



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
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
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CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:28 A.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Additions:

- 6.10 Restrictions on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media
- 8.11 Art Smith Update
- 8.12 Capital Discussion

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 24, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent with the following amendment:

Remove "for lunch" from "**NOTE:** The Board recessed for lunch at 11:18 A.M. and reconvened at 11:28 A.M." on page 3 of 6.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Young attended two Artificial Intelligence North American Professional Meetings over the summer and found them informative. Trustee Young would like to see a clearing house developed to see the pros and cons of the resources available. Trustee Skogen offered commendation to Cold Lake Outreach School and Cold Lake High School for utilizing the Summer School program to ensure student success for the coming school year. Trustee Edwards completed the Indigenous Canada Course through the University of Alberta over the summer. She noted it was a quality, free learning resource and encouraged others to take it. Superintendent Cusson congratulated Taylor Martin from Glendon School who was selected to return to the Minister's Youth Council and is one of seven returning for a second year. He also shared that the position of Assistant Principal at Glendon School has been filled by Claude Cote. Trustee Kissel met with the Minister of Mental Health at the Shaw House over the summer and said the meeting went well and the Minister was well received by the boards who were in attendance. Received as information only.

REPORTS

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

Administration

1. Monthly Board Operations Summary (June & July) - Secretary-Treasurer

Committees

1. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3
2. Public School Boards' Committee (PSBC)
3. Communications Committee

Conferences

4. Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education and CSBA Congress

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

10. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that Trustee Packard, Trustee Young, Trustee Ripkens, and Trustee Skogen attend the Welcome Back Breakfast at Bonnyville Centralized High School and that Trustee Norton, Trustee Lozinski, and Trustee Edwards attend the Welcome Back Breakfast at J. A. Williams High School.

CARRIED.

BOARD BUSINESS

2024-2025 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

11. Moved by Trustee Skogen to approve the Trustee Professional Development Plan for the 2024-2025 school year as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes as information only and that it be reviewed throughout the year to confirm attendance by Trustees.

CARRIED.

INITIAL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES DISCUSSION

Received as information only.

ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS

Received as information only.

ECOLE PLAMONDON SCHOOL UPDATE

12. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that the Board Chair write a letter of commendation to the Northern Lights Public Schools' Maintenance staff for their flood restoration work at Ecole Plamondon School.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 11:34 A.M. for the New Teacher Lunch Meet and Greet and reconvened at 1:32 P.M.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Received as information only.

FUNDING UPDATE

Received as information only.

NOTE: Secretary-Treasurer Elock, and Trustee Edwards departed the meeting at 1:46 P.M.

PREMIER'S VISIT TO COLD LAKE UPDATE

Received as information only.

MINISTER OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS VISIT TO BONNYVILLE UPDATE

Received as information only.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION BOARD CHAIR AND SUPERINTENDENT MEETING UPDATE

Received as information only.

RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL DEVICES AND MOBILE DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Received as information only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Mary Anne Penner, Board Chair, Lakeland Catholic School Division, from the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, re: 2025-28 Capital Plan, dated June 26, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair, High Prairie School Division, re: High Prairie School Division's 2023-2025 Advocacy Plan, dated July 4, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Indigenous Spaces in Schools, dated July 4, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Mary Anne Penner, Board Chair, Lakeland Catholic School Division, re: Light of Christ Catholic School, dated July 12, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Progress on Vera M. Welsh Replacement School, dated July 19, 2024
- Letter to the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, from Dennis MacNeil, President, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, re: Bill 20 regulations, dated July 26, 2024
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, From the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, re: Transportation concerns, dated July 30, 2024
- Letter to the Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, from Dennis MacNeil, President, Public School Boards' Association of Alberta, re: carbon tax, dated August 8, 2024
- Letter to the Honorable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, and the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair, High Prairie School Division, re: transportation, dated August 14, 2024
- Letter to the Honorable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Joy McGregor, Board Chair, High Prairie School Division, re: mental health proposal, August 16, 2024

- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from the Honorable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, re: 2024/25 Minister's Youth Council Members

13. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

CLOSED MEETING

14. Moved by Trustee Kissel to convert to a closed meeting at 2:20 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel departed the meeting at 2:31 P. M.

NOTE: Secretary-Treasurer Elock, and Trustee Edwards rejoined the meeting at 2:48 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:26 P.M. and reconvened at 3:36 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

15. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:44 P.M.

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

16. Moved by Trustee Young to approve the 2024-2025 Board Annual Work Plan as amended as per the attached **Appendix "B"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS

17. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustee Ripkens represent the Board on the Outreach School Principal interview panel on Friday, August 30, 2024.

CARRIED.



ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K. Jackson, Recording Secretary