
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 10:10 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

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

Additions

- 10.9 Alberta School Councils' Association Policy Position
- 8.8 2025-2026 Budget Measures

Amendment

- 8.7 Policy 20 and Policy 7 Update

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

179. The minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 11, 2025 were approved with the following amendment:

- Spelling of "Britton" under Trustee/Admin Information Items.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Deputy Superintendent Irvine joined the meeting at 10:14 A.M.

APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF ET/IT, BOB BARRETT

Director of ET/IT, Bob Barrett presented the Technology Accountability Report to the Board. Received as information only.

APPOINTMENT: DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES, LEAH ROUT

Director of Facilities, Leah Rout presented the Facilities Update and Summer Plans to the Board. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 11:22 A.M. and reconvened at 11:32 A.M.

TRUSTEE/ADMIN INFORMATION ITEMS

Trustee Kissel attended Glendon School's Graduation and said it was a great ceremony and meal. Trustee Edwards said she was privileged to attend and speak at Bonnyville Centralized High School's Graduation and noted that she was able to see previous students she worked with when she worked in the school. Trustee Edwards also attended student award presentations in various schools throughout the community and delivered the certificates to the students who were members of the Student Advisory Council. Trustee Ripkens attended the Bonnyville Outreach School Graduation and the Bonnyville Centralized High School Graduation and noted that the valedictorian of Bonnyville Outreach School was the daughter of a previous Bonnyville Outreach School graduate. Trustee Ripkens also attended the Zone 2/3 meeting and said the Northern Lights Public Schools' Land Acknowledgement was very well received. Trustee Ripkens also informed the Board that Mr. Nand, a past Duclos School teacher, passed away over the weekend and he will be attending the funeral on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Trustee Phillips spoke at the J.A. Williams High School Graduation and appreciated being able to see many of her grade 2 students graduate. Trustee Lozinski attended J.A. Williams High School Graduation. Trustee Lozinski also attended Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement's celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day saying it was a wonderful event for families and noted the community involvement with presentations and performances. Trustee Norton delivered all the Lac La Biche area achievement awards and recognition awards with Trustee Lozinski and Trustee Phillips. Communications Assistant, Dallin Schmidt, presented Good News slides. Received as information only.

APPOINTMENT: NORTHERN LIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENT - MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT SOCIETY

Military Family Support Society representative, Lynda Colvey was presented the Northern Lights Public Schools' Friends of Education Award by the Board of Trustees. Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed for lunch at 11:54 A.M. and reconvened at 12:42 P.M.

REPORTS

The following reports were included as part of the board package in advance of the meeting and have been filed:

Administration

1. Board Monthly Operations Summary (May) - Secretary-Treasurer

Committees

1. ASBA Zone 2/3
2. PSBC
3. Truth and Reconciliation Committee
4. Communications and Recognition Committee

NOTE: Trustee Packard left the meeting at 12:49 P.M.

NOTE: Trustee Packard rejoined the meeting at 12:53 P.M.

NOTE: Trustee Kissel left the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD BUSINESS

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

Received as information only.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARD INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD

Received as information only.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Received as information only.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

Received as information only.

180. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to amend **Board Policy No. 8 - Board Committees, Appendix E: Communications and Recognition Committee** to include recommendations for Alberta School Boards' Association and Public School Boards' Association of Alberta award nominations to the Board.

CARRIED.

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

Received as information only.

REVIEW 2025-2026 BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

181. Moved by Trustee Norton to approve the 2025-2026 Board Annual Work Plan as presented.

CARRIED.

POLICY 7 AND POLICY 20 UPDATE

182. Moved by Trustee Skogen to approve the amendments to **Board Policy No. 7 - Board Operations** and its Appendix A as attached to these minutes as **Appendix "A"**.

CARRIED.

183. Moved by Trustee Edwards to approve in principle the amendments to **Board Policy No. 20 - Transportation** and refer the policy to the Policy Committee for further revisions.

CARRIED.

2025-2026 BUDGET MEASURES

Received as information only.

NOTE: The Board recessed at 1:42 P.M. and reconvened at 1:55 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING

184. Moved by Trustee Norton to convert to a closed meeting at 1:55 P.M.

CARRIED.

NOTE: Trustee Skogen left the meeting at 3:35 P.M.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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

CARRIED.

186. Moved by Trustee Edwards to accept the recommendations of the Recognition and Communications Committee for the 2025-2026 Northern Lights Public Schools' Friends of Education nominations.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the following correspondence as information only:

- Letter to Steve Reid, teacher at Ecole Plamondon School, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated June 1, 2025
- Letter to Kaelynn Freel, student at Art Smith Aviation Academy, from Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, re: Shining Star Award, dated June 1, 2025
- Letter to Karen Packard, Board Chair, Northern Lights Public Schools, from Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education and Childcare, and Honourable Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure re: Approval Construction Funding for Vera M. Welsh Elementary School, dated June 9, 2025
- Letter to Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education and Childcare, from Tasha Oatway-McLay, Board Chair, Sturgeon Public Schools, dated June 19, 2025
- Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's The Advocate, dated May 30, 2025
- Program from Lac La Biche Grad 2025: J.A. Williams High School, Lac La Biche Outreach School, Journeys, and Crossroads, dated Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Program from Glendon School's Commencement, dated June 21, 2025
- Program from Alberta School Boards' Association's Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award, dated June 9, 2025
- Program from Public School Boards' Association of Alberta's Special Recognition Awards Dinner, dated June 4, 2025

187. Moved by Trustee Ripkens to accept the correspondence file as information only.

CARRIED.



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Northern Lights School Division
June 25, 2025
10:00 AM
Bonnyville Division Office Boardroom**

188. Moved by Trustee Edwards that the Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board requesting approval to use the Divisions' CMR funding for Phase Three of the Glendon Minor Modernization Project rather than adding it to the Capital Plan.

CARRIED.

189. Moved by Trustee Phillips that the Board Chair write a letter to the Minister of Education on behalf of the Board asking that Northern Lights Public Schools be included for eligibility for the Building Blocks Capital Grant Program for preschool spaces in the new Vera M. Welsh Elementary School as the existing spaces will be demolished and new spaces are required.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Packard adjourned the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

K. Packard, Board Chair

K. Jackson, Recording Secretary