



YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD of TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

October 31, 2025 – 12:10 PM
In-person and online via Google Meet

Trustees Present: Barbara Bell, David Wasylciw (online), Jason Snaggs (online),
Michelle Peters, Terry Brookes, and Tina Drew

Regrets: Allan Shortt

Administration

Present: Shirley Zouboules (online), Landon Kowlazik, Lisa Vass,
Graham Arts, Jordan Martin, Pat Thagard and Annie Lagomasino

Regrets: Shirley Zouboules

Meeting Chairperson: Barbara Bell

Meeting Recorder: Pat Thagard

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:09 PM. Five (5) trustees were present, and a quorum was met.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Bell respectfully acknowledged that we live, work, and learn on Chief Drygeese Territory in the Akaitcho region, the traditional territory of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.

3. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

Trustee Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

4. Declaration of Conflict

None declared.

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #: 01/10-31/25-26

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the October 31, 2025, Special Board Meeting agenda, as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Withdrawn

After some discussion, the above motion was withdrawn and replaced with the following.

Motion #: 02/10-31/25-26

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees adopt the October 31, 2025, Special Board Meeting agenda, as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

6. Labour Relations

Trustees thanked the negotiator, Colin Fetter of Brownlee LLP, YK1 Administration and members of the Negotiations Committee for their expeditious work during negotiations.

The primary changes were noted as: the addition of the Wellness Mentor positions and Speech Language Pathologist positions, and aligning the USW Collective Agreement with the NWTTA Collective Agreement.

Motion #: 03/10-31/25-26

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the ratified agreement between YK1 and the USW for a three-year collective agreement.

Moved by: Trustee Brookes Seconded by: Trustee Drew

Carried

7. Budget Amendment

Secretary Treasurer Vass went over the amendment, including the interim support assistance funding and additional expenses, resulting in additional expenditures of approximately \$739,000.

- Trustees discussed upcoming budget adjustments. The USW-related costs can be added into a future amendment, and the Rick Hansen amount could be deferred to the next fiscal year. Safety-related amounts address gaps in YK1's Occupational Health & Safety program. ECE confirmed the Interim Support Assistance agreement will continue through the 2025–2026 school year, and there is flexibility to shift amounts within the amendments. This may also be an appropriate time to use portions of the surplus, as YK1 has been encouraged to do so.

Motion #: 04/10-31/25-26

I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the total budget expenditure of \$5,920,614 plus an additional \$58,000 for the USW contract expenses to be funded by a combination of Government of the Northwest Territories, ECE funding and the YK1 operating fund surplus as outlined in the attached schedule.

Moved by: Trustee Drew Seconded by: Trustee Snaggs

Carried

- Concerns were raised about the long-term impact of this year's ECE funding, the lack of

