

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. Steunenberg	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Additions:

- 6.9 Training Opportunity
- 6.10 Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student Award
- 6.11 Bonnyville Centralized High School (BCHS) Deficiencies
- Truth and Reconciliation Committee
- Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Pulse Survey
- Follow-up from Delegation
- Board/Superintendent only

Deletions:

- Curriculum Update

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

156. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 29, 2023.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Edwards commended the youth and staff who have been involved in establishing The HIVE Youth Hub in Bonnyville. Vice-Chair Kissel congratulated Glendon School on the success of its alumni basketball tournament. Trustee Phillips complimented the Lac La Biche and District Music Festival on re-establishing the competition after a short hiatus. Trustee Lozinski commended J.A. Williams High School on the event they hosted that featured one act plays. Associate Superintendent Irvine complimented Glendon School on a successful Cake and Dish Auction which raised \$1,800 (one thousand and eight hundred dollars). Communications and Public Relations' Manager Garner presented highlights focused on mental health from schools throughout the division. Received as information only.

NOTE: Superintendent Cusson departed the meeting at 10:27 A.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

OPERATIONS SUMMARIES (FEBRUARY & MARCH)

157. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to acknowledge the receipt of the Operations Summaries (February and March) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

ASBA HONOURING SPIRITS: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS

Board Chair Packard congratulated Bryce Delorme, a grade 11 student from J.A. Williams High School (JAWS), on being selected as one of this year's recipients of the Alberta School Boards Association's Honouring Spirits: Indigenous Student Awards. Four other JAWS students received honourable mentions: Kaylan Lavallee, Cadence Brereton, Creedyn Jackson-Boucher, and Sakastew Lewis. Received as information only.

BLUE QUILLS TOUR

Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 10:43 A.M. and reconvened the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

APPOINTMENT

ART SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Board welcomed John Shea, Chair of Art Smith Aviation Academy School Council, to present a request from the school council for the Board to consider offering Grade 9 at the school. Mr. Shea said making two transitions in two years due to the Cold Lake Reconfiguration has proven to be more stressful than many families had anticipated when configuration conversations initially took place. There are currently 17 students in Grade 8. The Board requested that administration survey parents to determine how many students would continue if Grade 9 was offered, and will inform the School Council at the next Regular Board Meeting on May 15, 2023 of their decision. Received as information only.

NOTE: Superintendent Cusson rejoined the meeting at 11:04 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING

158. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to a closed meeting at 11:17 A.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Associate Superintendents Driedger, Irvine, and Moghrabi, and Secretary-Treasurer Elock departed the meeting at 11:25 A.M. and rejoined the meeting at 11:27 A.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

159. Moved by Trustee Kissel to revert to a regular public meeting at 11:27 A.M.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 7

160. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve **Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations** with the attached appendix with technical edits as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 13

161. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve **Board Policy No. 13 - Appeals and Hearing Regarding Student Matters** with technical edits as per the attached **Appendix "B"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 16

162. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve **Board Policy No. 16 - Senior Administrative Appointments** as per the attached **Appendix "C"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT

2023 ASBA EDWIN PARR NOMINEE

The Board met with and congratulated the Division's 2023 Edwin Parr Nominee, Alex Ryl, and commended him for the work he has been doing with students at Kikino School during his first year. Mr. Ryl was a corrections officer before becoming a teacher. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 11:52 A.M. for lunch and reconvened the meeting at 12:34 P.M.

NOTE: Trustee Skogen joined the meeting at 12:34 P.M.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION REPORT

Tabled until the May 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION REPORT

163. Moved by Trustee Norton that the Board approve the Superintendent Evaluation report as developed during the evaluation workshop of April 17, 2023 as an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance for the period of May 29, 2021, to April 17, 2023 and further that the Board authorizes the Chair to make any required technical edits and to sign the report on the Board's behalf.

CARRIED.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Received as information only.

BCHS DEFICIENCIES

Secretary-Treasurer Elock updated the Board on the progress being made to address deficiencies with the gym floor at Bonnyville Centralized High School (BCHS). She noted the school had a map of dead spots and areas with issues. It will likely require replacement. The Division is working with Alberta Education to address the problem and find a solution. Received as information only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASBA/PSBAA

164. Moved by Trustee Kissel to acknowledge the receipt of the Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) verbal report as presented by Trustee Lozinski as information only.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

165. Moved by Trustee Edwards that the Division add a board advocacy page to the Northern Lights Public Schools (NLPS) website.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

SUPPORT STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE

167. Moved by Trustee Norton to acknowledge the receipt of the Support Staff Liaison Committee report as presented by Trustee Edwards.

CARRIED.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

168. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that the Board Chair write a letter to the St. Paul Education Regional Division Board Chair to invite their Indigenous Trustee and any other trustees, as well as administration, to meet to discuss mutual topics of interest.

CARRIED.

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

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Tracie Young, Assistant Principal of Cold Lake High School, dated March 27, 2023, re: high school graduation
- Letter to Adriana LaGrange, the Honourable Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, dated April 13, 2023, re: Vera M. Welsh design funding
- J.A. Williams High School one act plays program

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

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:52 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:07 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING

171. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 2:08 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Associate Superintendent Driedger departed the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:52 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 4:01 P.M.

NOTE: Associate Superintendents Irvine and Moghrabi, and Secretary-Treasurer Elock departed the meeting at 4:22 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

172. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:34 P.M.

CARRIED.

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

173. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that the Board Chair write a letter to Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) commending the consultant services provided by Dr. Cindi Vaselenak.

CARRIED.



ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:34 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary