

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 10:04 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

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

Additions:

- 6.3 Alberta School Boards' Association Position Statement
- 7.8 Maintenance Update
- 7.9 2024-25 Board Professional Development
- 7.10 School Division Request
- 7.11 Alberta School Boards' Association Board Chairs Engagement
- 7.12 Local Podium
- 7.13 Funding Manual

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

126. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 12, 2025 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Packard shared the good news of an announcement for pre-planning funding for a school for Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement. Trustee Edwards attended the Ardmere parent council meeting mentioning it was good to reconnect with parents. Trustee Kissel attended the Village of Glendon's ceremony for their recently completed gymnasium where Glendon School was presented with a \$25,000 cheque from the gym. Trustee Norton was invited to judge Aurora Middle School's Science Olympics alongside ten judges including previous principals, and members of Alberta Environment. He said it was a great event that was well attended. This was received as information only.

BOARD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN / TEN-YEAR FACILITY PLAN

127. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve the Three-Year Capital Plan / Ten-Year Facility Plan as presented with amendments.

CARRIED.

GRAND OPENING OF THE STRATHCONA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

128. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to approve the full Board's attendance at the Grand Opening of the Strathcona Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION POSITION STATEMENT

Received as information only.

CLOSED MEETING

129. Moved by Trustee Kissel to convert to a closed meeting at 10:25 A.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 10:58 A.M. and reconvened at 11:05 A.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

130. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to revert to a regular public meeting at 1:15 P.M.

CARRIED.

131. Moved by Trustee Kissel to have administration prepare a report on Personal Services Contracts prior to May 14, 2025.

CARRIED.

132. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve Trustee Packard's attendance, if required, at the Alberta School Boards' Association Awards event on April 14, 2025 on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED.

133. Moved by Trustee Skogen to suspend trustee attendance to professional development conferences for the remainder of the term as well as decrease in person planned attendance to provincial association obligations for Spring General Meeting, Zone, and Public School Boards' Council (PSBC) meetings where possible.

CARRIED.

Recorded Vote:

In Favour: Trustees Packard, Phillips, Kissel, Edwards, and Skogen

Opposed: Trustees Lozinski, Young, Ripkens, Norton

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 1:22 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K. Jackson, Recording Secretary