

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF NORTHERN GATEWAY
REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 10 HELD IN THE BOARD
ROOM OF THE DIVISION OFFICE IN WHITECOURT,
ALBERTA ON OCTOBER 8TH, 2013**

OPENING

A. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 8th, 2013 Regular Board meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Jim Hailes, Barbara Maddigan, Anne Nichol, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, George Turk and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, and Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer.

Barry Kerton, Reporter, Whitecourt Star, was present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, arrived for the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

D.2.a) Trustee Compensation
E.16.a) Staff Appreciation Evening

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2712-13

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the agenda for the October 8th, 2013 Regular Board meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Nil

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2713-13

Moved by Trustee Turk – that the draft minutes of the September 17th, 2013 Regular Board meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP

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2714-13

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board defer this item to a future Board meeting.

Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

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TRUSTEE COMPENSATION

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2715 – 13

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Trustee honoraria rates be set at the following, effective November 1st, 2013.

- 1.1.1 - \$60.00 per quarter day;
- 1.1.2 - \$110.00 per half day;
- 1.1.3 - \$170.00 per three-quarter day;
- 1.1.4 - \$220.00 per full day
- 1.1.5 - \$280.00 per one and one-quarter day
- 1.1.6 - \$330.00 per one and one-half day

Motion Carried

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
REPORTS****ASBA****E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS****ASBA**

Trustee Slemko reported from the September 27th, 2013 Zone 2/3 meeting:

- Secretary Treasurer – new secretary is no more; Jackie Gilbert will cover. May need to look outside the box and contract services.
- Discuss ASBA bylaw changes with your Board.
- Labor relations (now labor rep) – 10 Boards across the province have settled with ATA.
- Advocacy – need 3 issues from each Board.
- Field Services – recognize cooperating teachers.
- Catholic/Public School Boards amalgamated in the South Francophone district.
- SLAs (Student Learning Assessments) will replace PATs:
 - Pilots for grade 3 in September 2014
 - Grade 6 in 2015
 - Grade 9 in 2016.
- Changes in diploma exams – writings in November/April.
- Maureen Kubinec – presentation on Education Act Regulatory Review:
 - September 2014 – regulations will go to Boards
 - September 2015 – policies in place
 - Online survey available October 1st
 - Meeting Edmonton – October 16 – Delta Edmonton South
- Together We Raise Tomorrow – a province-wide engagement strategy designed to improve the well-being, security, education and health of all children in Alberta. Go to www.earlychildhood.alberta.ca to participate in the engagement. Also www.socialpolicy.alberta.ca

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, entered the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

PSBAA**PSBAA**

Chair Muir reported:

- PSBAA Fall General meeting packages have been sent to Trustees.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT****SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Administration is having ongoing discussions with First Nations and is taking up a lot of time. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation will be signing off on an amended agreement and Western Cree is honoring the current agreement.
- Administration met with Northern Lakes College representatives and Fox Creek School to discuss the arrangements of the Dual Credit Program.
- Administration attended the Onoway and Community Visioning Workshop. Meeting was facilitated by Community Development with discussions on the development of a plan for Onoway for the next 5 years.
- The Strategic Planning Day held on September 18th, 2013 was very successful. The ThoughtStream survey has been sent out for comments which will be collated and results shared with the Board.
- The Provincial Assessments Results have been received. Administration will do an overview on November 1st, 2013 before the Results Review meetings start that morning.
- Hilltop High, Mayerthorpe High and Onoway High Schools were invited to attend the Growth Alberta 2013 Youth Expo on October 18th, 2013. No students will be attending, but a representative from each school will be sent to the event. Information gained from the representatives will be shared with the Board.

FINANCE**FINANCE**

Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following finance reports:

- Bank Statements as at August 31st, 2013.
- Accumulated Surplus as at August 31st, 2013
- 2012-2013 CEU Analysis

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, entered the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

**ENROLMENT AS OF
SEPTEMBER 30TH,
2013**

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Enrolment for Northern Gateway Public Schools as of September 30th, 2013 was 5007 students. Report provided for information.

**DEPUTY
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Staffing:

As of September 30th, 2013:

Teachers – 274.283 FTE
Support Staff – 145.4762 FTE

PUFF approvals continue to come in.
Additional support for some students still coming in.

- Hilltop High School Review process has been set:
 1. Data Collection
 2. Surveys – November 21 – 23
 3. Teachers interviewed, students surveyed and some students interviewed and parents surveyed.
- The Learning Services team is working on Action Research Projects. More information presented to the Board at a future meeting.
- Data is back on the Three Year Ed Plan from the September 18th, 2013 Strategic Planning Day.
- Friday, October 11th, 2013 is the Division Professional Development Day. The day is entitled "Voices and Vision: NGPS of Tomorrow." ThoughtStream information will be shared with staff at this time.
- The Student Conference is being held on October 29th, 2013.

**FNMI ACHIEVEMENT
GAP MEETINGS**

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Alberta Education will be contacting each Superintendent whose jurisdiction has a significant population of FNMI learners to establish fall meeting dates for data-focused conversations on FNMI student performance.

**EDUCATION MINISTER'S
TELECONFERENCE WITH
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Minister Jeff Johnson's Teleconference with Parent Representatives on School Councils will take place on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is an invitation for school councils and parents to participate in a future-focused conversation.

**ALBERTA HEALTH
SERVICES ORAL
HEALTH PROGRAM**

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PRORAM**

Alberta Health Services' province-wide Oral Health Action Plan aims to prevent dental disease in children in targeted schools through provision of fluoride varnish and dental sealants. Letter provided for information.

GROWTH ALBERTA

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Reported on under the Superintendent's report.

**TOWN OF ONOWAY
LETTER**

TOWN OF ONOWAY LETTER

Northern Gateway administration will contact the Mayor of the Town of Onoway to discuss further.

Letter provided for information.

**CENTRAL SERVICES
ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART**

CENTRAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Northern Gateway Public Schools Central Services Organizational Chart provided for information. Trustees would like to see the Division Office Directory published again.

Barry Kerton, Report, Whitecourt Star, left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

2013 SCHOOL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

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Schedule provided for information.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT - PERCY BAXTER

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Percy Baxter School Council Annual Report provided for information.

BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

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The Board Annual Work Plan was reviewed. No changes were made at this time.

NOMINATION RESULTS

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The Final Nomination Results were provided for information.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS

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ANNUAL STAFF APPRECIATION EVENING

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Feedback on the event:

- 244 people attended the event this year.
- more Valleyview staff attended this year.
- bussing was provided and many comments on how this was appreciated.
- sound system worked very well this year.
- the hall was beautifully decorated.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
REPORTS****TRUSTEE REPORTS****E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS****TRUSTEE REPORTS**

All trustees said a thank you and good bye to fellow trustee Anne Nichol. Trustee Nichol joined the Board on October 15th, 2007 and has served on the Board for 6 years.

Terry Slemko

Parent Council from Onoway Elementary School is struggling to get more parents to attend the council meetings.

Staff from Onoway High School chose not to attend the Staff Appreciation Evening to show their respect for the passing of staff member Tom Saumer. The staff from Onoway High School wanted to say thank you to Division Office administration for their support during this time.

Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm attended the Parent Council meetings at Elmer Elson Elementary and Mayerthorpe High School. More parents are needed to attend the meetings at Mayerthorpe High. Council is looking into bringing in residents from the community to talk about Educational issues.

Barbara Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan and Govenlock attended Parent Council meetings at Hilltop High and Pat Hardy Primary School.

Hilltop talked about the new dress code implemented at the High School for students. Also, a new initiative is being started at Hilltop with a pay as you go lunch program. Foods that are approved by meeting nutritional standards will be for sale and are economical to buy. With the reduced lunch time, the school feels they must rise to the occasion and provide alternatives for the students.

Administration from Pat Hardy talked about the digital literacy program for use at school and at home. Staff are very excited about this program. Administration also gave an update on all the maintenance repairs completed at the school.

Anne Nichol

Trustee Nichol thanked the Board and said she is excited to do other things for a while. Her last job as a trustee will be to hand out awards at Hillside High School.

Jim Hailes

Congratulated Judy Muir, Terry Slemko and Barbara Maddigan for receiving Long Service Awards from ASBA.

George Turk

Trustee Turk advised the principal at Mayerthorpe High School is also addressing the dress code at his school.

The smaller schools have a hard time getting executive on the parent councils. Most parent councils are busy raising money for bussing to attend extra-curricular field trips.

Judy Muir

Chair Judy Muir thanked Trustee Nichol for her dedicated service on the Board. She reported that Trustee Nichol requested the departing gift she would have received, the money be donated to the Oscar Adolphson Primary School's Early Literacy Program instead.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. Annual Staff Appreciation Evening
2. Student Enrolments
3. Education Minister's Teleconference with Parents
4. Final Meeting for Board of Trustees

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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2716 – 13

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board go in-camera at 2:02 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

2717-13

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board come out of in-camera at 2:28 p.m.

Motion Carried

2718-13

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board support the # 1 Capital Project Plan being a replacement school for Onoway High School.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

J. ADJOURNMENT

2719-13

Moved by Trustee Nichol - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer