

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

December 8th, 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 December 8th, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:06 a.m.

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

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Trustees Jim Govenlock and Robyn O'Neill were absent from the meeting.

Trustee Terry Slemko arrived late and entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

Acceptance of Agenda

3219-15

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the agenda for the December 8th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Draft Minutes of the November 24th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting

3220-15

C. Draft Minutes of the November 24th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the November 24th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

2016-2017 DRAFT School Calendar

3221-15

D. Action Items

2016-2017 DRAFT School Calendar

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve for circulation and feedback the DRAFT 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented and will come to the Board in February 2016 for final approval.

Motion Carried

Town of Onoway

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Defer until the Director of Maintenance reports on the site plan, later this afternoon.

Advocacy Plan for 2015-2016

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3222-15

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Advocacy Plan be amended to include “advocating for support of exterior grounds and equipment”.

Motion Carried

3223-15

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board accept the 2015-2016 Advocacy Plan as amended.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

Additional Action Items

Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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ASBA

Trustee Hailes provided a written report from the Zone 2/3 November 27th, 2015 meeting for information.

Letter to Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, provided for information.

Letter to MLA, Todd Loewen, provided for information.

PSBAA

Letter to PSBAA President, provided for information.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional report items:

International Travel

What is the Board's position regarding student's going on International Field Trips?

There are two High Schools with proposed International Field trips upcoming in the Spring of 2016.

The Board will not be cancelling International travel field trips at this time, but will continue to monitor Government Travel Advisories.

Bill 8- Public Education Collective Bargaining Act

The Board Chair and Administration attended the ASBA Board Chair's Meeting on Friday, December 4th, 2015. The meeting was to discuss proposed Bill 8 with Alberta Education representatives.

Agenda Items included:

- How we arrived here (process, timeline and key decision points)
- Overview of Bill 8
- Next steps under Bill 8
- Process for establishing items for the central table and the local table.
- Data collection, analysis and research
- Question and answers with Alberta Education representatives.
- School Board Discussion on Next Steps.

Third Reading for Bill 8 is scheduled for December 9th, 2015.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation and Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, were in attendance at 1:00 p.m.

Action Items

D. Action Items

Town of Onoway

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The Town of Onoway is asking if the east wing of the existing high school could be saved and utilized as a day care.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance reported there is no electrical or heat services on the east end of the building, or road access.

3224-15

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board direct Administration to investigate information and bring back to the Board for review in January, 2016.

Motion Carried

East End Grade Reconfiguration

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A parent meeting was held on the evening of December 3rd at Onoway High school to discuss the proposed reconfiguration. A survey will be forwarded to parents in affected schools. The survey was introduced at this meeting and will be fielded until January 12th, 2016. Results will be compiled and shared with the Board in February.

ASBOA School Fees Survey Analysis

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Survey provided for information.

Student Transportation

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Administration was to provide information for questions the Board had regarding students transporting themselves to school, field trips, etc.

The response from our insurance broker, Lloyd Sadd is as follows:

- We have no problem with students transporting themselves.
- You should have a parental consent form signed off by the parents indicating they are aware of and understand that their child is transporting himself/herself to the specific locations.
- Under no circumstances does that mean he/she can transport other students to and from school events – only himself/herself.

Sangudo Bus Routes:

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, provided maps showing the Sangudo Bus Routes

with proposed amendments, that could mean shorter ride times and later pickup times for some students.

The Board has requested information on what the improvement would be to these ride times if a 6th bus/route was added and the additional cost. Administration will consult with the Director of Transportation and report back to the Board with the requested information and the recommendation.

School Playground Equipment Survey

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Survey provided for information.

Summary of information:

- majority of jurisdictions do not fund
- a few jurisdictions do service "in-kind" from their maintenance dept.
- some provide loans to be paid back
- a few give a one-time amount for a brand new school only.

Trustee Hailes provided a written report outlining his presentation from the November 24th, 2015 Board meeting. Trustee Hailes asked all Board members to provide suggestions on how to fund school playgrounds.

Full Day – Every Day

Full Day – Every Day Kindergarten

Administration provided a report showing Pros and Cons of full day, every day kindergarten along with comparison graphs.

The Board has requested a more detailed report to see if this is beneficial to all students enrolled in full day every day kindergarten and a more detailed report on the pros and cons from the Learning Services Dept.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, and Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Draft Administrative Procedures

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AP 516 – Draft Authorized Signatures
– provided for information

AP 140 – Draft – Appendix – Staff Use of Social Media – provided for information.

Alberta Blue Cross Group Policy Renewal

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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

3225-15

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

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. Board Meeting Dates 2015-2016

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Advocacy Plan 2015-2016
2. Bill 8
3. Draft School Year Calendar – 2016-2017
4. Christmas Board/Staff Lunch
5. Former Trustee Attendance

In-Camera Items

I. In-Camera Items

Nil

Adjournment

J. Adjournment

3226-15

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the meeting be adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer