



**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
B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

M. Skogen	Ward 2
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 1:09 P.M.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

- 8.9 Student Advisory Council
- 10.7 Personnel
- 10.8 Negotiations
- 10.9 Debrief

CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

71. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on November 27, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent with the following amendments:

- Board Motion No. 60 should include Trustee Ripkens.
- Board Motion No. 67 should read "CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY" rather than "CARRIED".

## **APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES - LEAH ROUT - ANNUAL FACILITIES ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

Director of Facilities Leah Rout presented the Annual Facilities Accountability Report to the Board as information only.

## **TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS**

Trustee Packard commented that the Student Advisory to the Board on November 28, 2024 was very successful, and thanked the Administrators who joined the Board for School Plan Review on December 9, 2024. She also had the opportunity to deliver the Shining Star awards. Trustee Packard attended the 4-Wing CFB Cold Lake Holiday Reception where she saw MLA Scott Cyr and Mayor Craig Copeland awarded commemorative coins for the Air Force. Trustee Ripkens attended the Holiday Reception and added that it was a great way to network, advocate, and share information for the division. Trustee Lozinski attended her first Christmas Concert of the season with Trustee Norton and enjoyed the singing of Silent Night in Cree at Kikino School. Trustee Lozinski saw Chief Stan Delorme from Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement and said he expressed his appreciation for the Board's letter of support for the Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement school. Trustee Phillips said the opportunity to speak with students at the Student Advisory to the Board is always one of the highlights of her year. Trustee Phillips hand-delivered the preschool colouring contest award to Haneen Elkadri from Vera M. Welsh Elementary School. 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. Staff Wellness Accountability Report - Associate Superintendent of People Services

### Committees

1. ASBA/Zone 2/3
2. PSBC
3. Truth and Reconciliation Committee

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD**

Received as Information Only.

## **SCHOOL PLAN SESSION**

Received as Information Only.

## POLICY 4

72. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve **Board Policy No. 4 - Trustee Code of Conduct** as per attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

## LETTER TO THE MINISTER FROM WOLF CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

73. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that the Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board expressing concerns regarding the provincial data collection and reporting process.

CARRIED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Letter to Jace Moon, student at Nelson Heights School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated November 1, 2024
- Letter to Titus Nichol, student at Nelson Heights School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated November 1, 2024
- Letter to Laura Bennett, teacher at Ardmore School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated November 1, 2024
- Letter to Marguerite Miller, teacher at Iron River School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated December 1, 2024
- Letter to Clayton Bellamy Foundation for the Arts, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Loan Guarantee, dated November 27, 2024
- Letter to Brayden Houle, student at North Star Elementary School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated December 1, 2024
- Letter to The Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Highway 663 Lac La Biche County, dated December 2, 2024
- Letter to Whom it May Concern, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement School, dated December 6, 2024
- Letter to Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta, and Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Timing of the Release of the Funding Manual, dated November 29, 2024

- Letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Public Funding Being Used for Private School Systems, dated December 2, 2024
- Letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Funding Concerns, dated December 5, 2024
- Letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and Honourable Pete Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Budget Reserves, dated December 6, 2024
- Letter to Government of Alberta Ministries and Government of Canada Ministries, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Mental Health Needs for Youth, dated December 9, 2024
- Christmas card to the Board of Trustees and Superintendents, from Wolf Creek Public Schools
- Invitation to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent, from Capt. Nichole Shields, 4-Wing Cold Lake, re: December 10, 2024 4-Wing and CFB Cold Lake Holiday Reception

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

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 2:44 P.M. and reconvened at 2:56 P.M.

**NOTE:** Associate Superintendent Irvine left the meeting at 2:58 P.M.

#### CLOSED MEETING

75. Moved by Trustee Edwards to convert to a closed meeting at 2:58 P.M.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** Associate Superintendent Irvine returned to the meeting at 3:11 P.M.

**NOTE:** Trustee Phillips left the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

**NOTE:** Trustee Phillips returned to the meeting at 4:06 P.M.

**NOTE:** Associate Superintendent Driedger left the meeting at 4:18 P.M.

**NOTE:** Associate Superintendent Driedger returned to the meeting at 4:21 P.M.

#### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

76. Moved by Trustee Norton to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:28 P.M.

CARRIED.



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77. Moved by Trustee Phillips to approve the **Board Policy No. 22 - Board Supported Projects/Initiatives** application from J.A. Williams High School for the Tea Station Project in the amount of \$1,763.

CARRIED.

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

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K. Packard, Board Chair

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K. Jackson, Recording Secretary