



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

MINUTES

Location: Metis Settlements General Council, 10335-172 Street, Edmonton, AB

Date & Time: Friday, January 24, 2020 AT 9:00 AM

Present - Trustees: Cathy Wanyandie – Ward 2, Randy Anderson – Ward 3, Louis Cardinal – Ward 5, Silas Yellowknee – Ward 6, Robin Guild – Ward 7 Chair, Loretta Gladue – Ward 8, Rubi Shirley – Ward 9, Jules Nokohoo – Ward 10 Vice-Chair, Karen Telford – Ward 11

Present – Staff: Dermod Madden – Associate Superintendent – Area 1, Joseph Pearce – Acting Associate Superintendent Area 2, Tim Stensland Associate Superintendent – Area 3, Wes Oginski – Associate Superintendent HR, Trudy Rasmuson – Secretary-Treasurer, Curtis Walty – Communications Coordinator (Teleconference), Krystal Potts, Executive Assistant, Judy Ducharme – Executive Secretary

Regrets: Jesse Lamouche – Ward 4, Nancy Spencer-Poitras – Superintendent

Absent: Maddy Daniels – Ward 1

A. CALL TO ORDER Chair Guild

1. Chair Guild called the meeting to order at 9:08 am with a traditional lands' acknowledgement. Chair Guild mentioned that Superintendent Spencer-Poitras is away ill and Associate Superintendent Stensland will be Acting Superintendent for this meeting.

2. Trustee Cardinal provided an opening prayer.

3. Adopt Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Gladue moved that the Board of Trustees acknowledge that Trustees have reviewed and approve the agenda as amended. 24988/20 CARRIED

4. In-Camera Session

MOTION: Trustee Cardinal moved that the meeting go in-camera at 9:11 am. 24989/20 CARRIED

Regular Session

MOTION: Trustee Anderson moved that the meeting revert to regular session at 10:24 a.m. 24990/20 CARRIED



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

Code of Conduct

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees disqualify Trustee Daniels as a trustee due to the fact she violated the conditions of censure passed in motion 24983/19 at the December 5, 2019, by attending the Paddle Prairie School and speaking to staff on December 17, 2019, and emailing the principal on January 15, 2020, all without permission of the Board Chair.

24991/20 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adopt Consent Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda which approves the items as follows:

B1 - Minutes of November 22, 2019 Board meeting are approved as attached

B2 - Minutes of December 05, 2019 Special Meeting are approved as attached

B3- Minutes of December 17, 2019 Special Meeting are approved as attached

The following reports are received as information:

B4 - Board Action Items

B5 - Board Chair Report

B7 - Superintendent Report

B9 - Trustee Activity Reports

B10 - Enrollment Report

24992/20 CARRIED

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. Board Self-Evaluation Final Report and Board Positive Path Forward Action Plan

There was no discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 2019 Board Self Evaluation Final Report and the Board Positive Path Forward Action Plan, as attached.

24993/20 CARRIED

2. Board Retreat



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

No discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the board retreat dates of March 18 and 19, 2020. **24994/20 CARRIED**

3. August Board Meeting Date

No discussion.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees hold nine board meetings a year. **24995/20 CARRIED**

4. Capital/IMR Plan

Discussion on the Facilities Department priorities and the alignment with the budget.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees receive the IMR plan as information. **24996/20 CARRIED**

5. Transfer of Land and Buildings and School Furniture in Little Buffalo

Trustees will continue to find a common date to meet with Lubicon Lake Band.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the school furniture and the division-owned land, including all school buildings and excluding mobile homes used as teacher housing, as listed below, to 2033800 Alberta Ltd., all for \$1.00, subject to Ministerial Approval:

Lot 111, Block 009, Plan 8223143

Lot 113, Plan 9622484

Lot 77, Block 008, Plan 8121420

Lot 78, Block 008, Plan 8121420

Lot 83, Block 009, Plan 8121420

24997/20 CARRIED

6. Borrowing Resolution

This is a recurring annual item.

ACTION: *Find correspondence from GLMS on CTS funds (grant) for \$40,000 cost break down re: Gift Lake*

MOTION: Trustee Cardinal moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Borrowing Resolution, if required, in the amount of \$3 million to meet the current operating expenditures for the 2019-2020 school year, as attached.

24998/20 CARRIED



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

7. January Housing Plan

ACTION: Look into the washroom unit sitting at Gift Lake Metis Settlement yard that used for the temporary school and see if it can be sold

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees move that housing units be renovated based on the priorities set in the January Housing Plan.

24999/20 CARRIED

8. Policy 7 Appendix C – Trustee Expenses and Corporate Credit Card Guidelines

The changes reflect the committee work on hosting.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the housekeeping changes to Policy 7 Appendix C Trustee Expense and Corporate Credit Card Guidelines as presented, to be effective immediately.

24500/20 CARRIED

9. Policy 15 School Closure

The changes reflect the committee work on inclusion of Superintendent role.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the housekeeping changes to Policy 15 School Closure as presented, to be effective immediately.

24501/20 CARRIED

10. Policy 10 – Policy Making

No changes to policy

MOTION: Trustee Anderson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the second reading of Policy 10 Policy Making as presented.

24502/20 CARRIED

11. Transfer of Houses to Peavine Metis Settlement

No discussion

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of the three houses (065, 104, 105) to the Peavine Metis Settlement in the amount of \$1.

24503/20 CARRIED

12. Viability Studies - Hillview

Discussion on the location and enrollment.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees make a Notice of Motion at the January 24, 2020, Regular Board meeting to consider a school closure if



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

Hillview School grades K-6 and this motion will be decided upon by the end of May 2020. DEFEATED

13. Viability Studies - Pelican

Discussion on the need for renovations and allowing for budget consideration.

MOTION: Trustee Gladue moved that the Board of Trustees make a Notice of Motion at the January 24, 2020, Regular Board meeting to consider a school closure if Pelican Mountain School Grades K-6 and this motion will be decided upon by the end of May 2020. 25004/20 CARRIED

14. Viability Studies – Susa Creek

Discussion on the historical events for the school.

ACTION: Chair to write a letter to the Grand Chief of Treaty 8 and ask for support to put some pressure on the provincial government to support small schools.

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the continuation of the instructional program at Susa Creek School with the following recommendation:

1. Susa Creek School be re-evaluated in the fall of 2020 for operational viability if student enrolment does not improve to demonstrate viability.

25005/20 CARRIED

D. RECESS 10:25 am – 10:35 am

E. MONITORING REPORTS (Motion to receive as information)

1. Monitoring Reports

MOTION: Trustee Yellowknee moved that the Board of Trustees accept as information the Monitoring Reports as presented and attached. 25006/20 CARRIED

E1. Board Chair Highlights

- Board Budget – discussion on the upcoming career fairs.

ACTION: trustees wanting to attend please let Associate Superintendent Oqinski know

- Professional Development – discussion on having a budget amount for a cap amount for each trustee

ACTION: Admin to provide recommendation at the next meeting regarding trustee budget for Professional Development Registration Fees



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

ACTION: Admin to email upcoming Professional Development events

E2. Superintendent Highlights

- Testing water quality is in process and information will be coming to a future meeting

Lunch Break 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

E3. Area 1 Associate Superintendent Report

- Associate Superintendent, Area 1 Madden provided highlights from his submitted report
- Spoke to the Autism Spectrum Disorder: Support Strategy

E4. Draft School Year Calendar

- Discussion on the days and obtaining feedback, discussion on the Awards day to the end of June, Trustee hosting the September organizational days
- Will be brought back to the March board meeting for approval

E5. Every Season Learning

- Discussion on timeline and meetings to be coordinated for February and March between the area associate superintendents and the trustees.

E6. Monthly Financial Reporting

- Secretary Treasurer Rasmuson presented the first draft of reporting template

E7. Student Engagement Attendance & Completion Report

- Director of Student Engagement, Attendance and Completion, Tessier provided an overall update
- Discussion on the importance of the consistency of school staff, on home visits and the positive benefits of the program

F. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF BOARD ITEMS

1. Trustee Attendance

- Secretary-Treasurer Rasmuson highlighted the Board policy and Education Act
- Standing agenda item to excuse any/all absences

2. Social Pass

MOTION: Trustee Nokohoo moved that the Board of Trustees add Social Pass to the agenda for discussion. 25007/20 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-01

- Discussion on current practice, procedure and research and to be brought back to next meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING CULTURAL REFLECTION

1. Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee Anderson moved that the Board of Trustees declare the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m. 25008/20 CARRIED

2. Board Assessment Tool Survey

Reminder for Trustees to complete the survey in the link that Executive Secretary Ducharme will send out.

Robin Guild, Board Chair

Trudy Rasmuson, Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary: Judy Ducharme, Executive Secretary