

Members Present:

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

Member Regrets:

M. Skogen	Ward 2
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CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgment was recited by Trustee Phillips.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

158. The agenda was adopted for this meeting by unanimous consent with the following additions and deletion:

Additions:

- 8.14 Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 Awards Banquet Attendance
- 7.2.7 Transportation Committee
- 9.6 Committee Reports
- 9.7 Lac La Biche Division Office

Deletion:

- 9.6 Legal

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

159. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 27, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Vice-Chair Kissel complimented Glendon School leadership students on their successful cake auction which raised \$2,800 (two thousand and eight hundred dollars) for the Bonnyville and District Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), new Glendon Public Library, and the school's leadership activities. Trustee Ripkens thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the recent Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference with Trustee Young. Board Chair Packard commended the staff involved in planning the Lakeland Student Trades Fair which offered students in the Bonnyville and Cold Lake regions the opportunity to explore a variety of careers and talk to potential employers. Trustee Lozinski thanked division staff for their efforts to support and relocate Ecole Plamondon School students and staff following flooding at the school in April. Trustee Edwards thanked Duclos School for the opportunity to participate in their recent Family Reading Day celebration. Communications and Public Relations Manager Garner presented highlights from schools throughout the division. Received as information only.

APPOINTMENT: ARDMORE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Students from Ardmore School shared highlights from their recent trip to Ottawa with the Board. Twenty-two students, eight parents, and five staff spent a week in Ottawa visiting a number of educational and historic sites. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 10:50 A.M. and reconvened at 10:57 A.M.

REPORTS

The following reports were included as part of the board package in advance of the meeting and have been filed:

Administration

1. First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Accountability Report
2. Quarterly Budget Report
3. Monthly Board Report - Operations Summary (March)

Committees

1. ASBA Zone 2/3
2. PSBC
3. Communications/Recognition Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Teacher-Board Liaison Committee
6. Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Conferences

1. Inclusion Alberta Family Conference
2. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

160. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the nominations recommended by the Recognition/Communications Committee for the 2024 Northern Lights Public Schools Impact Award.

CARRIED.

161. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustees Packard, Ripkens, and Young attend the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Award Presentation at Art Smith Aviation School on May 7, 2024.

CARRIED.

162. Moved by Trustee Norton that transportation fees remain the same for the 2024-2025 school year.

CARRIED.

163. Moved by Trustee Norton that the Board Chair send a letter to Alberta Education and Alberta Transportation outlining concerns with transportation in education including the funding model and legislation in driver training.

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT: 2024 EDWIN PARR NOMINEE - DANIK BECOTTE

The Board welcomed the division's 2024 Edwin Parr Award Nominee, Danik Becotte, from Cold Lake High School. Mr. Becotte is a Northern Lights School Division Alumni who graduated from Cold Lake High School and returned to teach French and Science. He shared with the Board the importance of returning to Cold Lake to give back to the region. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed for lunch at 11:59 A.M. and reconvened at 12:37 A.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

2025-2026 CALENDAR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE

164. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the Northern Lights Public Schools 2025-2026 school year calendar in principle.

CARRIED.

DIVISION PRIORITIES

165. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the Improvement Priorities for the Northern Lights Public Schools 2024-2027 Three-Year Plan.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATION INTERVIEW PANEL

166. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve Trustee Young to represent the Board on the interview panel for the Assistant Principalships of North Star Elementary School and Nelson Heights Middle School on May 16, 2024, Trustee Skogen to represent the Board on the interview panel for the Assistant Principalship of Cold Lake High School on May 22, 2024, and Trustee Norton to represent the Board on the interview panel for the Assistant Principalship of J.A. Williams High School on April 23, 2024.

CARRIED.

BOARD POLICY NO. 26 - INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

167. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the amendments to Board Policy No. 26 - Inclusive Learning Environments as presented by Superintendent Cusson.

168. Moved by Trustee Norton to amend Board Motion No. 167 to amend Board Policy No 26 - Inclusive Learning Environments by removing the word minority from section 2.9 and 2.10.

DEFEATED.

NOTE: Board Motion No. 167 was CARRIED as presented.

ASBA ZONE 2/3 MLA ENGAGEMENT EVENT ATTENDANCE

169. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that Trustees Packard, Phillips, and Young attend the Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 2/3 Engagement Event on May 8, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:34 P.M. and reconvened at 1:41 P.M.

142024 GRADUATIONS

170. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve trustee attendance at graduations as per the attached **Appendix "A"**.

CARRIED.

5-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTING PROFILE

Received as information only.

REVISED FUNDING PROFILE 2024-2025

Received as information only.

ECOLE PLAMONDON SCHOOL UPDATE

Received as information only.

LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Received as information only.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION UPDATE

Received as information only.

CHIEF OF STAFF MEETING UPDATE

Received as information only.

ZONE 2/3 AWARDS ATTENDANCE

171. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that Trustees Norton, Packard, Ripkens, and Young attend the Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 2/3 Awards Banquet on May 24, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Laila Goodridge, Member of Parliament Fort McMurray-Cold Lake, re: Bill C-322, National Framework for a School Food Program Act, dated March 19, 2024

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, re: Request for the Potential Use of Reserves, dated March 26, 2024
- Letter to Sylvie Smyl, Board Chair of St. Paul Education Regional Division, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Discussion Regarding Establishing an Indigenous Trustee, dated April 3, 2024
- Letter to Kikino Metis Settlement General Council, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Kikino Metis Settlement General Council Requests, dated April 18, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair of High Prairie School Division, re: Random Access Codes for Assurance Surveys, dated April 22, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair of High Prairie School Division, re: Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) and Provincial Diploma Exam (PDE) Administration Dates for Multiple Years, dated April 22, 2024
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Sylvie Smyl, Board Chair of St. Paul Education Regional Division, re: Meeting at Upcoming Alberta Schools Boards' Association (ASBA) Spring General Meeting, dated April 26, 2024

172. Moved by Trustee Edwards to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 2:26 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:41 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING

173. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to a closed meeting at 3:02 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:08 P.M.

NOTE: Associate Superintendent Driedger departed the meeting at 3:08 P.M.

NOTE: The Board reconvened the meeting at 3:22 P.M.

NOTE: Superintendent Cusson departed the meeting at 3:29 P.M. and rejoined the meeting at 3:40 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

174. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:38 P.M.

CARRIED.



MOTIONS COMING OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

175. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the Board Policy No. 22 application from Glendon School in the amount of \$4,838.82 (four thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-two cents) for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) materials.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:40 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary