

# Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of Northern Gateway Public Schools

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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## Opening

### A. Opening

## Call to Order and Roll Call

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Gerry Steinke and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer were present at this time.

Trustee Robyn O'Neill, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, and Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer were absent at this time.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

### 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

E.20 a) Budget 2017 Information and Release  
I. 3 a) TEBA

Delete:

E.4 Public Funding Inequity Study

Acceptance of Agenda

3528-17

3. **Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the agenda for the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting

3529-17

C. **Minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting

3530-17

**Minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

By-Law 3-17

3531-17

D. **Action Items**

**By-Law 3-17**

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board decision on By-Law 3-17 be deferred until such time all trustees are present.

Motion Carried

**Hillside High School  
Field Trip**

3532-17

**Hillside High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve in full the Hillside Jr. /Sr. High School international field trip for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge from April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion Carried

**Field Trips**

3533-17

**Field Trips**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in full the following field trips:

**Hilltop High School**

Hilltop High School international field trip for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge from April 6<sup>th</sup> –April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Mayerthorpe High School**

Mayerthorpe Jr. /Sr. High School's Vimy 2017 international field trip scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Onoway High School**

Onoway High School international field trip to Germany, Czech Republic and Austria, scheduled from April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

### **Fox Creek School**

Fox Creek School international field trip to Germany, Italy and Switzerland, scheduled from April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Motion Carried

### **Hilltop High School Field Trip**

3534-17

### **Hilltop High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in principle the Hilltop High School international field trip to The Ancient Mediterranean (Italy and Greece), scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Motion Carried

### **Allowable Election**

3535-17

### **Allowable Election Expenses**

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the information on Allowable Election Expenses under Section 118 of the Local Authorities Election Act, be accepted for information.

Motion Carried

### **Appointments and Delegations**

#### **B. Appointments and Delegations**

Nil

### **Additional Action Items**

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Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA/PSBAA Update

Written report provided for information.

PSBAA

No report.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Written report provided for information.

Finance

Finance

Reports provided for information.

Bill 1

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Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees.

The Alberta government has proposed legislation to reduce school fees for Alberta families. If passed, Bill 1, will end school board charges for instructional supplies or materials and fees for eligible students taking the bus to their designated school.

Reports provided for information.

Rochfort Bridge Colony  
School Funding

Rochfort Bridge Colony School Funding

Report provided for information.

**Maintenance Garage  
in Onoway**

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Report provided for information.

**Electricity and Natural  
Gas**

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Report provided for information.

**Alberta Rural Education  
Symposium Report**

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Administration and trustees attended the 2017 Rural Education Symposium March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

Six Ministers spoke at the 2017 Rural Education Symposium. Alberta Education, Municipal Affairs; Indigenous Relations, Advanced Education, Service Alberta, and Children's Services were there for a panel discussion.

The two keynote speakers were: Doug Griffiths, who spoke on 13 Ways to Kill your Community and Todd Hirsch, ATB.

There were 10 breakout sessions for attendees to participate in group work.

Five Deputy Ministers also held a panel discussion: Alberta Education, Service Alberta, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Health and Economic Development and Trade.

**Communications Committee  
Meeting Record**

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Provided for information.

No changes made to the meeting record.

Palliser Regional Schools  
Letter

Palliser Regional Schools Letter

Provided for information.

Pembina Hills Public  
Schools Letter

Pembina Hills Public Schools Letter

Provided for information.

Buffalo Trail Letter

Buffalo Trail Letter

Provided for information.

Grande Yellowhead Public  
School Letter

Grande Yellowhead Public School Letter

Provided for information.

Suspension Report

Suspension Report

Provided for information.

Enrolment Report

Enrolment Report

Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Trustee Jeffreys reviewed – no changes made.

Motion Review Cycle

Motion Review Cycle

Provided for information.

## Trustee Reports

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### Jim Govenlock

Trustee Govenlock attended a Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce meeting, where Debbie Vance and David Quick from NGPS presented on the Gateway Academy Summer Boot Camps. Good information – small turnout from the public.

### Terry Slemko

OHS held a Rally on March 8<sup>th</sup> whereby they recognized various sports teams and groups for outstanding achievements.

Academy Fabricators donated \$60,000 to the new school build, with another \$60,000 to come later. They were recognized at the rally as well.

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Coffeehouse Showcase starts at 7:00 p.m.

OJSH S.W.A.M.P. (Students Who Arrange Musical Productions) are presenting *Rocky of the Rainforest*, a musical comedy on March 18<sup>th</sup>: a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and a dinner theatre with Mocktails at 5:30 p.m.

Sage, the Labrador Retriever therapy dog is going on tour to Onoway High School.

### Cindy Granley

The Hilltop High Grade 9 boy's basketball team won Zone.

### Judy Muir

The Alberta School Councils' Association presented at the Onoway Jr/Sr High School on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after the School Council meeting. The presentation was on "Building Relationships in the Education Community".



**Additional Report Items**

**Budget 2017 Information Release**

3536-17

**Additional Report Items**

**Budget 2017 Information and Release**

Budget to be released at 3:15 p.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. No questions will be allowed.

Budget conference call on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, questions will be addressed.

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E20 as information.

Motion Carried

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Field Trips (6)
2. Electricity and Natural Gas Tenders
3. Potential Reduction of Trustees and Reconfiguration of Wards

**In-Camera Items**

**I. In-Cameral Items**

3537-17

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board go in-camera at 2:18 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, and Leslee Jodry, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke left the meeting due to a conflict of interest, re: TEBA, at 2:51 p.m.

Trustee Steinke returned at 3:01 p.m.

3538-17

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:02 p.m.

Motion Carried

3539-17

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board request a meeting with Sturgeon School Division in regards to the cross boundary issue.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**I. Adjournment**

3540-17

Moved by Trustee Granley- that the meeting be adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer