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**New Humble Community School Association  
Minutes from Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

Directors in attendance: Kelsey Huber, Amie Meunier, Kristen Kuhn

Board Advisor: Megan Olynyk

Superintendent: Bill Driedger

Public Attendance

1. Call to Order at 6:32 pm - Kelsey Huber
2. Land Acknowledgment - Kelsey Huber
3. Welcome - Kelsey Huber
4. Review and Approval of Agenda - Kelsey Huber

Motion (51-25/26) to approve the agenda as adjusted. - Kristen Kuhn,  
Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

5. Review previous minutes from March 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion (52-25/26) to approve the March 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting  
minutes. - Amie Meunier, Second, Kristen Kuhn- Carried.

6. NHCS Student Recognition - NHCSA

Students demonstrate a strong passion for artistic expression including art, music and drama. The students actively encourage and support others and share their passion for art with others.

7. Staff Recognition - Bill Driedger & Amanda Clark

Junior high teacher Megan Gitzel takes on multiple roles, lending a hand where needed, embraces new learning experiences and opportunities. Megan has

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strong relationships with students, staff and families. Her passion for agriculture is evident. Students also shared that Megan is a dedicated teacher, is always there when needed and is understanding and kind.

Staffing Update - Mrs. Halea Kohel has resigned to pursue other opportunities, we thank Mrs. Kohel for her support and wish her well. Mrs. Amanda Clark has stepped into the role of Acting Principal for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to Mrs. Clark, we want to thank Amanda for stepping into the role and wish her best for the rest of year.

#### 8. Chair Update - Kelsey Huber

Next month the NCHSA Organizational Meeting is scheduled, information on the meeting will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

#### 9. Superintendents Report - Bill Driedger and Halea Kohel

- a. 2026-2027 Intent to Return and Registration process is underway. Student Intent to Return Forms have been completed. The result is very few vacancies in Kindergarten to Grade Six. Junior High vacancies will continue to be filled following the spring registration process.
- b. Nutrition Update - New equipment has been installed to support the Nutrition Program. Chef Jeff and Sous Chef Michelle are very pleased with the improvements. The Nutrition program is incredible and we are very fortunate to be able to offer this program to students.
- c. Staffing Update - Based on the direction from the last meeting administration has continued with hiring and is pleased to say they hope to send out a communication by the end of the week regarding Numeracy and Literacy Teacher support, Educational Assistant support for Grade Three and Grade Four as well as backfilling a custodian position.

#### 10. Agriculture & Environmental Manager's Report - Samantha Besler

- a. NHCS welcomed 11 new lambs to the Humble Herd.
- b. We had amazing help from a variety of students to clean up the barn after lambing.

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- c. The new text reminder system is working well for chore volunteer reminders.
- d. An overview of various grade activities was shared.
- e. Stall mats have been purchased for the barn.
- f. Grade 9 would like to host a barn dance as part of their graduation.
- g. Four pigs for the swine program arrived today.

#### 11. Curriculum Coordinator's Report - Carleigh Duiker

- a. NHCS Seed Day for Grades 1-5 theme was Welcome Spring, students learned about cuts of beef with a local butcher, natural wool dyeing, played chicken life cycle tag, and other activities.
- b. Class based nutrition budgets continue to provide many learning opportunities for students.
- c. An overview of various grade activities was shared.
- d. April professional development for staff will be a food safety course.
- e. May professional development day with Dr. Bonnie Stelmach where she will present her research to staff and NHCS stakeholders as she did at the community night. Afterwards staff will work on completing the scope and sequence.
- f. Projects - Hand in Hand video presentation now complete. Career Fair being organized by Megan Gitzel, Rodeo Seed Day in June being led by Amanda Clark, Stem 365 Young Engineers kits for the 2026-2027 school year being organized by Kelsey Haggerty.
- g. This closes out the Curriculum Coordinator position for the year. Ms. Duiker expressed her appreciation for the opportunity in the role and to help support the students and staff. The NHCSA Board of Directors thanked Ms. Duiker for all of her work and contributions to the position and school this year and wished her well on her upcoming leave.

#### 12. Parents Society Report - Ileea Auclair

- a. Fundraising update - First Aid Fundraiser Kits are on order and notification to families will be provided once a delivery date is confirmed.
- b. Thank you to Melissa Abrams for her dedication and hard work on the March

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Read-a-Thon.

- c. There are many exciting events planned for the school year end.
  - i. Fit Set Ninja - May 28, 2026
  - ii. Emma Wales from Art Ventures June 10 & 11, 2026
  - iii. Year End Afterschool Carnival - June
- d. Thank you to NHPS Volunteers, as the school year comes to an end NHPS will share future volunteer opportunities.

### 13. School Council Report - Miriam Ouellette

- a. Alberta School Councils' Association Spring Symposium takes place April 25 & 26, 2026.
- b. May 1, 2026 online safety session information has been shared with parents.

### 14. Committees Report

- a. Facility (Capital Plan)- Megan Olynyk
  - i. Although NHCSA is in the process of the planning project for a new school at a new site it is still required to approve and confirm the Capital Plan priorities for the 2027-2030 submission.

Motion (53-25/26) NHCSA Capital Plan submission will remain the same as the 2024/2025 submission . - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

- b. Finance and Audit - Amie Meunier
  - i. The Finance & Audit Committee has collectively reviewed all audit proposals based on these considerations, the Audit Committee recommends MNP Calgary - provided by Partner Cameron Cameron LaRocque, CPA for appointment as external auditor.

Motion (54-25/26) to approve the Finance and Audit Committee report as presented. - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Kelsey Huber - Carried.

Motion (55-25/26) to approve MNP Calgary as NHCSA external auditor. - Kelsey Huber, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

- c. Fundraising and Sponsorship- Megan Olynyk

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- i. 2026 Hand in Hand Humble Roots Fundraiser - This year's event was another great success and each year the event runs smoother than the previous year. The generosity and commitment of the community each year is remarkable and humbling. We are greatly appreciative of all of the donors, sponsors, attendees and the many volunteers that make the event a great success. The event proceeds were \$100,780.75.

Motion (56-25/26) to accept the 2026 Hand in Hand report as presented.

- Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

- ii. Recommendation to designate from the proceeds \$2000 per grade for the 2026-2027 budget to enhance classroom activities and opportunities.

Motion (57-25/26) to designate from the proceeds \$2000 per grade for the 2026-2027 budget to enhance classroom activities and opportunities. -

Amie Meunier, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

- iii. Request to accept the budget for the 2027 Hand in Hand event with a projected revenue of \$100,000, expenses of \$75,000 for a projected profit of \$25,000.

Motion (58-25/26) to approve the 2027 Hand in Hand projected budget as presented. - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

### d. Junior High Committee - Amie Meunier

- i. This is NHCS' second year offering Junior High. The committee was focused on research and investigation to further hands-on experiential learning opportunities for the Junior High program.
- ii. The junior high teachers and staff supported the committee work with high energy, commitment and enthusiasm.
- iii. Thank you to the committee members, students, parents and staff for supporting the committee.
- iv. An overview of the activities that took place or are planned for the remainder of the year were shared.

## 15. Treasurer's Report - presented by Megan Olynyk

- a. NHCSA financial updates will be provided with the next quarterly report.

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- i. The 2026/2027 Budget Planning cycle is in progress in preparation for the May budget submission for Board consideration and approval. This includes recommendations on salary grids, school fees and other items that impact the budget.
- ii. With recent staffing changes updates to the Mastercard Account are required, including removing Halea Kohel and adding Amanda Clark.  
Motion (059-25/26) to remove Halea Kohel from the Mastercard account. - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.  
  
Motion (060-25/26) to add Amanda Clark to the Mastercard account. - Amie Meunier, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.  
  
Motion (061-25/26) to accept the April Treasurer's Report as presented. - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

### 16. Unfinished business

- a. Modular Classroom Project - Megan Olynyk
  - i. Classroom occupancy was granted April 2, 2026
  - ii. Final stages of project will take place this week and next to ensure all required documentation for warranty and financial reporting is in place.
- b. School's Now - Megan Olynyk
  - i. Leduc County Subdivision Authority refused the application of subdivision for the new school site. The vote was 3/5
    1. Glen Bienert - Division 1 - In favor of refusal.
    2. Kelly-Lynn Lewis - Division 2 - In favor of refusal.
    3. Dal Viridi - Division 3 - Did not support refusal.
    4. Bonnie Thomas - Division 4 - Made motion & in favor of refusal.
    5. Glenn Belozzer - Division 6 - Did not support refusal.NHCSA & the landowner have been in contact with Division Five Counselor Tanni Doblanko, who is not a member of the Subdivision Authority. Counselor Doblanko is in support of a new school within Leduc County and is actively working to be informed of the decision made by the committee. Board Chair Kelsey Huber, Megan Olynyk and the landowner will be meeting with Counselor Doblanko next week to discuss the options going forward. This may include an appeal or request for confirmation of

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Leduc County's position on NHCSA building a new school on Agricultural A land. Pending the county's position NHCSA will need to determine the options and strategy for NHCSA moving forward. One of the possibilities may include pursuing a site in the adjacent Wetaskiwin County.

We hope to provide a more detailed update to provide to parents and community members next week regarding the next steps in the process.

17. New Business

18. Ratification of Electronic Motions Passed

19. Questions Open Floor

a. No Comments

20. Closing remarks

21. Adjournment 8:03pm - Next Meeting May 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelsey Huber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Signature:

April 30, 2026