

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

May 10<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 May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:08 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, 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 Sarah Healy, Assistant Superintendent, were present at this time.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Nil

## Appointments and Delegations

### B. Appointments and Delegations

Michael Gramatovich – Secretary-Treasurer

Budget 2016/2017 Overview:

Michael Gramatovich reviewed the budget documents provided.

**Craig Lawson, Teacher; Abby Spent, Student, and Sam Drozda, Student, from Hillside High School, entered the meeting at 10:55 a.m.**

Hillside High Nicaragua Presentation:

Mr. Craig Lawson, teacher and two students from Hillside High School, presented to the Board on a recent international field trip to Nicaragua.

This was a work based trip with the “Free the Children Organization”: Supporting a Sustainable Future: Nicaragua Service Learning Excursion. The Learning Excursion was an 8 day trip to Nicaragua to participate in service learning activities, such as building schools, playgrounds, community gardens, digging wells, and more. It also included cultural immersion activities such as guided sightseeing tours, Spanish lessons, pottery classes, and much more.

Seventeen children went to Nicaragua, where they worked in the heat (36 degrees) and dirt, overcoming their anxieties, fears, and sore muscles, to return as seventeen mature, caring and passionate individuals, who’ve had their eyes opened to the beauty and issues of the world.

Mr. Craig Lawson, teacher and the two students from Hillside High School completed their presentation and left the meeting at 12:00 noon.

**Opening**

**Acceptance of Agenda**

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**Draft Minutes of the  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting**

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**Action Items**

**2016-2017  
School Fees**

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**A. Opening**

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the agenda for the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

**C. Draft Minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Slemko– that the draft minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**D. Action Items**

**2016-2017 School Fees**

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– 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 Carried

**Additional Action Items**

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Nil

**Information/Reports**

E.

**Information Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA Update**

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**ASBA**

1. Chair's Report – still looking for an Auditor for the Zone.
  2. ASBA Financial Report – There will be no increase to Board levies. A budget deficit of \$167,000 is proposed with the shortfall to come from the building reserve. Fees for the FGM and SGM have been increased by \$25/ea.
  3. Zone policy proposals for advancement to the FGM were presented and discussed. There are 9 in total.
    1. The Government restores funding of the Artists in Education Program.
    2. The promotion of public education on the importance of vaccinations.
    3. That the Government imposes a sin tax on sugary beverages.
    4. Northern Gateway's proposal on Kindergarten hours and funding.
    5. An increase in Internet funding and the infrastructure required to fulfill the goals of the Learning Technology Framework.
    6. That computer coding is included in the K-9 Curriculum.
- Emergent Items:
7. That the newly implemented Carbon Tax be rebated back to School Boards.
  8. That it not be a requirement for Boards to be members of the ASBA to participate in the ASEBP.
  9. That ASBA adopt a Sexual Orientation Policy.

4. Edwin Parr Report – 19 nominees. Due to limited space, initial attendance will be restricted to the nominee and guest and then the rest of the table, 8 per Board. As additional space becomes available it will be advertised.
5. Labour Relations Report – Looking to track support staff agreements.

Note: Please review the proposed policy documents included in the draft minutes of the April Zone meeting previously forwarded to you for discussion on which ones we support in forwarding to the FGM.

*ASBA Budget & Bylaws Bulletin 2016 Addendum:*

Provided for information.

*ASBA Policy Positions under consideration:*

Provided for information.

#### **PSBAA**

No report.

Jennifer Ferguson, Learning Services Coordinator, entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

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Written report provided for information.

#### **Finance**

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Bank Statements provided for information.

**Diploma Exams -  
Standard of  
Excellence**

**Diploma Exams – Standard of Excellence**

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, and Jennifer Ferguson, Learning Services Coordinator, presented their power point presentation to the Board.

See attached – “Follow Up to January 2016 Diploma Results”

Jennifer Ferguson, Learning Services Coordinator left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

**Three Year Education  
Planning Session**

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The Three Year Education Planning Session will be held on May 25, 2016 at Division Office. There is a new format being used this year.

**Invitation to Minister’s  
Tour**

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Invitation to Minister’s Tour provided for information.

**Restoration of Funding  
for AFA**

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Provided for information.

**Municipal Government  
Act Review**

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Information provided under Invitation to Minister’s Tour.

**EFAP Mid-Year  
Utilization Report**

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Provided for information.

**ASEBP Experience  
Report**

**ASEBP Experience Report**

Provided for information.

**Funding for Private  
Schools**

**Funding for Private Schools**

Provided for information.

**Stakeholder Satisfaction  
Survey Response Letter**

**Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey  
Response Letter**

Provided for information.

**Minister Eggen's  
Response Letter**

**Minister Eggen's Response Letter**

Provided for information.

**Teacher Workload  
Study**

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Provided for information.

## 2016-2017 Draft Board Schedule

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Changes made to the Draft Board Schedule as follows:

November 7 & 8 Results Reviews – change to November 17 & 24

March 11 Board Meeting – change to March 14  
March 28 Board Meeting – change to March 29  
March 29 Admin Meeting – change to March 30

April 6 & 7 School Tours – change to April 4 & 5

## Enrolment Report

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Provided for information.

## Suspension Report

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Provided for information.

## Board Annual Work Plan

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No changes to the plan at this time.  
Provided for information.

## Trustee Reports

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Jim Hailes

Trustee Hailes attended the school tour at Grasmere School and was impressed by a young girl studying jellyfish.



Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys attended the Teacher Induction Ceremony and said it was very well done.

Terry Slemko

On May 28, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Onoway High School will be opening their doors to parents to come in and bid on painted doors as a fundraiser and to tour the school one last time. There will also be books available to purchase for \$20.00 with all of the 200+ pieces of Art done at the school over the years.

Judy Muir

Chair Muir toured the new Onoway High School, beautiful building, very bright with lots of windows.

**Additional Report Items**

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Nil

Moved by Trustee O'Neill – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E19 as information.

Motion Carried.

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

1. School Tours – add to the Board Workshop Agenda.

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

Nil

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Hillside Field Trip Presentation
2. Setting of School Curricular Fees
3. Budget 2016/2017

**In-Camera Items**

**G. In-Cameral Items**

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Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 3:26 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke declared a conflict and left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Trustee Steinke returned at 4:30 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 4:34 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board offer a Transition to Retirement Plan for 2016/2017 as recommended by administration.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke abstained from voting.

**Adjournment**

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**I. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Schalm - that the meeting be adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer