

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

January 10th, 2017

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 January 10th, 2017 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, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, 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, were present at this time.

Trustees Steinke and O'Neill were absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the agenda for the January 10th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Minutes of the December 13th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

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C. Minutes of the December 13th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the minutes of the December 13th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

Hillside Jr/Sr High International Field Trip

3458-17

D. Action Items

Hillside Jr/Sr High International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the Board approve in principle Hillside Jr/Sr High School’s international field trip to attend a Musical Performance and Clinics in Anaheim, California, scheduled from May 18th – May 23rd, 2017.

Motion Carried

**Hillside High School
Field Trip**

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Hillside High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve in principle Hillside Jr/Sr High School’s field trip to study Canadian History in Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa, scheduled for July 2nd – July 9th, 2018

Motion Carried

School Name Change

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School Name Change

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve the following school name changes:

- Northern Gateway Division Outreach #1157 to Gateway Academy Valleyview # 1157.
- Fox Creek Talent Development Centre #1389 to Gateway Academy Fox Creek #1389.
- Hilltop Outreach #1552 to Gateway Academy Whitecourt #1552.
- Onoway Outreach #1551 to Gateway Academy Onoway #1551.

Motion Carried

**Borrowing By-Law
No. 1-17**

3461-17

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-17

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that By-Law No. 1-17 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive first reading.

Motion Carried

PSBAA

No report.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, left the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Finance

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Site Summary Reports as of December 31st, 2016 provided for information.

Rural School Boards
Caucus Communications

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Letters provided for information.

Rural School Boards have been asked if they would be interested in joining a Rural Boards Caucus. Boards will make their own decision as to whether or not joining this organization would be beneficial. Although rural transportation issues continue to be an area of concern, the mandate of this organization will be broadened to include a variety of other challenges faced by rural school Boards.

Letter to Minister Wilson-
Raybould – Legalization of
Marijuana

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Provided for information.
Copy of letter to be sent to Local MPs.

Town of Onoway Letters -
Solar Light Request
& New School Investment

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Light Request & New School
Investment

3465-17

Letters provided for information.

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that Northern Gateway Public Schools contribute \$1000.00 to the Town of Onoway for the purchase of a solar crosswalk light as a one-time payment only.

Motion Carried

Community use of the inside walking track to be part of the Joint Use Agreement. Maybe the \$100,000 investment from the Town can be re-purposed for an outside track, exterior of the building etc.

Advise the Town of Onoway that the Academy Fabricators did not provide funds.

Alberta Electoral
Boundaries Commission
Letter

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Letter

Provided for information.

Late Registrations

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Administration advised trustees to be aware that conferences have a deadline to register and we will be charged a penalty if you register after the deadline date.

Trustee Accident Policy

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Administration advised the Trustee Accident Policy does not cover any Trustee over the age of 70. The Insurance Company is looking at extended coverage for those. Those trustees affected have had no coverage since September 1, 2016. Administration is looking into other coverage in the meantime.

SIIP Benefits - Cap Removal

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Provided for information.

Enrollment Report

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Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Change to February fourth bullet to read:

“Initiate Process for Superintendent/Board Evaluation – (Bi-Annual)”

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Nil

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

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

What is the status of NGPS’s Division Identity and Foundational Statements?

Incite Marketing Firm is holding workshops on January 11th, 12th and 13th. Will use the feedback to develop the Mission, Vision Statements.

Will come back to the Board for review after the statements are drafted.

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Hillside High School Field Trips
2. ASBA Strategic Plan Survey
3. Rural School Boards Caucus
4. School Name Changes

In-Camera Items

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G. In-Cameral Items

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 1:25 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board come out of in-camera at 1:34 p.m.

Motion Carried

3469-17

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board direct administration to proceed with the land transfer to CN for the offer of \$5000.00 plus all subdivision/legal costs subject to Ministerial approval and the indemnity Alberta Ed requires.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

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I. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys - that the meeting be adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer