

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

October 4th, 2016

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 October 4th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:07 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, 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 Tammy Charko, Division Social Worker, were present at this time.

Trustee Albert Schalm and Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer were absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

E.6 a) Tech Update

I.2 a) Division Protocols

I.2 b) TEBA Update

B. Appt – Craig Day - Delete

Acceptance of Agenda 3.

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Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Jeffrey – that the agenda for the October 4th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Debbie Vance, Dual Credit and Kristy Tuts, Chair, Career Expo, entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Administration introduced Tammy Charko, Division Social Worker, working out of Division Office and travelling to school sites.

Tammy Charko left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Kristy Tuts, Chair, Career Expo and Debbie Vance, Dual Credit presented on the Career Expo 2016. Power point presentation attached for information.

Students from seven high schools and five different communities had the opportunity to explore post-secondary options and local employment opportunities in Whitecourt last week at the Career & Education Expo.

There were approximately 100 plus student attendees, 300 plus general public attendees, with 57 community exhibitors and 28 post-secondary exhibitors with Educational Liaison Association of Alberta.

Another upcoming event in Whitecourt is the Small Business Week:

October 19 – Customer Service Essentials
Certificate Program
October 21 – Technology Development Advisor
Alberta Innovates
October 22 – Small Business Week Gala

For more information please go to:

[https://www.facebook.com/whitecourtchamber/
?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/whitecourtchamber/?fref=ts)

Kristy Tuts and Debbie Vance completed their presentation and left the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

**Draft Minutes of the
September 20th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

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**C. Draft Minutes of the September 20th, 2016
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the draft minutes of the September 20th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

**Request from
Woodlands County**

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D. Action Items

Request from Woodlands County

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve Woodlands County's request to join with the Town of Whitecourt for the Municipal meeting on November 1st, 2016.

Motion Carried

Bill C-241

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Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board draft a letter to local MP's in support of Bill C-241.

Motion Carried

Hillside Jr/Sr High School Field Trip

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Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve in full Hillside Jr/Sr High School's Encounters with Canada field trip to Ottawa, Ont., scheduled for October 9th – 15th, 2016.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Nil

Information/Reports

E.

Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Trustee Hailes reported from the September 2016 Zone 2/3 meeting:

Chair's Report – Proposed Advocacy ideas for the upcoming year are: Transportation Funding, Board Reserves, Student Mental Health, Provincial Funding Formula and the Relevance of Locally Elected School Boards. Other ideas are welcome and a plan will be finalized at the next meeting.

Director's Report – Theme for the ASBA FGM is "Stronger Together".

President's Report – Working on a Carbon Tax rebate. The ASBA would like you to share with them the results you have with meetings with Ministers.

Alberta Education Report – The School Act has been extended for two years. They are looking for more input on the Education Act. In 2017, a revised Attendance Board will be in place as the current one has been very ineffective.

A panel of LGBTQ Students made a presentation covering challenges they face.

Edwin Parr Report – They are looking for a larger venue to hold the event. Due to the large number of nominees they are reviewing the selection process to streamline it.

ASBA Issues Forum Report:

Administration and trustees attended an ASBA Issues Forum on September 27th – 28th, 2016. Agenda Items were as follows:

- Political Environment Scan – How to advocate in the new political environment.
- "On the Radar" – updates on key issues
- Child and Youth Advocate Act Review
- Joint Commitment to Action Agreement
- Curriculum Redesign
- Local Collective Bargaining.

Almost 300 people attended the ASBA Issues Forum and ASBA is looking to hold the Forum twice a year.

PSBAA

No report.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Alberta Beach Meeting Report

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Chair Muir reported on the meeting:

- Board did their presentation; and discussions were held on:
 - Enrollment trends
 - Grade 8 reconfiguration
 - Joint Use Agreement
 - FNMI.

2016 Appreciation Evening

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The annual Employee Recognition Evening honors NGPS staff each year for their commitment to Northern Gateway, students and their profession.

This year the theme was "Moments, Memories & Milestones" and was held on September 30th, 2016 at the Westward Community Centre.

The evening was a success.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

Google Information

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Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, presented information on the google email scams and what to do if you think you have received one.

See the attached link for more information:
https://youtu.be/Z9Dxs_onLL0

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E6 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

F. Topics for Future Discussions

G. Requests for Information

What do parents see on report cards via Powerschool - presentation.

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Annual Employee Recognition Evening
2. Career and Education Expo 2016
3. Joint Meeting
4. Division Social Worker
5. Bill C-241

In-Camera Items

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G. In-Cameral Items

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the Board go in-camera at 1:03 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 1:57 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

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I. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Steinke - that the meeting be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer