

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees **Northern Lights School Division** June 11, 2025 1:00 PM

Lac La Biche Division Office Boardroom

Members Present:

C. Edwards Ward 1 R. Ripkens Ward 1 K. Packard Ward 2 Ward 2 M. Skogen Ward 2 R. Young 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**

Regrets:

G. Kissel Ward 1

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Packard called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.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

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

Additions

- 8.3 Art Smith Aviation Academy Calendar Augmentation
- 8.4 Board Motion No. 161, 2024-2025

Amendment

6.1 Should read "NLPS Friends of Education Award Recipients Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement Council"

Deletion

- 8.2 Admin Interviews

CARRIED.



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APPOINTMENT: NORTHERN LIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS BUFFALO LAKE MÉTIS SETTLEMENT COUNCIL

Chairman Stan Delorme, Vice Chair Harold Blyan, Councillor Dennis Reid, Councillor Archie Handel, and Councillor Malcolm Auger of Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement Council were presented with the NLPS Friends of Education Award. Received as information only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

173. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 28, 2025 were approved by unanimous consent.

CARRIED.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Packard attended the Alberta School Boards Association's Lieutenant Governor's Award for Leadership, Resilience and Academic Excellence ceremony with recipient Abigail Britton, a student at J.A. William's High School, and her family. Trustee Packard attended the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's Spring General Assembly - Special Recognition Dinner where Trustees Young and Packard received the award for 8 years of service, and Trustees Skogen and Lozinski received the award for 12 years of service. Trustee Young congratulated Trustee Packard and Clayton Bellamy for their presentation on the Northern Lights Public Schools' and Clayton Bellamy Foundation's partnership at the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's Spring General Assembly. Trustee Skogen attended Cold Lake Junior High School's Career Day as a nurse and presented four 25 minute sessions and an exhibit over the lunch break. She also represented the Board at Cold Lake Junior High School's grade 9 farewell ceremony. Trustee Lozinski attended the Crossroads Graduation ceremony for their one graduate and was proud of what they put together for him. She also delivered multiple division awards. 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:

Committees

- 1. ASBA Zone 2/3
- 2. PSBC

BOARD BUSINESS

ART SMITH AVIATION ACADEMY CALENDAR AUGMENTATION

174. Moved by Trustee Young to amend Art Smith Aviation Academy's school calendar to change the last day for students to June 25, 2025.

CARRIED.



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BOARD MOTION #161 FROM FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

175. Moved by Trustee Lozinski to amend **Board Policy No. 7: Board Operations** to include "Trustee expense claims be posted to the website within 60 (sixty) days of approval."

CARRIED.

176. Moved by Trustee Norton to align **Board Policy No. 7: Board Operations** and its Appendix A with the Trustee handbook regarding meeting compensation.

CARRIED.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:52 P.M. and reconvened at 2:01 P.M.

NOTE: Secretary-Treasurer Elock joined the meeting at 1:56 P.M.

2025-2026 BUDGET APPROVAL

177. Moved by Trustee Norton to approve Northern Lights Public Schools' 2025-2026 Budget as presented by Secretary-Treasurer Elock.

CARRIED.

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 2:34 P.M. K. Packard, Board Chair K. Jackson, Recording Secretary