

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
2 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
3 **HELD MARCH 31, 2026**  
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5 A duly called Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public Schools  
6 was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, on the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March  
7 2026.

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9 At 5:30 pm, Chairperson Johnson called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of  
10 Trustees and informed the participants and audience that the meeting was being  
11 recorded per Board Policy 1420.

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13 **ROLL CALL:** Luke Diekhans took roll call.

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15 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson  
16 Kim Skornogoski  
17 Bill Bronson  
18 Craig Duff  
19 Paige Henning  
20 Marlee Sunchild  
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23 **Others Present:** Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Luke Diekhans, Director of Business  
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25 Achievement; and Jeff Williams, Director of Information Technology.

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27 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Johnson.  
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30 **ADOPT AGENDA**

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32 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to adopt the  
33 agenda as presented.  
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36 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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38 Motion – Kim Skornogoski, Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to  
39 approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
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41 **A. Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting** – The Board approved the  
42 minutes of the March 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.  
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45 **COMMUNICATION**

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47 **A. Audience Communication** - None  
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**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Lincoln Elementary School Emergency Roof Replacement** – Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans reviewed the urgency of the partial roof replacement at Lincoln Elementary School due to the wind incident on March 8, 2026. Four roofing contractors submitted qualified bids to the District Office by the given deadline. Cushing Terell Architects (CTA) guided all bidders through the scope of the work they would be responsible for to ensure the specification and logistics of the project are met. The four (4) sealed bids were opened and reviewed on Friday, March 27, 2026 and Empire Roofing, Inc. was selected as the lowest qualified bidder.

Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Henning to award the Lincoln Elementary Emergency Roof Replacement Bid scheduled for the spring/summer of 2026 to qualified bidder, Empire Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$399,063.

Trustee Skornogoski asked whether the item would return to the Board if repairs proved more complex than anticipated. Mr. Diekhans responded that the District would exercise sound judgment and keep the Board informed as needed. Trustee Skornogoski expressed appreciation for the community’s support and the District’s timely response. Chairperson Johnson inquired about the District’s communication with the insurance company. Mr. Diekhans indicated that communication has been positive, noting the insurer’s support despite the significance of the claim.

Chairperson Johnson reviewed the prior motion recommendation and called for the motion again. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Diekhans stated the District would work immediately with its legal team to implement a contract so that the project can begin as soon as possible.

**ACTION: OTHER**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss.

**REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

**A. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments**

Trustee Bronson stated that he and Trustee Duff had the opportunity to visit the interactive wax museum event at the CORE School at Morningside. He said it was encouraging to see teachers using a variety of approaches to help students learn about historical figures, including relying on books and other resources rather than the internet to conduct their research.

Trustee Henning had the opportunity to attend the Great Falls Symphony performance, conducted by Chairperson Johnson, with the fourth-grade students. She stated students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and many have already identified instruments they are interested in playing.

1 Chairperson Johnson extended special thanks to Fine Arts Supervisor, Dusty  
2 Molyneaux, for organizing the event annually for the fourth-grade classes.

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5 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Upcoming events include the next regular Board Meeting on April 13, 2026; Excellence  
in Education April 22, 2026; and the Scholarship Celebration on Wednesday, May 6,  
2026.

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12 **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

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With no further comments or items to be discussed, motion by Chairperson Johnson  
and seconded by Trustee Skornogoski to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of  
Trustees at 5:42 p.m.

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Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

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Luke Diekhans, Clerk