



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
P. Elock	Secretary-Treasurer
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

Regrets:

M. Skogen	Ward 2
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

18. The agenda was adopted for this meeting by unanimous consent with the following amendment:

- Move 8.1 Board Priorities to 10.8 in Closed Meeting

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19. The minutes of the Operational Board meeting held on August 26, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent with the following amendments:

- Board Motion No. 4: replace "2023" with "2024" for the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) mileage rate.
- Board Motion No. 7: should read "Moved by Trustee Lozinski that Trustee travel and subsistence compensation rates will remain the same for the 2024-2025 school year."

CARRIED.

20. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on August 26, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent with the following amendments:

- Agenda: addition 6.10 to read "Restriction on Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media"
- Board Motion No. 10: to include Trustee Packard for those listed to attend the Welcome Back Breakfast at Bonnyville Centralized High School.
- Board Motion No. 11: to have the spelling of Trustee Skogen's name corrected.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Kissel attended the Glendon School Meet the Teachers and Community Information event and barbecue and said it was well attended and a positive evening. He also attended the funeral for Albert Karas who was an electrician for NLPS for 26 years as well as a Glendon Fire Department volunteer for 32 years. Trustee Phillips attended the ceremony and walk to MacArthur Park sponsored by Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Speakers included Council members as well as residential school survivors. Trustee Lozinski attended Ecole Plamondon School's Awards Night and barbecue, which was well attended, and she was able to see the school refresh. Trustee Edwards attended both Bonnyville Centralized High School's Welcome Back/Meet the Teachers event and H.E. Bourgoin Middle School's Colour Run. She said it was nice to see the parents there and the energy of the students at both events. She also attended the Ardmore school council elections and said hearing the students speak gives a lot of hope for the future. Trustee Ripkens attended Bonnyville Centralized High School's Welcome Back/Meet the Teachers event as well as the parent council meeting and said it was nice to see so many parents in attendance. He also had an opportunity to attend a webinar on the Supreme Court and Charter of Rights for schools. He enjoyed the Educational Law piece and said some interesting changes are coming forward through the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS). Superintendent Cusson spoke about Raylene Cardinal, a teacher from Kikino School, being highlighted by the Canadian Geographic magazine for her Indigenous work in school. Trustee Packard attended the Battle of Britain ceremony on September 15, 2024. She also thanked the Minister of Education, MLA Scott Cyr, and Mayor of Cold Lake Brian Jean for attending our meeting. She also attended Cold Lake High School's Awards Night and congratulated the students who received awards. Received as information only.

APPOINTMENTS: DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION MATT RICHTER

Director of Transportation Matt Richter gave the Board a verbal Transportation Report as information only.

APPOINTMENTS: DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM (GRADES 7-12) KAREN DRAYCOTT

Director of Curriculum (Grades 7-12) Karen Draycott presented the Summer School 2024 Report to the Board 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 (August) - Secretary-Treasurer
2. Annual Fees Report 2023-2024 - Secretary-Treasurer
3. Review of Quarterly Budget Report (Q3) - Secretary-Treasurer

Committees

1. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 (verbal)
2. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) (verbal)
3. Policy Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Trustee Compensation Committee
6. Truth and Reconciliation Committee
7. Student Achievement Committee

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

21. Moved by Trustee Edwards that **Board Policy No. 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct** Appendix A be vetted through legal to review if any changes should be made.

CARRIED.

22. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve **Board Policy No. 6 - Role of the Vice-Chair** as amended as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed for lunch at 11:57 A.M. and reconvened at 1:05 P.M.

23. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve **Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations** Appendix A as amended as per the Trustee Compensation Committee recommendation effective immediately as per the attached **Appendix "B"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS: BUFFALO LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement Council Members met with the Board to request the Board's support for the applications for a school to be built on the Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement.

NOTE: Jimmi Lou departed the meeting at 1:14 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 2:12 P.M. and reconvened at 2:23 P.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL DATE SELECTION

24. Moved by Trustee Edwards that the School Advisory Council meetings be held in Lac La Biche and Bonnyville on November 28, 2024 and April 2, 2024.

CARRIED.

BOARD RETREAT DATE SELECTION

25. Moved by Trustee Norton that the Board Retreat be tentatively scheduled for March 3rd and 4th, 2025.

CARRIED.

SCHOOL COUNCIL JOINT MEETING DATE SELECTION

26. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that the School Council Joint Meeting be held on November 13, 2024 in Glendon.

CARRIED.

SCHOOL PLANS REVIEW WITH ADMIN DATE SELECTION

27. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that the School Plan Review with school administration teams be held on December 9, 2024 in Bonnyville.

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF 2024/2025 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AMENDMENT

28. Moved by Trustee Kissel to approve the following amendments to the 2024-2025 Northern Lights Public Schools Board Meeting Dates:

- November 13, 2024 will be held in Bonnyville instead of Cold Lake
- December 11, 2024 will be a Regular/Caucus meeting

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF 2024/2025 BOARD WORK PLAN AMENDMENT

29. Moved by Trustee Norton to approve the amendments to the 2024-2025 Board Work Plan.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Metrix Group LLP, re: Audit Engagement Letter, dated August 26, 2024
- Letter to Northern Lights Public Schools, from Elisa Brosseau, Mayor, Town of Bonnyville, re: Request for Letter of Support for their grant application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program for a New Aquatics Facility, dated August 29, 2024
- Letter to Taylor Martin, student at Glendon School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: 2024-2025 Minister's Youth Council Member, dated September 5, 2024
- Ecole Plamondon School Awards Night Invitation, September 12, 2024
- Ecole Plamondon School Awards Night Program, September 12, 2024
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Stan Delorme, Chairman, Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement, re: Meeting with the Board, dated September 11, 2024
- Letter to Elisa Brosseau, Mayor, Town of Bonnyville, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program (GICB) - Town of Bonnyville Aquatics Centre, dated September 16, 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Anna Brockhoff, Board Chair, Lakeland Catholic School Division, re: Meeting between Lakeland Catholic School Division and Northern Lights Public Schools Update, dated September 18, 2024
- Letter to Leah Rout, Director of Facilities, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Commendation for Outstanding Work on School Restoration, dated September 19, 2024
- Vonda Worthman, teacher at H.E. Bourgoin School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated October 1, 2024
- Cadence Kissel, student at Glendon School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated October 1, 2024



30. Moved by Trustee Norton to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

CLOSED MEETING

31. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 3:09 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel departed the meeting at 3:45 P. M.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel rejoined the meeting at 3:50 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:52 P.M. and reconvened at 3:59 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

32. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:52 P.M.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:53 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K. Jackson, Recording Secretary