and - January 30 enrolments. 	110-02/25/2026
K	In-Camera	MC	Trustee <i>Weber</i> moved the Board to the in-camera session.	111-02/25/2026
		MC	Trustee <i>Connor</i> moved the Board to rise and report from the on-camera session.	112-02/25/2026
L	Items Arising from In-Camera	K.1 Confidential HR Staffing Report		
		MC	Trustee <i>Gartner</i> moved the Board to receive and file the Human Resources Confidential Staffing Report as presented.	113-02/25/2026
		G.4 Education Services Agreement MGBHLM		
		MC	Trustee <i>Kemery</i> moved the Board to approve the new education agreement with MGBHLM First Nation.	114-02/25/2026
		G.5 Rural Transportation Services – Contract Approval		
			Trustee <i>Weber</i> declared a conflict of interest with this motion and abstained from voting.	
	MC	Trustee <i>Kobelsky</i> moved the Board to approve the following contracts with Southland Transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contract for the purchase of the Division’s bus fleet and associated inventory; - Contract for the lease of the Division’s current bus garage; and - Contract for the assumption of rural student transportation services, including extra-curricular transportation. <p>And further, that the Board authorize the Board Chair and Superintendent of Business to execute all required agreements on behalf of the Division.</p>	115-02/25/2026	

M	Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board’s recent activities reflect strong engagement across schools and communities. Trustees noted how much they enjoyed both delivering and participating in the Staff Appreciation lunches. Norman Carter School shared their excitement about receiving the division’s WOW grant, and trustees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to support school initiatives. - Participating in the Safer Schools Together Day at NBCHS left a strong impression with a trustee commending the event and school efforts. Many schools are currently very active with sports programs. - The board acknowledged the new administrator in Luseland. - A trustee also attended the first Pipe Ceremony in Hafford, extending thanks to Doug and the administrative team for organizing such a meaningful event. The next Pipe Ceremony is scheduled for March 6th in Medstead at 10:00 am. - Trustees are looking forward to the completion of the Medstead School renovations and expressed an interest in seeing the finished work. 		
N	Adjournment	MC	Trustee <i>Leask</i> moved the Board to adjourn the regular meeting of February 25, 2026 at 6:36 p.m.	116-02/25/2026

Ronna Pethick
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Lisa Palmarin
SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS