



NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 61

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 20-03

MINUTES

Location: Zoom Meeting ID 522 391 763

Date & Time: Friday, March 20, 2020 AT 9:00 AM

Present - Trustees: Cathy Wanyandie – Ward 2, Randy Anderson – Ward 3, Jesse Lamouche – Ward 4, Louis Cardinal – Ward 5, Robin Guild – Ward 7 Chair, Rubi Shirley – Ward 9, Jules Nokohoo – Ward 10 Vice-Chair, Karen Telford – Ward 11

Present – Staff: Dr. Nancy Spencer-Poitras – Superintendent, 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, Krystal Potts - Executive Assistant, Judy Ducharme – Executive Secretary

Absent: Vacant – Ward 1, Silas Yellowknee – Ward 6, Loretta Gladue – Ward 8

A. CALL TO ORDER Chair Guild

- 1. Chair Guild called the meeting to order at 9:04 am with a traditional lands' acknowledgement.**
- 2. Trustee Cardinal provided an opening prayer.**
- 3. Adopt Agenda**
MOTION: Trustee Shirley moved that the Board of Trustees acknowledge that Trustees have reviewed and approve the agenda as amended. 25022/20 CARRIED
- 4. In-Camera Session**
MOTION: Trustee Cardinal moved that the meeting go in-camera at 9:08 am. 25023/20 CARRIED

Recess 9:31 am – 9:36 am

MOTION: Trustee Cardinal moved that the meeting come out of in-camera at 10:01 am. 25024/20 CARRIED



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Special Meeting Break 10:01 am to 10:52 am.

Special Meeting with Members of the Alberta Legislative Assembly

MLA Yao – Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo and MLA Hanson – Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul joined the meeting via Zoom

Discussion points included:

- Elections Process –nomination papers are required to be submitted in-person to the Returning Officer at the division Central Office and this would be a significant challenge for our remote isolated communities.
- Network connection to communities – in light of the current pandemic situation and having to educate students differently it is identified that communities within the division lack ability and/or resources to connect to local internet networks
- Housing and Recruitment & Retention –a tool to attract and retain educators is allowing access to up to date housing within the division.

ACTION: Administration to provide a ten-year historical synopsis of retention of educators and to include annual turnover rate.

ACTION: Administration to provide a ten-year historical synopsis of housing and to include what is available and conditions of the homes with pictures.

MOTION: Trustee Cardinal moved that the meeting go in-camera at 10:52 am.

25025/20 CARRIED

Regular Session

MOTION: Trustee Wanyandie moved that the meeting revert to regular session at 11:13 a.m.

25026/20 CARRIED

Wabasca/Sandy Lake Properties

MOTION: Trustee Nokohoo moved that the Board of Trustees sell Lot 12 Block 1 Plan 7822893 in Wabasca, and Lot 75 Plan 8321796, in Sandy Lake, with floor amounts.

25027/20 CARRIED



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B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Adopt Consent Agenda

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

B1 - Minutes of February 21, 2020 Board Meeting are approved as attached

The following reports are received as information:

B2 - Board Action Items

B3 - Board Chair Report

B4 - Trustee Activity Reports

B5 - Superintendent Report

B6 - Enrollment Report

25028/20 CARRIED

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. School Year Calendar

MOTION: Trustee Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees receive as information the Northland School Division 2020-2021 School Year Calendar, as attached.

25029/20 CARRIED

2. Capital Plan

Item deferred to the April Board meeting.

ACTION: Secretary-Treasurer Rasmuson to inquire about extension for Capital Plan approval.

3. By-Election Process

Item deferred to the April Board meeting.

Action: Administration to provide information to the Board Chair in regards to the challenges the Local Authorities Election Act and the Education Act poses to Northland School Division, in preparation to discuss with the Minister of Education

D. RECESS



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E. MONITORING REPORTS (Motion to receive as information)

1. Monitoring Reports

MOTION: Trustee Lamouche moved that the Board of Trustees accept as information the Monitoring Reports as presented and attached. 25030/20 CARRIED

E1. Board Chair Highlights – it is expected during this time upcoming conferences will be cancelled.

- Board Budget – use of technology will decrease expenditures.

E2. Superintendent Highlights – update on the COVID-19 situation

- Pelican Mountain School Closure – no discussion.

E3. Area 3 Associate Superintendent Report – no discussion.

E4. Every Season Learning Calendar Update – no discussion.

E5. Monthly Financial Reporting – no discussion.

F. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF BOARD ITEMS

1. Retirement and Long-Term Service Awards

- Information to be brought forward to next meeting

G. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING CULTURAL REFLECTION

1. Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee Telford moved that the Board of Trustees declare the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m. 25031/20 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