

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

May 1, 2018

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 May 1st, 2018, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:08 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Diane Hagman, Sarah Healy, Sherry Jeffreys, Barb Maddigan, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke, Ethan Thesen, Linda Wigton and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Leslee Jody, Assistant Superintendent, Milly McGregor Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Trustee Ethan Thesen was absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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- D.2.a) Indigenous Student Award 2018
- E.1) ASBA Meeting Report and ASBA Budget Report

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Wigton– that the agenda for the May 1st, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

Minutes of the April 17th, 2018 Finance Meeting

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B. Appointments and Delegations

C Minutes of the April 17th, 2018 Finance Meeting

Moved by Trustee Healy– that the minutes of the April 17th, 2018 Finance Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Wigton– that the minutes of the April 17th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Action Items

Student Transportation Survey

D. Action Items

Student Transportation Survey

The Board of Trustees completed the Student Transportation Survey and survey was sent back to Alberta Transportation.

Honouring Spirit
Indigenous Student
Award 2018

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Honouring Spirit Indigenous Student
Award 2018

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board send a letter of congratulations to each of the students receiving the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award.

Motion Carried

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Trustee Hagman reported on the ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting held on April 27, 2018.

Written report provided.

Trustee Hagman reported on the Zone 2/3 Proposed Policy Process.

Written report provided.

Trustee Hagman and Wigton report on the ASBA Budget Highlights 2018 – 2019.

Written report provided.

Edwin Parr Awards Banquet Tickets:

Ticket order was completed.

PSBAA Council Report:

No report.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Administration inquired if the Board would like a private meeting with the Division auditor to ask questions this coming November 2018.

Board agreed they would like this meeting.

ASEBP Claims Experience Report

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Provided for Information

Administration to provide a comparison report between ASEBP and Manulife to be presented at a future Board meeting.

2018 Career Boot Camps

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Woodlands County provided \$5000.00 in funding for the 2018 Career Boot Camps to be held this summer.

ASCA Meeting Report

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The School Councils Conference and AGM was held on April 20-22, 2018 at the Delta Edmonton South.

Trustees Judy Muir, Barb Maddigan and Anita Portsmouth reported from the conference:

- Education Minister answered questions
- Parents were asked to complete the transportation survey.

- New K-4 curriculum was discussed.
- Using the PRISM Elementary Edition – Toolkit for Safe and Caring Discussions about Sexual and Gender Minorities was discussed, along with the parents' right to refuse sexual education for their children.
- Questions were taken on protecting School Boards.
- 2.4 Km rule – where did it come from?
- Bill 21 Compliance
- Rural Boards – budget format needs to be changed to create equity.
- Northern Schools – hard to keep teachers.
- Conference was based on Mental Health – lots of speakers and sessions.

Sessions attended:

- Transportation Regulations and You – Parent Focus Groups
- School Boards – where is it – where is it going?
- Cannabis and School Children: Change After Legislation?
- Growing up Digital: A Study of the Impact.
- Safe and Caring Schools & Communities
- Dr. Lynn Miller, Ph.D., Lic. Psych.; spoke on "Mental Health Matters! Psychological issues and their effect on children's lives. That anxiety is the most treatable disorder, but the least recognized.

Annual General Meeting:

- One of the most important events for parents on school council is the association Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in conjunction with the ASCA Conference.
- All resolutions proposed for policy were debated and voted upon, as well as election of the new governing Board.
- Some resolutions voted upon were:

- Provincial Standard for Annual Criminal Record Check – Carried
- Cumulative CEU cap per High School Student – Carried
- Supports for Learning Success for all Students: Early Screening; Enhanced Teacher Training; Class Size and Composition – Carried
- Religion and Sexual Content Within Student –Led Clubs – Defeated
- PRISM ATA Toolkit and Provincial Curriculum Development – Carried as a Teacher Resource
- Ensuring Healthy Food at Schools for our Children and Youth – Defeated

The Board listened to David Eggen, Minister of Education on CBC News talk about Curriculum Change – K-4. Link provided: <https://globalnews.ca/video/4178940/ask-the-educator-david-eggen>

Board Calendar

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Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Nil

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Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E10 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

1. 2016 ECS Mapping Project
2. Power School Presentation by end of June
3. Policy 10 – Policy Making

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Transportation Survey
2. Indigenous Student Award 2018
3. Summer Boot Camps
4. Woodlands Donation
5. Capital Plan
6. Graduation Dates

In-Camera Items

I. In-Cameral Items

3787-18

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board go in-camera at 8:06 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Leslee Jodry and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustees Gerry Steinke and Judy Muir left the Boardroom at 8:07 p.m. due to conflict of Interest.

Vice-Chair Barb Maddigan chaired.

Trustees Gerry Steinke and Judy Muir returned to the meeting at 8:24 p.m

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Moved by Trustee Maddigan—that the Board come out of in-camera at 9:26 p.m.

Motion Carried

3789-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve the Custodial Contract rate be increased to \$19.45/sq. meter effective July 1st, 2018.

Motion Carried

3790-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Bus Contractor rates be increased as follows effective July 1st, 2018:

- a) Urban Routes – Increased to \$233.27/day for a 72 Passenger. For other bus sizes, decrease the rate proportionately as currently in place.
- b) Rural Routes – Increase the daily basic rate by \$3.00/day for all bus sizes.
- Increase the klm rate to .9405/klm.

Motion Carried

3791-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that administration bring back draft contract language regarding service interruptions by contract bus operators.

Motion Carried

3792-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve the Vallevyview Bus Drivers be provided with the following one time service compensation:

10 + yrs	@ \$3000
8 – 9 yrs	@ \$2500
6 – 7 yrs	@ \$2000
4 – 5 yrs	@ \$1500
2 – 3 yrs	@ \$1000
0 – 1 yr	@ \$ 500

Motion Carried

3793-18

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve the following compensation for the Out of Scope positions:

\$400 lump sum payment
1% increase effective Sept. 1, 2018
1% increase effective Feb. 1, 2018
0.5% increase effective Sept. 1, 2019
0.5 % increase effective Feb. 1, 2020

Motion Carried

3794-18

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board move to rescind Motion 3757 – 18.

Motion Carried

Motion 3757 – 18 reads: “Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board limit, effective September 1st, 2019, the amount of service provided to transport each non-Northern Gateway kindergarten student to align with the proportion of base educational grant funding for that student, excepting special needs students who are funded for additional instructional time.

Adjournment

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I. **Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Maddigan- that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer