

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

September 19th, 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 September 19th, 2017, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:03 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, 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 and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, were present at this time.

Trustee Robyn O'Neill participated via phone.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Addition:

D.1.a) Organizational Meeting

E.17.a) Minister of Ed – ASCA Members
E.19.b) Bargaining Workshop

Acceptance of Agenda

3653-17

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the agenda for the September 19th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the August 29th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

3654-17

C. Minutes of the August 29th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the minutes of the August 29th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Transportation: Report attached for Information.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, reported on the “Bus Driver Professional Learning Day” held on August 30th, 2017.

With the support of Central office and Learning Services staff, the day was very informative and enjoyable. The highlight of the day was guest speaker Dr. Jody Carrington, who presented “The Power in Being Crazy about Kids in the Classroom: How School Staff are Life Changers”.

Rhett Czaban completed his report at 5:24 p.m.

Maintenance:

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, presented his Maintenance report.

Ongoing repairs to schools/sites and IMR Projects to school/sites were completed over the summer.

Report attached for information.

Randy Lovich completed his report at 5:45 p.m.

Rhett Czaban and Randy Lovich left the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Career Exposure Summer Bootcamps and Off Campus Education:

David Quick and Debbie Vance, presented on the Summer Bootcamps and Off Campus Education in Northern Gateway Public Schools.

The summer bootcamps ran from July 4-8, July 10-14 and July 4-14, 2017. Ninety-two students participated with 365 school credits earned.

David Quick and Debbie Vance completed their report at 6:22 p.m. and left the meeting.

Action Items

Motion No. 3595-17
Group Benefits Insurance

3655-17

D. Action Items

Motion No. 3595-17 Group Benefits
Insurance

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– Motion No. 3595-17 be amended to read: "That the Board support Manulife to insure the benefit program, including the implementation of the Express Scripts Active Pharmacy solution for mail order

maintenance drugs on an optional basis, effective September 1st, 2017.

Motion Carried

**PSBAA Policy Position
on Executive Positions**

3656-17

PSBAA Policy Position on Executive Positions

Moved by Trustee Schalm – Northern Gateway Public Schools serves Notice of Motion to amend Bylaw 29 Terms of Office New 29.3 Notwithstanding 29.1, the Term of Office of the President, Vice President, and both Directors may be extended for up to a two-year period by consent of a 2/3 majority of Member Boards present at an Annual General Meeting.

Motion Carried

**Approval of 2017/18
School Fees Schedule**

3657-17

Approval of 2017/18 School Fees Schedule

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that Board of Trustees approve the 2017/18 School Fees submitted on September 15th, 2017 to Alberta Education.

Motion Carried

Organizational Meeting

3658-17

Organizational Meeting

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the October 24th, 2017 Organizational meeting commence at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Regular Board meeting.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA:

Next meeting will be held on Sept. 29, 2017.

Advocacy Committee is looking for our issues for this upcoming year:

- Review Funding Formula
- Inclusive Ed Funding
- 45 CEU Cap

PSBAA:

Information on the Student Voice Program has been sent out to attend the Fall Events 2017. Registration and meals for Students are covered by the Association and Student's hotel accommodations are eligible for reimbursements. The event allows for the attendance of 50 students.

3659-17

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board support the attendance of two students per High School to attend the PSBAA AGM in November, 2017.

Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Reports provided for information

Meeting with the Minister

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Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 30th – 11:30 a.m., Room 222 Legislature Building.

Meeting was 45 minutes in length. Discussion was based on Northern Gateway's agenda items:

- Funding Model
- 45 Credit Cap
- Valleyview Project
- Education Act
- Kindergarten Age of Entrance
- High School Re-Design

Invitation to Discuss Education Legislation

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Further information provided.

Invitation from Alberta Education to participate in a two-day stakeholder conversation, taking place on September 25 and 26 at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton.

Trustee Compensation

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3660-17

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve to add \$5.00 to each Per Diem rate effective November 1st, 2017:

\$60.00 per quarter day to \$65.00
\$110.00 per half day to \$115.00
\$170.00 per three-quarter day to \$175.00

\$220.00 per full day to \$225.00
\$280.00 per one and one-quarter day to \$285.00
\$330.00 per one and one-half day to \$335.00

Motion Defeated

Administration to look at the change for the 1/3
Tax Fee Honorarium and the impact of this on
trustees.

Trustee O'Neill left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

School Council Reports

School Council Reports

Provided for information.

ASBOA Discussion Paper

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Provided for information.

Letter from High Prairie School Division
No. 48 stating that ASBOA did not
communicate the discussion paper to all
stakeholders in a transparent manner.

Board to send letter to High Prairie showing
Northern Gateway's support for their letter.

Letter to Town of Onoway

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Provided for information.

Board Workshop Update

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Review at the October 3rd Board meeting.

Nomination Summary

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Provided for information.

Appreciation Evening

Appreciation Evening

Westward Community Centre, Whitecourt
Friday, September 29th, 2017
Cocktails – 6 p.m./ Program – 7 p.m.
Theme – “Through the Looking Glass”

Preliminary Enrolment Report

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Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Trustee Reports

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Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm will not be returning for the next term, he thanked the Board and Administration.

Jim Govenlock

Trustee Govenlock attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where they discussed changes to small business with legislation and

workers compensation premiums.
Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko has been busy with parent council meetings.

The 11th Annual Threshing Bee is taking place in Onoway on September 23rd, 2017.

Additional Report Items

**Minister of Education -
ASCA Members**

Additional Report Items

Minister of Education – ASCA Members

Provided for information.

Bargaining Workshop

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Scheduled for September 27 by teleconference. Please provide administration your thoughts for them to share.

3661-17

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1 – E17 as information.

Motion Carried

**Topics for Future
Discussions**

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for
Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Meeting with the Minister
2. Appreciation Evening
3. Transportation Report
4. Maintenance Report
5. Career Exposure Summer Bootcamps and Off Campus Education

In-Camera Items

I. In-Cameral Items

Nil

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

3662-17

Moved by Trustee Govenlock- that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer