



**NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 25-04**  
**MINUTES**

Location: DoubleTree West Edmonton

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Membership					
✓	Lorraine McGillivray	Trustee Ward 1	✓	Cal Johnson	Superintendent of Schools
✓	Marianne Moberly	Trustee Ward 2	✓	Scott Meunier	Deputy Superintendent
✓	Bonnie Lamouche	Trustee Ward 3	✓	Mark Owens	Associate Superintendent
✓	Jesse Lamouche	Trustee Ward 4	✓	Krista Veitch	Associate Superintendent
✓	Tanya Fayant	Board Chair, Ward 5	✓	Douglas Aird	Secretary-Treasurer
x	Vacant	Trustee Ward 6	✓	Curtis Walty	Media Relations Manager
✓	Robin Guild	Board Vice-Chair, Ward 7	✓	Cheryl Page	Executive Assistant
✓	Wally Rude	Trustee Ward 8	✓	Pearl Lorentzen	Reporter, Lakeside Leader
✓	Aimee McCamon	Trustee Ward 9			

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Fayant called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Recognition of Traditional Lands**

Chair Fayant provided the land acknowledgement.

**3. Opening Prayer, Cultural Reflection or Reflection**

Trustee Rude gave the opening prayer, cultural reflection or reflection.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: Trustee McCamon moved that the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

**26095/25 CARRIED**

**5. Closed Session**

MOTION: Trustee McGillivray moved that the Board of Trustees meet in a closed session with only the Administration at 9:02 a.m.

**26096/25 CARRIED**

*Pearl Lorentzen left the meeting at this time.*



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**6. Regular Session**

MOTION: Trustee McCamon moved that the meeting revert to a regular session at 9:23 a.m.

**26097/25 CARRIED**

*Pearl Lorentzen rejoined the meeting.*

<b>B. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION</b>
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There was no business arising from the closed session.

<b>C. BOARD MATTERS</b>
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There were no board matters brought before the Board of Trustees.

<b>D. MINUTES</b>
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**1. March 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve the March 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**26098/25 CARRIED**

**2. March 26, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve the March 26, 2025, Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**26099/25 CARRIED**

**3. April 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve the April 6, 2025, Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**26100/25 CARRIED**

**4. Board Action Items**

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the Board Action Item list with the Board of Trustees. The Board Action Items were received and filed as information.



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**E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no business items arising from the minutes.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda, which adopts the following reports:

1. Board Chair Report
2. Superintendent Reports
3. Trustee Activity, Committee and/or Board Representative/Association Reports

**26101/25 CARRIED**

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Monthly Financial Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Aird presented the financial report to the Board of Trustees as of March 31, 2025. The monthly financial report was received and filed as information.

**2. Student Engagement, Attendance & Completion Report**

Associate Superintendent Owens presented the March 2025 Student Engagement, Attendance, and Completion report. It was noted that schools continue building relationships with parents and engaging students. Enrollment declined in the last few months due to cold weather, Spring Break, and the Teachers' Convention. The report was received and filed as information.

**3. Monthly Enrollment Report**

Superintendent Johnson presented the Monthly Enrollment Report to the Board of Trustees. Enrollment slightly increased from last month. Schools are starting to hold open houses for the 2025-2026 school year. The Monthly Enrollment Report was received and filed as information.



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**4. Policy 3 Appendix A - Services, Materials and Equipment to Trustees**

MOTION: Trustee McCamon moved that the Board of Trustees approve the correction of section designations, punctuation, typographical errors, and cross-references and authorize the Administration to make such other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the intent of the Board in connection with Policy 3 Appendix A - Services, Materials and Equipment to Trustees.

**26102/25 CARRIED**

**5. Policy 7 Appendix C - Trustee Honoraria/Expense and Corporate Credit Card**

MOTION: Vice Chair Guild moved that the Board of Trustees approve the correction of section designations, punctuation, typographical errors, and cross-references and authorize the Administration to make such other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the intent of the Board in connection with Policy 7 Appendix C - Trustee Honoraria/Expense and Corporate Credit Card.

**26103/25 CARRIED**

**6. Policy 7 Appendix D - Rules of Order**

MOTION: Trustee Rude moved that the Board of Trustees approve the correction of section designations, punctuation, typographical errors, and cross-references and authorize the Administration to make such other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the intent of the Board in connection with Policy 7 Appendix D - Rules of Order.

**26104/25 CARRIED**

**7. Policy 17 - Student Transportation**

MOTION: Trustee McCamon moved that the Board of Trustees approve the correction of section designations, punctuation, typographical errors, and cross-references and authorize the Administration to make such other technical and conforming changes as necessary to reflect the intent of the Board in connection with Policy 17 - Student Transportation.

**26105/25 CARRIED**



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**8. Budget 2025-2026 Principles and Assumptions**

MOTION: Trustee McCamon moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Budget 2025-2026 Principles and Assumptions as presented.

**26106/25 CARRIED**

**9. 2025 Long Service and Retirement Awards Celebration**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve holding the NSD Long Service and Retirement Awards Celebration on May 23, 2025, at the DoubleTree West Edmonton, as presented.

**26107/25 CARRIED**

**10. Grade Additions**

MOTION: Trustee J. Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees approve the grade additions for the following schools, as presented, in coordination with the Northland Online School.

Elizabeth School - Grade 9

Grouard Northland School - Grade 11

Gift Lake School - Grade 10

**26108/25 CARRIED**

**11. What We Heard Report 2024-2025**

Superintendent Johnson shared the What We Heard Report with the Board of Trustees, highlighting key features.

Northland School Division gathered input from over 200 participants during 16 engagement sessions held from January to March 2025, aiming to guide its Education Plan. Communities highlighted increased student engagement through clubs, leadership, and cultural learning, stronger school-community relationships, and valued hands-on programming like CTS and language education. While supports like wellness services and nutrition programs are helping, families voiced the need for more tutoring and inclusive learning supports.

Key priorities moving forward include hiring more Indigenous staff, expanding Cree language programs, enhancing career pathways, improving staff housing, and strengthening communication and cultural inclusion. This feedback will directly inform



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updates to the division's Three-Year Education Plan. This information was received and filed.

**12. Telephone Replacement Capital Project**

MOTION: Trustee McGillivray moved that the Board of Trustees approve Netagen's proposal for the telephone replacement, which is \$193,946.50 plus GST, with the funds coming from capital reserves.

**26109/25 CARRIED**

*Trustee McCamon left the meeting at 10:55 a.m. and returned at 11:05 a.m.*

**H. MONITORING REPORTS**

1. The Board of Trustees received and filed the following reports:
  - a. CASS Presentation by Superintendent Johnson
  - b. Board Chair Highlights
  - c. Superintendent Highlights
  - d. Occupational Health & Safety Report
  - e. Transportation Report

**I. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION**

Trustees were reminded of upcoming conferences and meetings and were asked to notify Executive Assistant Page if they are no longer interested.


**J. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER/CULTURAL REFLECTION**

**1. Adjournment**

MOTION: Trustee McGillivray moved that the Board of Trustees declare the meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

**26110/25 CARRIED**

  
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Tanya Fayant, Board Chair

  
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Douglas Aird, Secretary-Treasurer