

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

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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## Opening

### A. Opening

## Call to Order and Roll Call

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:07 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Albert Schalm, Robyn O'Neill, Terry Slemko, Gerry Steinke, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

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

Trustee Jim Govenlock participated via Video-feed.

Trustee Sherry Jeffreys was absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda**

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

- 9. a) Draft Board Meeting Calendar
- 9. b) ASBA Issues Forum Meeting Report

**Acceptance of Agenda**

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

3312-16

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the agenda for the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Draft Minutes of the  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting**

**C. Draft Minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting**

3313-16

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**Action Items**

**D. Action Items**

**2016-2017  
School Fees**

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3314-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that no student shall be excluded from school activities due to a non-payment of Student Curricular Fees.

Motion Defeated

Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

## Appointments and Delegations

### B. Appointments and Delegations

#### *Technology Report*

Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, presented his report:

Shared Services:

Shared Services is a collaborative solution building aimed at enhancing learning opportunities across jurisdiction boundaries; School Districts working and collaborating together for mutual benefit.

Stephanie Damery, Learning Services Coordinator, entered the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Some Shared Services are:

- Shared Transit Internet
- Shared Firewall
- Shared Provincial RFP – Computer Hardware, and
- NGPS Internal Shared Services.

It is based on flexible value exchanges, not necessarily money. NGPS will receive value and add to the net value intrinsically.

See attached presentation.

Jason Yaremchuk completed his presentation and left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

#### *January Diploma Exam Report*

Stephanie Damery, Learning Services Coordinator, provided an overview of Division student performance on the January 2016 Diploma exams.

For most subject areas, students are performing well, however the Board expressed concern about student performance in Mathematics' and Science. Strategies to improve student success have been put into place and will continue.

See attached presentation.

Stephanie Damery completed her presentation and left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

**Action Items**

**2016-2017  
School Fees**

3315-16

**D. Action Items**

**2016-2017 School Fees**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the 2016-2017 Mandatory Student Curricular Fees remain at:

Elementary (includes ECS) \$60.00

Junior High - \$85.00

Senior High - \$110.00 (Adult returning to take a course

Motion Defeated

**2016-2017 Non-  
Alberta Students  
Tuition Fees**

3316-16

**2016-2017 Non-Alberta Students Tuition Fees**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the 2016-2017 tuition fee for Non-Alberta students remain at:

\$7429.00 full year

\$3714.50 half year

Motion Carried

**2016-2017  
Transportation fees  
for Grant Ineligible  
Students**

3317-16

**2016-2017 Transportation fees for  
Grant Ineligible Students**

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the 2016-2017  
Transportation fees for Grant Ineligible Students  
remain at:

\$290.00 per student  
\$145.00 per half day ECS Student and \$290  
per full day everyday ECS Student  
\$722.00 Maximum per family

Motion Carried

The 2016-2017 Student Curricular Fees will be  
discussed at the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board  
meeting.

**Additional Action Items**

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Nil

**Information/Reports**

**E. Information Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA Update**

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**ASBA**

No report

ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin 2016 provided  
for information.

ASBA Policy Positions under Consideration to be  
reviewed at the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board  
meeting.

**PSBAA**

Written report provided – see attached.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Written report provided for information.

**Finance**

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Bank Statements provided for information.

**ASEBP – Rate  
Notification 2016-17**

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Report provided for information.

**ASBIE Annual  
Report 2015**

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Report provided for information.

**Provincial Jurisdictional  
Report**

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Provided for information.

**Budget 2016 Discussion**

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To be discussed at the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Regular Board meeting.

**YRL Report**

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Written report provided for information.

**Suspension Report**

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Provided for information.

**Additional Report Items**

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**Draft Board Calendar**

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Deferred to the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board meeting.

**ASBA Issues Forum**

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The Provincial Issues Forum was held on April 12-13, 2016 in Edmonton, AB.

Items on the agenda were:

- Municipal Government Act Review
- Political Environmental Scan
- Teaching Quality Standard/School Leader Standard
- School Authority Leader Standard
- Tips for Effective Advocacy
- Creating Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments: What's next after Bill 10?
- Inclusive Education Policy Framework
- Trends and key issues for boards:  
Transportation, infrastructure and funding.

In the evening of April 12<sup>th</sup> an MLA Reception was held, with 42 MLA's in attendance.

3318-16

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

Motion Carried.

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

1. Funding for Private/Charter Schools
2. Debrief on School Tours

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

1. Students transporting other students off campus, ex. Dual Credit Courses. What is the liability?

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Approved 2016-2017 Fees
2. Budget 2016
3. January Diploma Exam Report
4. Information Technology Report

**In-Camera Items**

**G. In-Cameral Items**

3319-16

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board go in-camera at 3:00 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Michael Gramatovich and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried



Trustee Steinke declared a conflict and left the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

3320-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:58 p.m.

Motion Carried

3321-16

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board give authorization for the Superintendent to send a letter to Western Cree seeking a meeting to address areas of concern.

Motion Carried

## Adjournment

### I. Adjournment

3322-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes - that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer