

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

March 29th, 2017

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

Opening

A. Opening

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The March 29th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:02 a.m.

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

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer were present at this time.

Trustees Robyn O'Neill and Jim Hailes were absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Deletions:

- I. 1. Trustee Absence at Board Meetings

Additions:

Trustee Govenlock gave notice of motion to rescind Motion No. 3531-17.

Acceptance of Agenda

3541-17

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the agenda for the March 29th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Minutes of the March 14th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

3542-17

C. Minutes of the March 14th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the minutes of the March 14th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

By-Law 3-17

D. Action Items

By-Law 3-17

By-law 3-17 was deferred to the April 11th, 2017 Board meeting as a result of Motion NO. 3531-17.

Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021

3543-17

Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board accept the Northern Gateway Public Schools Three-Year Capital Plan 2018 – 2021 as presented.

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Group Benefits Ins. Committee Meeting Record

3544-17

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that Benefex Consulting be directed to conduct a market review of Northern Gateway’s benefit plan design and bring back information to the next committee meeting.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Nil

Information/Reports

E.

Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Written report provided for information.

PSBAA

No report.

Superintendent’s Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional Items:

Lac St. Anne County wants to meet to discuss the publically housed library in Sangudo.

Honourable Minister Carlier will be providing information on the recently released budget, as well as be available to answer any questions arising from his presentation to be held Friday, March 31, 2017. This will be held at the Forest Interpretive Centre, Whitecourt, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Budget 2017

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Reports provided for information.

Budget 2017, was released on March 15th, reveals efforts to protect and improve education services through an \$82. billion commitment to K-Grade 12 Education.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

ASBOA - Recommendations for Equitable and Adequate Plan Operations and Maintenance Funding

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Report provided for information.

Capital Projects Announced

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Report provided for information.

Message for RCASB Members

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Provided for information.

Administration to reply to Buffalo Trail Public Schools.

Topics for Meeting with Minister of Education

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- Transportation Regular Change
- First Nations
- Curriculum Assessment and Development
- Impact of TEBA at Local Table
- Lingering Problems with School Act
- Lingering Problems with Carbon Tax
- Dual Credit
- Mental Health Concerns
- Jurisdiction Boundaries
- Rural Funding Formula
- Advocacy Plan
- Budget Shortcomings

ASBA - Change to Labour Support

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Provided for information.

Alberta School Council's Association Letter

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Provided for information.

Board Communication

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Provided for information.

Administration to send a letter congratulating Anne-Marie Boucher, Vice-President, ASBA on her new position.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Additional Report Items

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Trustee Govenlock – served a notice of motion that he will be presenting a motion to rescind Motion No. 3531-17 at the April 11, 2017 meeting.

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

NSBA Conference Report

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The National School Boards Association (NSBA) is the leading advocate for public education. For more than 75 years, they have been leading the effort to support and enhance public education.

Trustees Gerry Steinke and Sherry Jeffreys attended the NSBA in Denver, March 25th – 27th, 2017, where they listened to different speakers and attended many interesting sessions:

Speakers:

Captain Scott Kelly – NASA Astronaut
 Arianna Huffington – Founder of the Huffington Post, Founder and CEO of Thrive Global, and Author
 Christian Moore, Founder, WhyTry Organization

Sessions:

What is a Makerspace?
Innovative Teaching and Learning with iPads
How do Schools Address Media Literacy
Drumtastic Mathematics in Motion

Trustee Steinke also presented a short video on one of the High School Musical Groups that performed. The Southwest High School Mariachi "Los Dragones" has the honor of being recognized as one of the leading public school Mariachi programs in the city of San Antonio and the state of Texas.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, entered the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Bill 1 Regulation Consultation Input

Administration and Board of Trustees reviewed and completed the survey on the following:

1. Recommendations contained in the Recommendations for Effective School Fee Practices report, and
2. Questions stemming from the introduction of Bill 1.

3545-17

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E13 as information.

Motion Carried

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Budget 2017
2. Summer Boot Camps July 2017
3. Three-Year Capital Plan 2018-2021
4. National School Board Association (NSBA)

In-Camera Items

3546-17

I. In-Cameral Items

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board go in-camera at 2:15 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Michael Gramatovich, Leslee Jodry, and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

3547-17

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board come out of in-camera at 2:48 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

3548-17

I. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys- that the meeting be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer