

**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
J. Irvine	Associate Superintendent
K. Jackson	Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Northern Lights Public Schools acknowledges that we are on Treaty 6 and Treaty 8 First Nations Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We honour the history and culture of all people who first lived and gathered in these lands and commit to enhance our relationship with one another. We acknowledge our roles as educational leaders to learn, teach and engage in the communities we serve. Our recognition of this land is an act of reconciliation and an expression of our gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

- 10.6 Capital Update

CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

113. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on February 26, 2025 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

## TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Packard congratulated Trustee Young on being awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal by MLA Laila Goodridge. She also congratulated Aimee Alger, a teacher from Cold Lake High School, who won a Cold Lake Women of Influence Award in the category of Arts and Culture. Trustee Norton chaperoned the J.A. Williams High School's Mardi Gras Dance. Trustee Lozinski worked the coat check at the J.A. Williams High School's Mardi Gras Dance. Trustee Edwards attended both the Duclos School and H.E. Bourgoin Middle School Council Meetings. She also attended the McLennan Educational Law - Year in Review in Edmonton. Trustee Philliops presented the Staff Shining Star award to the Aurora Middle School Student Advisory Counselor and noted the level of care and compassion she has for the students at the school. Communications and Public Relations Manager, Nicole Garner presented the Good News Items. This was received as information only.

114. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 10:22 A.M

CARRIED.

115. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to revert to a regular public meeting at 12:03 P.M.

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed for lunch at 12:03 P.M. and reconvened at 12:37 P.M.

## APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE SERVICES, JEANNINE ELLIS

116. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the 2025/2026 School Calendar as presented by Jeannine Ellis, Director of Learning - People Services as per the attached **Appendix "A"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

117. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve in principle the 2026/2027 School Calendar as presented by Jeannine Ellis, Director of Learning - People Services as per the attached **Appendix "B"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

## APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MATT RICHTER

Director of Transportation, Matt Richter presented a verbal update on the transportation department. 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. FNMI Accountability Report - Deputy Superintendent

### Committees

1. ASBA/Zone 2/3
2. PSBAA
3. Policy Committee
4. Advocacy Committee

## MOTIONS COMING OUT OF REPORTS

118. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to co-sign the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Section of Pediatrics' letter to the Minister of Education regarding Program Unit Funding.

CARRIED.

## BOARD BUSINESS

### SUBMISSION OF 2025 EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD NOMINATION (ASBA)

119. Moved by Trustee Kissel to nominate the teacher recommended by the Edwin Parr Committee for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) 2025 Edwin Parr Teacher Award, and that a nomination package be submitted to ASBA on or before the deadline of March 18, 2025.

CARRIED.

### APPROVAL OF 2025/2026 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

120. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the 2025/2026 Board Meeting Schedule as amended as per the attached **Appendix "C"** to these minutes.

CARRIED.

### REVIEW OF DRAFT THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN / TEN YEAR FACILITY PLAN

Received as information only.

### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL PLANNING UPDATE

Received as information only.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Micheal Straile, Principal, Bonnyville Centralized High School, re: Invitation to 2025 Graduation, dated February 3, 2025
- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, re: Ministerial Order #009/2025, dated February 13, 2025
- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, re: Budget 2025, dated February 27, 2025
- Email to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, re: Ratification of the Canada-Alberta National School Food Program Agreement - 2024 to 2027, dated March 10, 2025
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, from Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, re: Response to Provincial Data Collection and Reporting Processes, dated March 11, 2025
- Letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education, from Dr. Sam Wong, President, AMA Section of Pediatrics, re: Program Unit Funding (PUF), not dated

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

CARRIED.

**NOTE:** The Board recessed at 1:51 P.M. and reconvened at 2:06 P.M.

**NOTE:** Trustee Skogen left the meeting at 1:51 P.M.

## CLOSED MEETING

122. Moved by Trustee Kissel to convert to a closed meeting at 2:06 P.M.

CARRIED.

## REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

123. Moved by Trustee Norton to revert to a regular public meeting at 4:35 P.M.

CARRIED.

124. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to discontinue the RFP/sRFQs Report from the Board Annual Work Plan and continue to receive the information monthly.

CARRIED.



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## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:36 P.M.

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K. Packard, Board Chair

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K. Jackson, Recording Secretary