



**Members Present:**

C. Edwards	Ward 1
G. Kissel	Ward 1
R. Ripkens	Ward 1
K. Packard	Ward 2
M. Skogen	Ward 2
R. Young	Ward 2
L. Phillips	Ward 3
B. Norton	Ward 4
D. Lozinski	Ward 5
R. Cusson	Superintendent
P. Elock	Secretary-Treasurer
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
T. Moghrabi	Associate Superintendent
B. Steunenber	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

133. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

- 6.14 LTA Review
- 6.15 Curriculum Update
- 6.16 School Plan Discussion Date
- 6.17 School Calendar Augmentation
- 9.6 Compensation
- 9.7 Personnel Matter
- 9.8 Calendar Augmentation for Art Smith Aviation Academy
- 9.9 Disposition of Property

CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

134. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 23, 2023, with the following amendment:

- Under Trustee/Admin Information Items, change "winning the division's 2022 Christmas Artwork Contest" to "being one of three winners for the division's 2022 Christmas Artwork Contest".

CARRIED.

## TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Phillips thanks J.A. Williams High School for the opportunity to chaperone a dance. Trustee Edwards highlighted her attendance at a CBC live broadcast focusing on rural health in Alberta that took place at the Bonnyville and District Centennial Centre on February 24th. Superintendent Cusson congratulated Associate Superintendent Moghrabi on being recognized at the recent College of Alberta School of Superintendents (CASS) retirement banquet. Communications and Public Relations Manager Garner presented the Board with numeracy highlights from school throughout the division. Received as information only.

## APPOINTMENT

## DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Director of Transportation Richter provided the Board with an update on student transportation. The division has gone from being short seven drivers to being short four drivers since the beginning of the school year. The division's training has provided training for 11 new drivers over the course of the year as well as the S Course for an additional 14 drivers. Some new buses were also purchased to ensure there is an extra bus available for emergencies. The budget announcement also changed the distance eligibility. In September 2024, Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who live more than one kilometer from their designated school and Grade 7-12 students who live more than two kilometers from their designated school will be eligible for busing. Received as information only.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 10:55 A.M. and reconvened the meeting at 11:05 P.M.

## BOARD BUSINESS

## PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Secretary-Treasurer Elock reviewed the division's funding profile and budget announcement with the Board. The result of the overall funding received will remain relatively the same, besides the additional funds received as a result of increased enrollment. Received as information only.

## THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN / TEN-YEAR FACILITY PLAN

135. Moved by Trustee Phillips to approve the Three-Year Capital Plan/Ten-Year Facility Plan as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock.

CARRIED.

## NLPS FINANCIAL REPORTING PROFILE

Received as information only.

## MONTHLY BOARD REPORT - OPERATIONS SUMMARY (FEBRUARY)

Tabled until the April 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

## APPOINTMENT

## BONNYVILLE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE - FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD

The Board presented a 2022 Friends of Education Award to the Bonnyville Friendship Centre, which was recognized for supporting local schools with the Friends for Lunch Program, free tutoring program, support for graduating students, mental health awareness, cultural awareness events and presentations, connecting schools with elders, and partnering on student leadership and citizenship projects. The Board also nominated the Centre for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Award for Promoting or Advancing one or more of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in relation to education within Alberta. Received as information only.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 12:04 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 12:46 P.M.

**NOTE:** Trustee Skogen joined the meeting at 12:46 P.M.

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION REPORT

136. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to acknowledge the receipt of the Truth and Reconciliation report as presented by Association Superintendent Irvine as information only.

CARRIED.

## PSBAA SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2023

137. Moved by Trustee Skogen to nominate the Bonnyville Friendship Centre for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) 2023 Promoting and Advancing One or More of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in relation to education within Alberta Award, and that a nomination package be submitted to PSBAA on or before the deadline of March 31, 2023.

CARRIED.

### ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD 2023

138. Moved by Trustee Kissel to nominate Alex Ryl from Kikino School for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2023 Edwin Parr Teacher Award, and that a nomination package be submitted to ASBA on or before the deadline of March 17, 2023.

CARRIED.

139. Moved by Trustee Phillips that Trustees Lozinski, Packard, and Norton attend the Edwin Parr Banquet on May 26, 2023, in Edmonton, Alberta.

CARRIED.

### BOARD POLICY NO. 7

Tabled until the April 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting.

### BOARD POLICY NO. 13

Tabled until the April 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting.

### BOARD POLICY NO. 16

Tabled until the April 19th, 2023 Regular Meeting.

### INTERVIEW COMMITTEES

140. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustee Ripkens represent the Board on the interview panel for the Director of Instruction: Grade 7-12 interviews being held on Friday, March 31, 2023, in Bonnyville.

CARRIED.

141. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that Trustee Edwards represent the Board on the interview panel for the Director of Inclusive Education interviews being held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 in Bonnyville.

CARRIED.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

142. Moved by Trustee Edwards that the Trustees represent the Board at high school graduations as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.



### DATE SELECTION FOR STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD

143. Moved by Trustee Norton to hold the second Student Advisory Council to the Board on May 11, 2023, in Bonnyville and Lac La Biche.

CARRIED.

### LTA REVIEW

144. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to a closed meeting at 2:18 P.M.

CARRIED.

145. Moved by Trustee Skogen to revert to a regular public meeting at 2:45 P.M.

CARRIED.

146. Moved by Trustee Skogen to direct administration to look at the viability of the Learning Together Anywhere School and bring back to the Board any efficiencies or other recommendations for viability on April 19, 2023.

CARRIED.

### CURRICULUM UPDATE

Tabled until the April 19, 2023 meeting.

### SCHOOL PLAN DISCUSSION DATE

147. Moved by Trustee Kissel to amend the date of the May 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting to May 15, 2023, and to hold the School Plan Meeting with the Board on May 17, 2023.

CARRIED.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR AUGMENTATION

148. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to amend the Approved 2023-2024 School Year Calendar by adding a Family Friday on November 10, 2023, in order for the instructional and operational days to reflect the correct number in the month of November.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 2:59 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:13 P.M.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ASBA/PSBAA

149. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 report as presented by Trustee Packard and Ripkens as information only.

CARRIED.

### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

150. Moved by Trustee Skogen to acknowledge the receipt of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee report as presented by Trustee Phillips.

CARRIED.

### COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

151. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Communications/Recognition Committee report as presented by Trustee Edwards.

CARRIED.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The members of the Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Letter to MLA Sarah Hoffman, Alberta's NDP Caucus Opposition Deputy Leader, from Luci Henry, Board Chair of Wolf Creek Public Schools, dated February 17, 2023, re: Alberta K-12 Curriculum
- Letter to Daryl Scott, Chair of Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan, from Sylvie Smyl, Board Chair of St. Paul School Division, dated February 24, 2023, re: Plan Sustainability for Employers
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, dated March 17, 2023, re: Learning Disruption Funding for Students in Divisions II and III
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, dated March 28, 2023, re: Approval Request to Spend Operating Reserves
- Letter to Rick Cusson, Superintendent, from Andre Tremblay, Deputy Minister of Education, dated March 28, 2023, re: Woodbine School Site

152. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.



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**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 2:59 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:12 P.M.

### CLOSED MEETING

153. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 3:51 P.M.

CARRIED.

### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

154. Moved by Trustee Norton to revert to a regular public meeting at 5:02 P.M.

CARRIED.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 5:02 P.M.

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K. Packard, Board Chair

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B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary