

Board Meeting Highlights

August 20, 2025



Upcoming Dates

*Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, Wednesday
September 17, at 9:30am*

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The Board

The Board was very pleased to hear that, once again, the division will host a BTPS Learning Day for all staff before the students are back in classrooms. There will also be a Support Staff Conference for the Education Assistants that will provide options for their professional development. The Board passed motions to appoint Vivian Locher as the Acting Secretary Treasurer until September 14th and to appoint Matthew Read as Secretary Treasurer effective September 15, 2025. Over the break the Board heard that BTPS will receive pre-planning funding for a Value Scoping project for the Blackfoot Kitscoty area. The Board has been advocating for this project and this year it was number four on its Capital Plan. Value Scoping is an exercise to determine the best solution for the Blackfoot and Kitscoty communities. Planning will begin later this school year. Another great news story and part of the Board's advocacy was the successful application of BTPS for its Human Services Collegiate. This new Collegiate will offer students hands-on-training and direct pathways to in-demand jobs.

Superintendent's Department

The Superintendent shared details of the start up Learning Day for BTPS which included information on the Keynote speaker, Dr. Lisa Belanger. Her topic of 'Adaptive Minds: How Your Brain Thrives in Times of Change' is sure to inspire. Over the summer break the Senior Leadership took part in the CASS/ASBOA Summer Learning Conference. Each member successfully completed different sessions to build on their effective leadership skills.

School Board Election 2025

Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 from 8:30 AM until 12:00 noon.

Nomination Forms, resources, and information can be found on the BTPS website - [HERE](#). Please call the Central Office (780-842-6144) to make an appointment to come in and drop off your nomination forms. New this year- Notice of Intent form, only 7 Wards **and candidates are required to have a current criminal record check within 30 days before submitting nomination form.** If you have any questions, call us.

Successful school board trustees put the needs of students first!

A \$200.00 deposit (cash, certified cheque, or money order) must accompany the nomination paper (form 4) in accordance with Bylaw 02/2020 of The Buffalo Trail School Division and pursuant to the Local Authorities Election Act - Section 27, 29 and 30 being Chapter L-21 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 a Criminal Record Check in accordance with Bylaw 03-2024 of the Buffalo Trail School Division a Form 5 – Candidate Financial Information and the required Notice of Intent in accordance with 147.22 of the LAEA. **A nomination paper shall not be accepted by the Returning Officer unless the correct deposit accompanies the nomination paper along with the current criminal record check (within 30 days) the Form 5 and Notice of Intent.** The Nomination form must be signed by the minimum number of electors – Sect. 28(3.01) LAEA. Nomination papers are available at Buffalo Trail Public Schools Central Services or online at <https://www.alberta.ca/municipal-election-forms>