



**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
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
B. Steunenber	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The land acknowledgment was recited by Trustee Edwards.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*Additions:*

- 7.3 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence Recipient Kathie-Lee Gibbons and Nominator Sarah Severn
- 8.9 Assistant Principal Interviews for Glendon School

*Deletion:*

- 8.3 Nelson Heights School Playground Funding Request

CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

198. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 1, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

199. The minutes of the Special Board meeting held on June 12, 2024 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

#### **APPOINTMENT: PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT KATHIE-LEE GIBBONS AND NOMINATOR SARAH SEVERN**

Board Chair Packard welcomed Duclos Grade One Teacher Kathie-Lee Gibbons, Recipient of the 2024 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence and Sarah Severn, Nominator. The award recognized her for using technology to make learning engaging for students and frequently seeking out innovative ways to assist students with their specific learning needs and goals. Received as information only.

#### **TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS**

Vice-Chair Kissel congratulated the graduates of Glendon School . Trustee Young congratulated the graduates from Cold Lake Outreach School. Trustee Edwards congratulated the graduates from Bonnyville Outreach School and Bonnyville Centralized High School. She also thanked Ardmore School for the opportunity to participate in a fire ceremony with Elder Linda Minoose and commended students who took part in mock interviews. She thanked the Bonnyville Friendship Centre for hosting National Indigenous Peoples Day events at the Centennial Centre. Trustee Phillips congratulated the graduates from J.A. Williams High School, Lac La Biche Outreach School, Journeys Learning Academy, and Crossroads Outreach. She also complimented Aurora Middle School on a high quality Grade Four medieval drama presentation. Trustees Phillips and Lozinski commended Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement and Kikino School on their Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations. Trustee Norton congratulated Dianne Ludwig from Aurora Middle School and Dina Marko from Division Office on their retirements as they were unable to participate in the Board's retirement celebration in May. Board Chair Packard congratulated Shayden Fayant from Cold Lake High School on receiving a 2024 Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award. She also complimented North Star Elementary School, Cold Lake Junior High School, and Art Smith Aviation Academy on the activities that they hosted on Indigenous Peoples Day. Superintendent Cusson thanked Portage College for the opportunity to discuss potential programming at the division's Trades Exposure Centre in Bonnyville. Community and Public Relations Manager Garner presented highlights from schools throughout the division. 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. Technology Accountability Report - Director of ET/IT
2. Facilities Update, Summer Plans - Director of Facilities
3. Monthly Board Operations Summary (May) - Secretary-Treasurer
4. Annual Insurance Summary - Secretary-Treasurer

### Committees

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

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 11:18 A.M. and reconvened at 11:28 A.M.

## APPOINTMENT: SCHOOL-BASED CELL PHONE USE POLICIES - CHAN CUSSON AND CAROLINA FRANKE

Ms. Carolina Franke, Aurora Middle School Principal and Ms. Chan Cusson, Cold Lake Junior High School Principal, presented information to the Board about their school cell phone policies, which restrict the use of cell phones in classrooms. Some of the benefits noticed by the schools were a reduction in cyberbullying during school hours, a reduction in anxiety by students concerned their picture or video was going to be taken without their consent, and an increased involvement in school clubs and activities. Received as information only.

**NOTE:** Trustee Young departed the meeting at 12:02 P.M.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed for lunch at 12:13 P.M. and reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

**NOTE:** Trustee Young rejoined the meeting at 12:50 P.M.

## APPOINTMENT: MLA BONNYVILLE-COLD LAKE-ST. PAUL SCOTT CYR

MLA Scott Cyr joined the Board to discuss a variety of topics including the division's projected \$4,700,000 (four million, seven hundred thousand dollars) deficit for 2024-2025, infrastructure priorities, curriculum, and new restrictions on personal devices and social media in classrooms. The Board requested that MLA Cyr advocate for a reduction in red tape as well as improved timelines for some of the grants that have been provided to school boards. Received as information only.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed for at 1:58 P.M. and reconvened at 2:04 P.M.

## MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

200. Moved by Trustee Phillips to nominate Ava Hardy from Kikino School for the 2024 NLPS Aboriginal Achievement Award.

CARRIED.

201. Moved by Trustee Edwards to hold the Welcome Back Breakfasts in conjunction with the division-wide Professional Development days on August 29th.

CARRIED.

## BOARD BUSINESS

### 2024-2025 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

202. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the Board Committees for the 2024-2025 school year as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes as information only.

CARRIED.

203. Moved by Trustee Kissel to appoint Trustee Lozinski as the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Representative, Trustee Norton as the PSBAA Alternate Representative, Trustee Ripkens as the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 Representative, Trustee Edwards as the ASBA Zone 2/3 Alternate Representative, and Trustee Norton as the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) Committee Representative for the 2024-2025 school year.

CARRIED.

### 2024-2025 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Received as information only.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

204. Moved by Trustee Ripkens that Trustee Young attend the International Society for Technology in Education Conference virtually on June 29 to July 2, 2024.

CARRIED.

## LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION RE: INDIGENOUS SPACES

205. Moved by Trustee Phillips that Board Chair Packard write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding Indigenous spaces in school and to CC the Minister of Infrastructure, and Minister of Indigenous Relations, Minister of Energy and Minerals, Alberta School Boards' Association and Public School Boards' Association of Alberta.

CARRIED.

## 2024-2025 ANNUAL BOARD WORK PLAN

Received as information only.

## LIMITING DISTRACTIONS IN ALBERTA'S CLASSROOMS MINISTERIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Received as information only.

## ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Received as information only.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL INTERVIEWS FOR GLENDON SCHOOL

206. Moved by Trustee Edwards that Trustee Kissel represent the Board on the Glendon School Assistant Principal interview panel on June 28, 2024.

CARRIED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter to Lori Munford, Teacher at North Star Elementary School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: NLPS Staff Shining Star, dated June 1, 2024
- Letter to Esther Yang, Student at Bonnyville Centralized High School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: NLPS Student Shining Star, dated June 1, 2024
- Letter to School Council Chairs, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Update, dated June 3, 2024
- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Scott Cyr, MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, re: Blue Cross "Built Together" Grant Program, dated June 4 2024
- Letter to the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors and the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, re: Student Transportation Concerns, dated June 17, 2024



- Cold Lake High School Graduation Ceremony Program, June 27, 2024
- Lac La Biche High School Graduation Ceremony Program, June 22, 2024
- Glendon School Commencement Program, June 22, 2024

207. Moved by Trustee Young to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 3:06 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:13 P.M.

### CLOSED MEETING

208. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 3:13 P.M.

CARRIED.

### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

209. Moved by Trustee Phillips to revert to a regular public meeting at 3:58 P.M.

CARRIED.

### ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 3:59 P.M.

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K. Packard, Board Chair

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B. Steunenberg, Recording Secretary