



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
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

Member Regrets:

B. Driedger	Associate Superintendent
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land acknowledgment was recited by Trustee Packard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

139. It was moved by unanimous consent to approve the agenda for this meeting with the following additions:

Additions:

- Move 7.3 to 10.8 (Other)
- 7.12 Capital Update - Vera M. Welsh Elementary School
- 7.13 **Policy 22 - Board Supported Projects/Initiatives** - Application Deadline Extension
- 10.9 Admin Update
- 10.10 Vera M. Welsh Elementary School Design Construction Update

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

140. It was moved by unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 28, 2024.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Packard received an invitation to attend the budget address by MLA Cyr. She expressed her gratitude to the Alberta School Boards' Association for organizing the opportunity to engage with the minister with other Board Chairs and Superintendents from across the province. Trustee Phillips thanked Aurora Middle School for the opportunity to attend their grade six band practice and help judge their leprechaun traps. She commended the organization of J.A. Williams High School's Mardi Gras dance. Trustee Norton highlighted a J.A. Williams High School graduate (Sarah Booth) who recently completed her PhD in Special Education - Interdisciplinary Approach to Developing IPPs in the School System. He also presented grade 4 student Eoann Sofin from Ecole Plamondon School with a certificate and gift for winning the Christmas Artwork Contest. Trustee Edwards was happy to attend school council meetings in the lakeland and to see the good things happening in the schools. She also gave a shout out to all who participated in the regional school council meetings and was grateful for the valuable insights shared. Communications and Public Relations Manager Garner presented highlights from schools throughout the division. Received as information only.

NOTE: Director Richter joined the meeting at 1:28 P.M.

APPOINTMENT: TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION RICHTER

Director of Transportation Matt Richter noted that road conditions have been exceptional this winter due to the unusually nice weather. He highlighted the department's training on new student logistics software and that he hopes to have it fully implemented by July. He noted that the department continues to offer training for drivers working for the division as well as external participants, and looks forward to implementing a driver education program for students in the near future. He drew attention to the fact that the division has very few spare drivers at this time and that new bus inventory is 9-12 months out and there is zero used inventory across Canada and the United States. In addition to inventory struggles, the cost of fuel is also becoming an issue especially in Lac La Biche where fuel costs are significantly higher than Bonnyville and Cold Lake. Received as information only.

NOTE: Director Richter departed the meeting at 1:41 P.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

OPERATIONS SUMMARY

141. It was moved by unanimous consent to acknowledge the receipt of the Monthly Board Report - Operations Summary (February) as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock as information only.

CARRIED.

DRAFT THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN/TEN-YEAR FACILITY PLAN

Received as information only.

BOARD POLICY 26

142. It was moved by Trustee Ripkins to approve **Policy 26 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity** in principle.

CARRIED.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETINGS

Received as information only.

LAKELAND STUDENT TRADES FAIR

Received as information only.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

143. It was moved by Trustee Kissel to reappoint Rick Cusson as Superintendent of Schools of Northern Lights Public Schools conditional on development of a mutually agreeable contract, a criminal record check, and a vulnerable sector check.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour: Trustees Kissel, Lozinski, Young, Packard, Edwards, Skogen, Ripkens

Opposed: Trustees Norton, Phillips

TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

144. It was moved by unanimous consent to approve that Trustee Edwards attend the 2024 Inclusion Alberta Family Conference on April 12-13, 2024 in Edmonton.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Skogen departed the meeting at 2:01 P.M.

BOARD RETREAT

Received as information only.

CASA CLASSROOM

Received as information only.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Received as information only.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATION FOR ADMINISTRATION INTERVIEWS

145. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustee Phillips attend the Aurora Middle School Assistant Principal interviews on March 26, 2024 in Lac La Biche.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel departed the meeting at 2:11 P.M.

CAPITAL UPDATE (VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

Received as Information only.

BOARD POLICY 22 - INITIATIVES

146. It was moved by Trustee Ripkens to extend the application deadline for **Policy 22 - Board Supported Projects/Initiatives** to March 31, 2024 and update the policy to make March 31st the deadline going forward.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel rejoined the meeting at 2:14 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLITICAL ADVOCACY/ASBA/PSBAA

Received as information only.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Received as information only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Mary Anne Penner, Lakeland Catholic School Division, re: Shared Bussing, dated February 28, 2024
- Letter to the Honorable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, from Lorelei Bexte, Board Chair, Palliser School Division, re: Technology Funding Request, dated March 12, 2024

- Letter to the Honorable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Luci Henry, Board Chair, Wolf Creek Public Schools, re: Complaint Process to the Alberta Teaching Profession Commission, dated March 18, 2024
- Letter to Marilyn Dennis, ASBA President, from Sylvie Smyl, Board Chair, St Paul Education Regional Division, re: Request for ASEBP Sustainability Plan, dated March 15, 2024
- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from the Honorable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, re: School Board Operating Reserves, dated March 13, 2024
- Letter from Karen Packard, Board Chair, to Mrs. Laila Goodridge, M.P., re: Private Member's Bill C-322, dated March 8, 2024
- Letter from Karen Packard, Board Chair, to Lac La Biche Parents, re: Vera M. Welsh Budget Update Draft, not dated
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Dr. Vivian Abboud, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta School Boards' Association, re: Awards Committee - Appointment, dated March 19, 2024
- Glendon School Christmas Concert Program, dated December 20th
- Glendon School "Wild About Reading" Family Literacy Night program, dated January 25, 2024

147. It was moved by Trustee Kissel 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

148. It was moved by Trustee Lozinski to convert to a closed meeting at 2:41 P.M.

CARRIED.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

149. It was moved by Trustee Young to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:22 P.M.

CARRIED.

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

150. It was moved by Trustee Ripkens to acknowledge the receipt of the Monthly Human Resources report (February) as presented by Superintendent Cusson as information only.

CARRIED.



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Northern Lights School Division
March 20, 2024
10:00 AM
Bonnyville Division Office Boardroom**

151. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to have Board Chair Packard write a letter to Kikino Council regarding recent correspondence.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:23 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K.Jackson, Recording Secretary