



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	Regrets
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent	
T. Moghrabi	Associate Superintendent	
B. Steunenber	Recording Secretary	

NOTE: Trustee Kissel assumed the position of Chair for this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Kissel called the meeting to order at 1:27 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

153. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

- 6.3 Approval of 2022/2023 Board Meeting Schedule
- 6.4 Transportation Update

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

154. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to convert to an in-camera meeting at 1:29 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

155. Moved by Trustee Edwards to revert to a regular public meeting at 2:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Norton departed the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 2:00 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 2:17 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

156. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 9, 2022.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Lozinski acknowledged Portage College for setting up banners in support of Pink Shirt Day in the community.

Communications and Public Relations Director Garner presented highlights from around the division's schools over the past couple of weeks. Received as information only.

BOARD BUSINESS

COVID UPDATE

Superintendent Cusson provided the Board with a COVID update. Staff absentee numbers have decreased since the last board meeting. Students have returned to sports and field trips, however the remaining mandated COVID measures will remain in place. The decision to allow sports and field trips was made in collaboration with the Lakeland Catholic School Division and the Conseil Scolaire Centre Est Division. Beginning on March 1, masks will no longer be required for adults in our buildings. As of the last announcement from the premier, school boards no longer have the autonomy to enhance COVID measures above and beyond what the provincial government has indicated in the guidance documents provided. Received as information only.

COLD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL RENAMING

157. Moved by Trustee Young to approve in principle the renaming of Cold Lake Middle School to Cold Lake Junior High School as per Administrative Procedure 546 - Naming New Facilities and to engage in a one-month consultation feedback process.

CARRIED.

2023/2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

158. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the Northern Lights Public Schools Board Meeting Date Schedule for the 2022/2023 school year.

CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Associate Superintendent Moghrabi provided the Board with an update on the impact the bus driver shortage is having on the division providing transportation services to students. Route 68 collapsed as a result of a bus contractor no longer having a driver for that route. Currently, no spare driver is available and the contractor and the division are working together to recruit a new driver and to see if alternate options are available for some students on that route. Received as information only.

NOTE: Trustee Packard departed the meeting at 2:51 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

159. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to draft a letter to the Minister of Education requesting a delay for the implementation of the new K-6 curriculum and to CC Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) and Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA).

CARRIED.

POLICY COMMITTEE

160. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to acknowledge the receipt of the Policy Committee report as presented by Trustee Edwards as information only.

CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

161. Moved by Trustee Lozinski that the Trustee Expense Claims be posted to the website within 60 (sixty) days of approval.

CARRIED.

162. Moved by Trustee Edwards to acknowledge the receipt of the Finance Committee report as presented by Trustee Lozinski.

CARRIED.

FNMI COMMITTEE

163. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to acknowledge the receipt of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit (FNMI) Committee report as presented by Trustee Phillips as information only.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Roy Ripkens, Trustee, from the Grade 9 ELA Team and staff at Bonnyville Centralized High School, dated January 26, 2022, re: YPI 2022 Judge Panel Member.
- Letter to Reeve Kalinski and Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87 Council, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, dated February 16, 2022, re: Donation to Iron River School.

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

CARRIED.

IN-CAMERA MEETING

165. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to convert to an in-camera meeting at 3:32 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 3:33 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

NOTE: Trustee Packard rejoined the meeting at 3:47 P.M.

NOTE: Trustee Skogen departed the meeting at 5:08 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

166. Moved by Trustee Phillips to revert to a regular public meeting at 5:15 P.M.

CARRIED.

HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT

167. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the Monthly Board Report - Human Resources - January as presented by Associate Superintendent Irvine as information only.

CARRIED.



ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kissel adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary