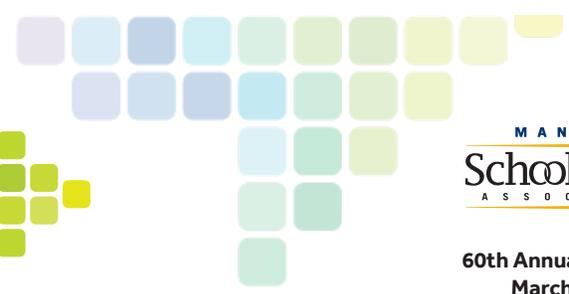




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60th Annual Convention  
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**2024 RECORD  
OF PROCEEDINGS**



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**60<sup>h</sup> Annual Convention**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024**

8:30 a.m.

**Call to Order**

Land Acknowledgement – **Sandy Nemeth**, President

Opening Blessing – **Nicole Chaske**, Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

O Canada – **J. R. Walkof Elementary School**, Garden Valley S.D.

**Final Call for Nominations – Alan Campbell**, Chair of the Nominating Committee

**Crystal Erickson**, Rolling River S.D. was nominated from the floor for Director Region 1.

The following positions were declared acclaimed:

Vice-President (greater than 6000 students) – **Sandra Lethbridge**, St. James-Assiniboia S.D.

Director, Region 3 – **Paul Magnan**, Sunrise S.D.

Director, Region 5 – **Irene Nordheim**, Louis Riel S.D.

Elections to be held for Director Region 1. Candidates: **Nicole Chaske**, Fort La Bosse S.D., **Taras Daneluk**, Park West S.D., and **Crystal Erickson**, Rolling River S.D.

9:15 a.m.

**Keynote Address:** Focus on the 90% —**Darci Lang**

10:45 a.m.

**Concurrent Workshops: A**

- Fostering Reciprocal Leadership: Nurturing the Board-Superintendent Relationship for Student Success
- Working toward Flourishing in ‘our lane’ – committee work and advocacy to support our education plan
- What Makes a Leader?

12:00 Noon

**Lunch**

1:30 p.m.

**Concurrent Workshops: B**

- Board Focus – Having the Greatest Impact
- Setting the Stage for Student Success

- Appuyer la construction identitaire de chaque enfant / Supporting every child's unique identity development

3:00 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops: C**

- Restorative Practices
- Bridging Indigenous Cultural Awareness and Understanding
- School Leadership Really Matters
- Supporting Student and Staff Mental Health and Wellness

5:45 p.m. **President's Reception Opens**

6:25 p.m. **Procession of VIPs into Ballroom**

6:30 p.m. **President's Banquet**

**Introduction of Special Guests – *Sandy Nemeth***

**Blessing – *Elder Barb Nepinak*, Pine Creek Ojibway First Nation**

**Meal Service**

**Award and Recognition Presentations**

- Presidents Council Award – ***April Waters***, St. James-Assiniboia S.D.
- Outgoing President – ***Alan Campbell***, Interlake S.D.
- Retiring Executive and Honourary Life Membership – ***Floyd Martens***, Mountain View S.D.

Entertainment by: **The Super Troupers**

9:30 p.m. Evening Concludes

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8:30 a.m. **Call to Order – *Theresa Bergson***, Chair of the Convention Committee  
Land Acknowledgement  
O Canada – Video playback

8:45 a.m. **President's Address – *Sandy Nemeth***

9:00 a.m. **CSBA Greetings – *Alan Campbell***, President

9:15 a.m. **Elections/Resolutions Debate**  
***Linda Ross***, Chair; ***David Gray***, Registered Parliamentarian

10:30 a.m. **Regional Meetings/Elections**

An election was held in Region 1. Candidates **Nicole Chaske**, Fort La Bosse S.D., **Taras Daneluk**, Park West S.D., and **Crystal Erickson**, Rolling River S.D. were invited to give candidate speeches, followed by a Q&A session. A ballot vote was conducted. **Nicole Chaske**, Fort La Bosse S.D. was declared elected.

- 11:30 a.m. Resolutions Debate
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch** (raffle draws conducted and names of winners announced) **Newcomer Employment and Education Development Services (N.E.E.D.S) Inc.**, was MSBA's charity of choice to receive all proceeds from the annual raffle (\$2720 raised).
- 12:40 p.m. **New 2023-2024 Provincial Executive Meeting**
- 1:15 p.m. **Presentation of Trustee Long Service Awards**
- 12-year recipients
    - Teresa Johnson, Lakeshore SD
    - Marvin Coverdale, Lakeshore SD
  - 16-year recipients
    - Marlene Craik, Pine Creek SD
    - Nicole Chaske, Fort La Bosse SD.
  - 20-year recipient
    - Robert Rivard, Seine River S.D.
  - 30-year recipients
    - Linda Ballantyne, Frontier SD
    - Jan McIntyre, Prairie Spirit SD
  - 40-year recipient
    - Wendy Bloomfield, Seine River S.D.
- 1:30 p.m. **Resolutions debates continues until complete.**
- 3:15 p.m. **Executive Director Remarks – Josh Watt**
- 3:45 p.m. **Open forum with Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, Hon. Nello Altomare**
- 4:15 p.m. Adjournment – **Sandy Nemeth**

# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Sandy Nemeth

**Local voice. Local choice. How many of you have heard what has come to be the 'mantra' if you will, that defines and informs our work?**

Four words that have come to be associated with school boards in Manitoba.

Four words that have been adopted and used regularly by local media and MLAs, by several other provincial associations both in their literature, and in their Presidents' address to membership.

Four words often heard at the Canadian School Boards Association executive table.

Four words used by our Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reiterate our role in student success in public education.

Local voice and local choice has been, and will continue to be, key to the success of public education in Manitoba. MSBA and school boards, among many others, hammered away at this during Bill 64 and continue to do so. It is locally elected school boards, who know their local communities inside and out, that are in the best position to make the decisions and investments that are needed to ensure the success and wellness of students, families and staff.

It is with this in mind that I offer thanks:

**Thank you to the trustees and Superintendents at the time**, who coined the phrase Local Voice Local Choice at a region 2 meeting held in Altona several years ago. Little did we all know that southern Manitoba would be the birthplace of two very short sentences that together would travel so far and come to be associated with such important work.

**Thank you to our newest trustees** for your commitment to your communities and to public education in Manitoba. You've arrived at your board table at a critical time in public education, and on so many levels. You are the future of school boards in Manitoba. This is pretty daunting when you've been a trustee for 17 months, but true none the less. If you are still working to understand the role, all that influences and shapes education, balance your time, and put names to faces you are about where you should be. Ask questions, engage, listen, and learn. You are future Region Directors, Vice-presidents and Presidents and this is where it begins.

**Thank you to our 'veteran trustees'**. Those new trustees need the benefit of your knowledge and experience. While you are engaging with community, working, and doing your own learning please support and mentor the future of school boards in Manitoba. They don't know what they don't know, but you do.

Trusteeship has changed over the past 5 years; think about all we had to manage during a global pandemic, how we rallied during Bill 64, changes to teacher bargaining, funding challenges, changes in government, add the ongoing needs of our community related to the impact of poverty on learning for example, as just one massive influencer we have to manage.

Students, staff, families, and communities look to their school boards for the leadership that demonstrates a commitment to success for all students. **All students**. That ensure they learn and grow and in doing so nurture curiosity, a love of life-long learning, and being active and committed global citizens.

**To our Superintendents:** Just like trusteeship has changed over the past few years, so has the work of our school divisions operational and educational leaders. We know your work doesn't pause if you are ill, enjoying the weekend or on vacation. You are 'on' all the time. Our school division communities are all richer for your vision, your creativity, and for the goals and dreams you have for your students, families and staff. Thank you for your caring, your generosity, and your commitment to a relevant public education system.

**Thank you to all of the staff of MSBA.** School boards in Manitoba are well supported by the expertise housed at 191 Provencher Boulevard in Winnipeg. From the professional development and communications, risk management, labour relations, and human resources support offered to boards, along with the role MSBA has in provincial teacher bargaining, the profile of MSBA has never been higher or its work more critically important. There is a reason MSBA was bestowed the honour of receiving the Manitoba Historical Society Centennial Organization Award in 2023 and that is because it's work, since being founded in 1907, lives up to our vision of being not only a respected and influential voice for public education, but a valued and effective advocate for local education governance.

As executive director, Josh Watt leads with integrity and a focused desire for school boards to be recognized locally, provincially, and nationally as instrumental to the success of students. His connections, his historical knowledge, and his capacity to retain information is absolutely mind-boggling- for which we should all be grateful. His reputation throughout the public education system in Manitoba, especially with government, is one of professionalism, capability, expertise, and proficiency. His commitment is unquestionable and his advocacy relentless.

**To the presidents and EDs of our education partner associations: MASS, MASBO, MTS, and MAPC.** The time we've spent in conversation over the last year, and our shared statement in September 2023 on Standing Together for Safe Schools, only reinforces what can be accomplished by a group of people with a shared vision. You are a delightful group and I consider myself fortunate to sit at a table with you.

**A warm and heartfelt thank you to the Executive of MSBA.** This is a group of trustees who debate like crazy, who can argue with respect, and then sit down for coffee and talk about our shared work. It is a commitment to be sure and you have been well served by Sandy, Leah, Alan, Ashley, Charlene, Paul, Greg, Angela, Tim and Jamie; I appreciate their humour and their candor.

A special nod to MSBA past President, Alan Campbell. Alan made a comment in his speech as outgoing President last year that was directed to his successor, which turned out to be me. He said and I quote:

*The future of our association is bright- even if your past president is going to be a pain in the ass.*

He was right.

This past year has gone by so fast. I've had many opportunities to gather perspective, to share, participate, and inform. Meeting so many new people has been a lot of fun, and the learning quite inspiring. While some of my conversations haven't been easy ones, they are all worthwhile.

In closing, I hope that it has not escaped anyone's attention that more and more, eyes are on school boards and increasing attention is being paid to how we work and what the results of that work are. We have the responsibility for ensuring the needs of our students and staff are met, that they succeed, that they feel safe, welcomed, and valued in their places of work and learning, and that our students graduate prepared for what comes next. We do this from a place of governance and oversight that requires a commitment of time and energy, of knowledge and a commitment to ongoing learning, and of accountability not only to those around your individual board tables but to your community.

Talk to each other trustees, share experiences, challenges and successes and remember that your association is here to ensure your community has a successful school board.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

The Chair of the MSBA Resolutions and Policy Committee shall move or cause to be moved a motion regarding adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the resolution process, as follows, at the MSBA Annual General Meeting:

CAMPBELL (Resolutions & Policy Committee)/MARTENS (Resolutions & Policy Committee) .....CARRIED

### 2024 RULES OF PROCEDURE

#### Process:

1. All resolution proceedings shall be governed by these rules of procedure, the MSBA Act, and the MSBA By-Laws. In the event of any conflict, the provisions of the MSBA Act and the MSBA By-Laws shall prevail. Where any of the aforementioned identified instruments are silent, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall apply.
2. The resolution process shall be conducted by a "Resolutions Chair", referred to in the following sections as the "Chair".
3. The Chair will advise the membership of the disposition of emergent resolutions submitted to the MSBA Executive and request the assembly's consideration of those late resolutions not adopted by the Executive.
4. Resolutions shall be dealt with in the following order:
  - (a) consideration of new resolutions in the order listed in the resolutions booklet and any emergent resolutions adopted by the MSBA Executive at the end of the section in which the resolution is assigned (point #3 above);
  - (b) consideration of emergent resolutions not adopted by the MSBA Executive but approved by the assembly for debate;
  - (c) any resolution(s) for reconsideration in the order of receipt by the Chair (point #25).
5. Should any resolution be identified as a particular concern of the assembly, that resolution may be brought forward in the convention proceedings for discussion and debate by majority consent of the assembly. A motion requesting this action must be moved and seconded.
6. Proposed resolutions shall be read and moved by members of the Resolutions and Policy Committee and the Chair shall immediately ask for a seconder who may speak to the proposed resolution and close debate.

#### Resolutions:

7. Resolutions submitted by any member board in the period between the deadline for receipt of regular resolutions and the final Executive meeting preceding the annual general meeting will be considered emergent resolutions.

The Executive will assess emergent resolutions to determine whether the issue addressed was evident prior to the deadline for submission of regular resolutions. Where the Executive deems the resolution to be truly emergent in nature, it will be included among those for consideration at the annual general meeting.

Any emergent resolution not adopted by the MSBA Executive will require a separate motion to be added to the annual general meeting agenda and must be moved and seconded and receive the support of not less than two-thirds of the delegates present and voting in order to be considered.

2024 Rules of Procedure, cont'd....

8. Any resolution sponsored by the provincial executive will be deemed to be a regular resolution, whether or not it meets the timeline outlined above.
9. Extraordinary resolutions arising out of the business of the annual general meeting may be considered if consideration is supported by a two-thirds majority of voting trustees.

Debate:

10. As soon as a proposed resolution has been moved and seconded, the Chair will call upon the seconder to explain the proposed resolution.
11. The Chair will then ask if any delegate wishes to speak against the proposed resolution. If no delegate so indicates, the seconder will be invited to close debate and the question will be called.
12. Once any delegate speaks in opposition to the proposed resolution, debate shall begin and continue until the question is called in the usual manner. The seconder will have the right to be the final speaker in the debate.
13. Each delegate wishing to speak to a resolution must first be formally recognized by the Chair and shall announce their name and school division/district before speaking to the resolution to be debated.
14. No delegate shall speak to a resolution more than once, except the seconder of the resolution, and debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes unless permission for an additional three (3) minutes is granted by general consent of the assembly.
15. Associate members may, at the discretion of the Chair, speak on a point of information but may not enter into the debate, nor may they move, second, or vote on a resolution.

Voting:

16. Member school boards who have at least one trustee in attendance at the Annual Convention shall be eligible to vote, via board ballots, on by-laws and by-law amendments, and the appointment of the auditors. Trustees from member boards who are registered Convention delegates are voting delegates eligible to vote on all resolutions other than those requiring board ballots, as described above.
17. A quorum shall consist of not less than 100 voting delegates present virtually or in person at the time the vote is called on any motion before the assembly.
18. The Resolutions and Policy Committee [By-Law #5, (10)] shall be responsible to know the voting strength at all times on the convention floor, and shall be responsible for ruling on any disputes over the issuance of voting cards and ballot books.
19. All voting shall be by show of hands (using the authorized voting cards) unless:
  - (a) the Chair, in their discretion, calls for a standing vote before announcing the results of a vote by show of hands, or
  - (b) immediately after the result has been announced by the Chair, one delegate calls for a standing vote.

Voting at virtual meetings shall be by a roll-call vote of each school board (for board ballot votes) or by an electronic voting platform approved by the Executive for regular resolutions.

2024 Rules of Procedure, cont'd....

20. A favourable vote of not less than two thirds of the board ballots cast shall be required to approve any amendments/changes to the By-Laws or MSBA Act. All other questions shall be decided by majority vote of those delegates present and voting unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure.

Amendments:

21. A delegate may, at any time during the debate on a resolution, move an amendment, providing it is relevant to and deals with the same subject matter as the original resolution. Amendments must be seconded.
22. The Chair has the prerogative to divide a question into two or more questions so as to allow for a separate vote on any particular point or points, if the Chair deems that the division of the question will facilitate debate.
23. No more than one amendment and one amendment to the amendment (sub-amendment) will be accepted by the Chair at any one time.
24. The Chair may, in their discretion, require that any amendment to a resolution be submitted in writing.

Reconsideration:

25. A written notice of motion to reconsider a vote on the resolution shall be presented to the Chair, and may only be submitted by a delegate who originally supported the vote on that particular resolution. Upon validation of the request for reconsideration, the Chair shall immediately announce that a motion to reconsider will be presented after all other convention resolutions have been considered in accordance with [Section 4 (c)] above.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee) .....CARRIED
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# EMERGENT RESOLUTION

## Grants for Interim Loans

(Lord Selkirk S.D.)

**WHEREAS** the deadline for resolutions has passed;

**AND WHEREAS** an issue has arisen that was not contemplated before the deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Assembly consider a resolution on Grants for Interim Loans as distributed, as an emergent resolution pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Emergent resolutions require two-thirds support of voting trustees to be considered.

JOHNSTON (Lord Selkirk S.D.)/MAGNAN (Sunrise S.D.) .....CARRIED

# BY-LAWS

**BY-LAW 2 (3)(3)** ..... **B-01-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 2(3)(3):

**From:** "liaison and co-operation with Manitoba Education, the Manitoba Teachers' Society, the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents, and the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials;

**To:** "liaison and co-operation with governments; organizations designated to represent teachers, superintendents, business officials, parent and parent advisory councils; and other entities whose mandates serve the interests of our membership;

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LETBRIDGE (MSBA Executive)

The following amendment was moved: to strike the words "parent and" in the second line.

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LETHBRIDGE (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

**"liaison and co-operation with governments; organizations designated to represent teachers, superintendents, business officials, parent advisory councils; and other entities whose mandates serve the interests of our membership;**

Vote on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 2 (3)(8)-(10)** ..... **B-02-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 2(3)(8)-(10).

**From:**

- 7. development of new administration tools;
- 8. other services as deemed appropriate and necessary by member boards.

**To:**

- 7. development of new administration tools;
- 8. human resources;
- 9. other services as deemed appropriate and necessary by member boards.

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/KLASSEN (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 3 (1)..... B-03-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 3(1).**

**From: A board that meets the criteria for membership in the association (as defined in The Manitoba School Boards Association Act) is, upon payment of the assessed membership fee, a full members of the association, except as described in #2, below.**

**To: A board that meets the criteria for membership in the association (as defined in The Manitoba School Boards Association Act) is, upon payment of the assessed membership fee, a full member of the association, except as described in #2, below.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/KLASSEN (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 4..... B-04-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 4.**

**From: In all business of the Association, where the rules of procedure are silent, the current edition of Robert's Rules of order shall apply.**

**To: In all business of the Association, where the rules of procedure are silent, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.**

BOGASKI (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LACHANCE (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 5 (9)(a)(ii) ..... B-05-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 5(9)(a)(ii).**

**From: Any region that consists of only one school board may, at its discretion, elect or appoint it’s Director at a time or place other than the Annual Convention.**

**To: Any region that consists of only one school board may, at its discretion, elect or appoint its Director at a time or place other than the Annual Convention.**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MAGNAN (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 6 ..... B-06-24**

(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 6.**

**Reversing the striking out of the word “regions” in order to restore this sub-heading–**

**From: Regions**

**To: Regions**

**By-Law 6, Region 5 (Suburban)**

**From:**

<b>St. James-Assiniboia</b>	<b>River East Transcona</b>
<b>Pembina Trail</b>	<b>Seven Oaks</b>
<b>Louis Riel</b>	<b>Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine (4 reps)</b>

**To:**

<b>St. James-Assiniboia</b>	<b>River East Transcona</b>
<b>Pembina Trails</b>	<b>Seven Oaks</b>
<b>Louis Riel</b>	<b>Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine (4 reps)</b>
<b><u>Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology</u></b>	

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/DAVIS (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 6 (2)(b) ..... B-07-24**

(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 6(2)(b)**

**From: Trustees may attend regional meetings in person or, where appropriate provisions have been made, they may join such meetings via teleconference or other electronic means. In those instances where a trustee participates in a regional meeting through electronic means, he or she will be considered to be in attendance, and shall have all the same rights as those trustees physically present at the meeting.**

**To: Members may attend regional meetings in person or, where appropriate provisions have been made, they may join such meetings via teleconference or other electronic means. ~~In those instances where a trustee participates~~ **Members participating** in a regional meeting through electronic means ~~he or she~~ will be considered to be in attendance, and shall have all the same rights as those ~~trustees~~ **members** physically present at the meeting.**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/DUNN (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 8 (4)..... B-08-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following housekeeping amendments to By-Law 8(4)

**From:** Any question arising at any meeting of the Executive shall be decided by a majority of the members present. The Chair, consistent with the provisions of *the Public Schools Act* (section 31) as it applies to the Chair of all school boards, has the option of voting with the members of the Executive on all issues.

**To:** Any question arising at any meeting of the Executive shall be decided by a majority of the members present. The Chair, consistent with the provisions of *The Public Schools Act* (section 31) as it applies to the Chair of all school boards, has the option of voting with the members of the Executive on all issues.

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MCFARLANE (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

**BY-LAW 10 ..... B-09-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Manitoba School Boards Association, in an effort to modernize the Association By-Laws, approve the following amendment to By-Law 10 by adding as follows:

**3. In all matters pertaining to a minor housekeeping amendment(s) as may, from time to time, be required to these by-laws in respect of corrections to wording, grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, verb tense, orthography, font, paragraph structure, or harmonization of provisions with emergent changes beyond the control of the Association, the Association’s Provincial Executive may effect such amendment(s) without seeking two-thirds approval from the Association’s membership, provided such items are itemized in a memorandum, for information only, sent to the membership via the Chairperson or interim leadership of each member a minimum of one month in advance of any such housekeeping amendment(s) coming into effect, and provided that no substantive change is undertaken in regard to the meaning or effect of any such by-law as a result of any such amendment(s). Should any member wish to contest any such minor housekeeping amendment(s), they shall forward such communication to the Association’s President within the one month period prior to any such amendment(s) coming into effect and the President shall table this communication before the Provincial Executive for review and consideration at the next meeting of the Provincial Executive. Any such housekeeping amendment to the by-laws that is contested by a member shall be introduced by MSBA Provincial Executive as a formal By-Law amendment at the next Annual Convention of the Association, as per By-Law 10(1)-(2).**

RIVARD (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/DUMONT (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

# AUDITOR AND FINANCIALS

**RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ..... A-01-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2023 be received.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MAGNAN (MSBA Executive) .....CARRIED

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR ..... A-02-24**  
(MSBA Executive)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT KPMG LLP be re-appointed as the Manitoba School Boards Association auditors for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2024.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/LETHBRIDGE (MSBA Executive).....CARRIED

# SCHOOL BOARDS AND TRUSTEES

**SCHOOL YEAR START DATE** ..... **SB-01-24**  
(Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to remove legislation that requires the start of the school year to occur after Labour Day.**

CAMPBELL (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/MACNAIR (Prairie Rose S.D.).....CARRIED
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## FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

### **INCREASED SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR NEWCOMERS..... FFM-01-24** (Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government for increased support and resources in the form of settlement services and English/French as an Additional Language (EAL) support for school divisions which are experiencing higher enrollment of new immigrant families. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring successful integration and education for newcomers in our communities.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/DABEE (Seven Oaks S.D.)

The following amendment was moved: to replace the words “new immigrant” in the fourth line, with “newcomer”.

JOHNSTON (Lord Selkirk S.D.)/BOGASKI (Lord Selkirk S.D.) ..... CARRIED

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government for increased support and resources in the form of settlement services and English/French as an Additional Language (EAL) support for school divisions which are experiencing higher enrollment of newcomer families. These initiatives are crucial in ensuring successful integration and education for newcomers in our communities.**

Vote on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

### **NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ..... FFM-02-24** (Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Provincial Government to provide school divisions with a comprehensive guideline that outlines the steps that school boards must follow in order to qualify to be added to the list of new school construction projects and to establish a consultative process to support decision making around new school construction projects.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/HOGARTH (Portage La Prairie S.D.) .....CARRIED

### **NEW FUNDING FORMULA ..... FFM-03-24** (Region 2)

WITHDRAWN by sponsoring board prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ..... FFM-04-24**

(Region 5)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Manitoba Government to amend *The Municipal Assessment Act* to remove the collection of tax on all School Division owned property and to limit special service levies.**

MARTENS (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/HUNTER (St. James-Assiniboia S.D.)

The following amendment was moved: to replace the word “limit” in the last line with “eliminate”.  
MCINTYRE (Prairie Spirit S.D.)/STANDEVEN (Prairie Spirit S.D.)... WITHDRAWN

The following amendment was moved: to strike the words “on all School Division owned property and to” and add the words “and eliminate special service levies on all school division owned properties”.  
CAMPBELL (Resolutions & Policy Committee)/MCINTYRE (Prairie Spirit S.D.) ..... CARRIED

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Manitoba Government to amend *The Municipal Assessment Act* to remove the collection of tax and eliminate special service levies on all school division owned properties.**

Vote on the resolution as amended .....CARRIED

**GRANTS FOR INTERIM LOANS ..... FFM-05-24**

(Lord Selkirk S.D.)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Manitoba Government to extend interim loans or grants to school divisions pending receipt of tax revenues from municipalities to mitigate interest payments incurred by divisions.**

KUBLICK (Lord Selkirk S.D.)/JOHNSTON (Lord Selkirk S.D.) .....CARRIED

# TRANSPORTATION

**BUS SAFETY** ..... **T-01-24**  
(Region 2)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the provincial government to pursue two actions to make school bus loading and unloading safer.**

- **Increasing the penalties for vehicles passing a stopped school bus that has its stop arm extended and red loading lights flashing,**
- **Undertaking a stronger educational and information campaign that emphasizes regulations related to school bus safety and informs the public of potential penalties, and worse yet, potential tragedies.**

WARNAR-BROWN (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/KLASSEN (Garden Valley S.D.) .....CARRIED
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## EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

**TEACHER CANDIDATES STRUCTURED LITERACY INSTRUCTION.....EO-01-24**  
(Region 3)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby Faculties of Education in Manitoba to create a course for Early/Middle Years Teacher Candidates in Structured Literacy. The course content should be in keeping with current research re: explicit and systematic instruction in the foundational skills that will lead to efficient word reading: print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency.**

WARNAR-BROWN (Resolutions and Policy Committee)/AUER (Evergreen S.D.)

The following amendment was moved: to strike the words “structured” in the second line; strike “re: explicit and systematic instruction”; and strike “print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics, and fluency” from the end of the resolution.

FROESE (Hanover S.D.)/UNGER (Hanover S.D.)..... DEFEATED

Vote on the resolution as originally presented ..... DEFEATED