

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

May 9th, 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 May 9th, 2017, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Robyn O'Neill, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, 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.

Trustee Govenlock participated via video-conference.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Deletion:
D.3 Notice of Motion

Addition:

- D.5.a) MP Request
- D.5.b) I (2) - Onoway High School Track
- D.6. I (4) - Transportation Review
- I.5. Student Matter

Acceptance of Agenda

3570-17

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the agenda for the May 9th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the April 25th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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C. Minutes of the April 25th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the minutes of the April 25th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

Notice of Motion

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D. Action Items

Notice of Motion

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the regular meetings of the Board commence at 5:00 p.m effective August 1st, 2017.

Motion Carried

2017/2018 Board Meetings

3573-17

2017/2018 Board Meetings

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the regular Board Meetings be scheduled as attached, to commence at 5:00 p.m. at the Division Office in Whitecourt.

Motion Carried

Town of Onoway

3574-17

Town of Onoway

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent meet with the Town of Onoway to discuss their request.

Motion Carried.

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Hillside High delegation entered meeting at 10:59 a.m. via video conference.

Hillside High Student Presentation:

Staff and students from Hillside High School presented to the Board of Trustees on their recent international trip to attend the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The group embarked on a 9 day tour entitled Remembering Victory at Vimy.

Travelling from Europe's finest capital of art and culture, Paris, to the capital of the European Union, Brussels, this tour took them through the fields of Canadian sacrifice that helped make possible the freedom Europe enjoys today. They visited the key Canadian sites of the First World War ... Passchendaele, Ypres, Flanders, and Vimy.

A highlight of their trip was participating in the 100th anniversary ceremonies of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and joining thousands of other students from Canada in exclusive events to celebrate the birth of our nation.

Hillside High delegation left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, entered the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Additional Action Items

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MP Request

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MP Arnold Viersen in discussions with Trustee Steinke concerning the legalization of marijuana, has suggested our Board should be a witness at Parliament in Ottawa.

More information has been requested to see what being a witness entails.

Transportation Review

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Expenditure information was provided regarding Contractor versus Division owned routes.

More information to be provided at the May 23rd, 2017 Board meeting.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Onoway High School
Track

Onoway High School Track

Administration advised there is soil on site that needs to be tested. Retendering may cause a big delay or tenders could come in higher. We are waiting for an answer if we will get a credit back from the contractor on their tender.

A trustee commented that the Superintendent previously assured us that the Board would not put in funds to support this track. We do not support the other schools in the same manner.

3575-17

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that administration come back to the Board with a plan on the upgrading of all school grounds in the division.

Motion Carried.

Information/Reports

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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Trustee Hailes ASBA Zone 2/3 April 2017 report:

Chair's Report – there will be a June Zone meeting, primary purpose is to celebrate this years Committee work, review the years' work and to start preparations for next year.

Policy Proposals:

- a) Aspenview – calls for a review of the K-12 funding formulas
- b) ECSD
 - #1 – calls for an outside review of the funding of Education in AB.

- #2 – wants the establishment of an optional four year program for High School.
- #3 – calls for the establishment of June as Indigenous History Month
- #4 – mandatory vaccinations
- c) NGPS – no feedback from the floor but positive comments from the President.

- c) St. Thomas Aquinas – wraparound services.

President's Report – lots of things happening: the Saskatchewan Court decision, the discussions around the revamping of Boards in other jurisdictions, Bill 1 School Fees, Bill 7 Northlands, Bill 8 MGA, Bill 63 in Saskatchewan stripping most power from school Boards, and the new School Act.

Alberta Ed Directors Report – the Monthly written Directors Report has been replaced by a post on the Alberta Ed website called IN THE LOOP; it will be updated regularly. The Ministry is looking at a differentiated funding model recognizing that we are not all the same.

Advocacy Committee – New policy proposal (I emailed a copy of the presentation to trustees last week). There will be a May MLA activity, details to come shortly.

ASBA Draft Budget – There has been no increase in fees in 4 years. This year there will be a 3% increase which for NGPS is about \$1,000. They have accessed some reserves and increased Fees for service.

Edwin Parr – we have been assured there will be a different venue for next year.

PSBAA:

Invitation from PSBAA – The PSBAA Executive Committee would like to meet with the Board at the SGM in Red Deer. Meeting to be scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 2, 2017.

PSBAA Notice of Special Meeting – June 3, 7:00 p.m. – Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer, AB.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Written reports provided for information

Three Year Education

Three Year Education Planning Session

Scheduled for May 25th, 2017. Administration to email out schedule for the day.

Letter from Prime Minister

Letter from Prime Minister

Provided for information.

Letter from Holy Family Catholic Reg. Division

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Provided for information.

Enrolment Report

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Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Rural School Boards Notice of Motion
at SGM – Red Deer.

Meeting scheduled for June 4th, 2017 from
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, Red Deer.

3576-17

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Board
accept Information/Reports E1- E10 as
information.

Motion Carried

**Topics for Future
Discussions**

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Reinstate meetings with the two Catholic Boards.

**Requests for
Information**

G. Requests for Information

Transportation Review

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Change to Board Meetings time
2. Hillside High Student Presentation
3. Town of Onoway meeting

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, left the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

In-Camera Items

I. In-Cameral Items

3577-17

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board go in-camera at 3:06 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke left the meeting at 3:37 p.m. due to conflict of interest re: I (1).

Trustee Jeffreys left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

3578-17

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

3579-17

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board direct administration to transfer \$550,000.00 from Operational Reserves to Capital Reserves for the purchase of land for a future school build in Valleyview.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

3580-17

Moved by Trustee Granley- that the meeting be adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer