

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

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

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 November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:04 a.m.

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

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, and Robyn O’Neill, Trustee elect, were present at this time.

Trustee Gerry Steinke and Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, were absent from the meeting.

**Official Oath**

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Michael Gramatovich administered the official oath of office to Robyn O’Neill.

**Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda**

**2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

1.a) East End Re-configuration

**Acceptance of Agenda**

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

3201-15

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the agenda for the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Draft Minutes of the  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Organizational Meeting**

**C. Draft Minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Organizational Meeting**

3202-15

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the draft minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Organizational Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

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**Draft Minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
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3203-15

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the draft minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Action Items**

**D. Action Items**

**Annual School  
Operational  
Viability Report**

**Annual School Operational Viability Report**

3204-15

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board accept the Annual School Operational Viability Report as presented.

Motion Carried

3205-15

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board direct administration to initiate a process of public engagement for the proposed east end grade re-configuration.

Motion Carried

**Group Benefits  
Insurance Committee  
Meeting Record**

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Record**

3206-15

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board accept the recommendation of the Group Benefits Insurance Committee and opt out of the Coordination of Benefits Claims and leave the plan as it is for now.

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer and John Shoemaker, Auditor; Clews & Shoemaker, entered the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

**Appointments and  
Delegations**

**B. Appointments and Delegations**

John Shoemaker, Auditor; Clews & Shoemaker, presented the Audited Financial Statement for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer and John Shoemaker, Auditor; Clews & Shoemaker, left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**Audited Financial Statement**

3207-15

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board accept the Audited Financial Statement for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Motion Carried

**Additional Action Items**

**Additional Action Items**

Nil

**Information/Reports**

**E. Information/Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA Update**

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**ASBA**

Trustee Hailes reported on the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting:

Budget – last year’s financial report showed a slight surplus. That surplus has been used to reduce this year’s fees. Northern Gateway’s reduction is \$528.00.

Elections:

Zone Chair – Cherly Dumont, Acclamation  
Vice Chair – Colleen Holowaychuk – Acclamation  
Director 1 – John Boisvert – Acclamation  
Alternate – Vicky Lefebvre – Acclamation  
Comprehensive School Health Rep. – Irene

Sawyer – Acclamation  
Edwin Parr Committee: Jackie Comeau,  
Deb Pederson, Carol DeMong  
Advocacy Committee: Alice McLaughlin,  
Albert Schalm, Susan Kathol  
ASBA Second Language Caucus Rep – Laura  
Thibert, Alternate – Patricia Pedersen

*Moving resolutions forward from Zone to ASBA  
Annual General Assembly:*

Northern Gateway had a proposal last spring 2015 that did not go forward. No clear process on how policies are to be considered at Zone and brought forward. It is not reflected in Zone bylaws. Need a clear process on what this Zone uses to vet the policies and provide feedback. Need consistency on how this process is. Reflecting on past practice as well. In addition the provincial body will be consulted for assistance in addressing the issue.

Advocacy Report:

There were 14 MLA's in attendance. It was felt that there were some great table discussions and they received some very positive feedback from those in attendance.

Trustee Hailes will forward minutes from the meeting when available.

Zone 2/3 MLA Event October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

Trustee Schalm reported on the event:

MLA Event was hosted at the Glenora Club. 14 MLA's, 56 trustees and administration were in attendance. ASBA had their first annual MLA event on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Meeting was table discussion style. Handout provided on the Table Conversation Starters.

MLA's appreciated the information and process. Topics discussed were transportation, infrastructure and reserves. They were able to build some relationships and talk about concrete topics. Gave them an opportunity to listen, to ask questions and was a chance for them to learn.

***Self-identification process for First Nations, Metis or Inuit Students Policy Position:***

Provided for information. Board is in agreement with this position.

***Curriculum Content –Consent:***

Provided for information. Board is in agreement with this position.

***ASBA Provincial Bargaining Unit:***

Provided for information:

- This is inconsistent with existing ASBA policy.
- Do not agree that ASBA should be the voice of the Provincial Bargaining Unit.
- It is not mandatory to belong to ASBA, but you can only participate in the ASEBP Benefit Program if you are a member of ASBA.
- Is the Board in favor to some extent?

***Emergent Item for Consideration at FGM:***

Provided for information:

- We are asking ASBA to take some leadership in supporting this position.
- We have been mandated to develop this policy, so this must be developed.

*Board Position – Membership on ASBA and ASEBP:*

- Mandatory membership in ASBA.

*Board Position – Local Bargaining:*

- Two tier bargaining – what would be in each tier?
- true local bargaining

**PSBAA**

No report

**Superintendent's Report**

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Written report provided for information.

Additional report items:

*Alberta Healthy School Community Wellness Fund:*

Jurisdictional Level Wellness Grant: This is a district wide grant that gives districts an opportunity to access \$60,000 to address student wellness.

The deadline for grant submissions is Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and partnership with Alberta Health Services is a part of the application process. Northern Gateway's Learning Services team will be submitting a proposal for this grant.

Additional information about the grants can be found at:

[http://www.wellnessfund.ualberta.ca/en/~media/abhealhtyschools/Wellness\\_Fund\\_Grant\\_Call\\_Autumn\\_2015.pdf](http://www.wellnessfund.ualberta.ca/en/~media/abhealhtyschools/Wellness_Fund_Grant_Call_Autumn_2015.pdf)

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**Policy and Procedures  
Related to School Act  
Sections 45.1 & 16.1**

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Act Sections 45.1 & 16.1**

Provided for information.

Boards must develop policy or administrative procedures on this by March 31, 2016.

**Community Use of  
Schools**

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Provided for information.

**Progress in International  
Reading Literacy Study  
2016**

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Study 2016**

Provided for information.

**Centre for Innovation,  
Trade and Technology  
Meeting**

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Meeting**

Meeting to take place Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Forest Interpretive Centre – Boardroom.

Attending from NGRD: Kevin Andrea, Debbie Vance, Jim Govenlock and Cindy Granley.



**YRL Organizational Meeting Highlights**

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Written report provided for information.

**Enrolment Report**

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Provided for information.

**Suspension Report**

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Provided for information.

**Additional Report Items**

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Nil

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

1. Funding for Playground Equipment (Next Caucus Meeting)

3208-15

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E9 as information.

Motion Carried

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

1. Transportation in Sangudo

### **Meeting Highlights**

### **H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Audited Financial Statement
2. New Trustee
3. East End Re-configuration
4. Proposed Policy on LGBTQ

### **In-Camera Items**

### **I. In-Camera Items**

Nil

### **Adjournment**

3209-15

### **J. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the meeting be adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer