

**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 29TH, 2013**

OPENING

A. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER

1. CALL TO ORDER

The October 29th, 2013 Regular Board meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Beverly Smith, Gerry Steinke and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent of Schools and Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer.

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

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

G.3.a) Legal – Mayerthorpe High School

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2729-13

Moved by Trustee Smith – that the agenda for the October 29th, 2013 Regular Board meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Nil

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8TH, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2730-13

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the draft minutes of the October 8th, 2013 Regular Board meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP

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2731-13

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board approve in full the Hilltop High School’s Senior Girls basketball team trip to San Diego scheduled for December 26th to December 31st, 2013.

Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

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NIL

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA

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Trustee Slemko reported on the October 25th, 2013
Zone 2/3 meeting:

Elections:

Chair: Cheryl Dumont, St. Alberta Public

Vice Chair: Colleen Holowaychuk, Elk Island

Director: Jean Boisvert

Alternate Director: Vicki Lefebvre

Edwin Parr: Cheryl Johner, Irene Sawyer, Bernie
Huedepohl

Advocacy: Richard Gilchrist, Lorna Middlebrook, one more
needed.

Labour Relations, Labor Relations Alternate,
Comprehensive School Health – defer to November
meeting.

Adoption of Zone 2/3 Bylaws

Adoption of Zone 2/3 Executive Roles & Responsibilities

Budget for 2013 – 2014 approved

ASBA without a President – Jacquie Hansen did not run
and Cheryl Smith defeated.

Orientation for new trustees – Nov. 4th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Rookie Round-Up – November 17th, 2013 – 2:00 p.m.

New trustees and Board Chairs – January 19th – 21st, 2014
in Edmonton – Community Engagement workshop to
follow

Long Service Awards presented

Friends of Zone Award – presented to Joan Trettler

Zone 2/3 Advocacy Committee 2013 – 2014 – Advocacy
Subject Options provided for information.

PSBAA

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Chair Muir reported:

- PSBAA Fall General meeting is scheduled for
November 13th to November 15th, 2013.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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- Congratulations to all new and returning trustees. We also need to recognize the outgoing trustees Anne Nichol, Barb Maddigan and George Turk for their dedication.
- FNMI Education Agreements update: Alexis - we now have the basic terms for an agreement and the Onoway High School Liaison person will continue. Western Cree – we have reached an agreement on the Special Needs student funding.
- Administration will be meeting with Alberta Ed on November 12th, 2013 on FNMI Learning needs.
- Administration updated the new trustees on the C2 Committee and the meetings that have taken place to date.
- Results Reviews are taking place on November 1st, 5th and 6th, 2013 at Division Office in Whitecourt.
- Northern Gateway is moving towards being paperless with Docushare and eForms.
- Administration passed a new administrative procedure on digital citizenship; it has been posted to the Northern Gateway website.
- Advocacy Plan – the Board has taken significant steps to engage parents, students and staff with the events: Sharing and Shaping, Division Wide Professional Development Day and the Student Conference.

**DEPUTY
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Nil

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following finance reports:

- Bank Statements as at September 30th, 2013.

2013 – 2014 INSURANCE RENEWAL**2013 – 2014 INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Northern Gateway's deductible went from \$5,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Report provided for information. Administration to investigate the possibility of purchasing insurance from another provider to cover part of our deductible increase.

TASK FORCE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE REPORT**TASK FORCE FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE REPORT**

The Task Force for Teaching Excellence was established by the Minister of Education to make recommendations and help inform guiding principles and policy shifts that align with Inspiring Education.

Chair Muir and Trustee Hailes attended this consultation on October 15th, 2013 and reported on this:

- great discussion
- excellent ideas
- one facilitator per table – everything that was said was written down.
- participants were to answer 4 questions given to them
- feedback from these consultations will be available in the new year.

ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT REGULATORY REVIEW CONSULTATION REPORT**ALBERTA EDUCATION ACT REGULATORY REVIEW CONSULTATION REPORT**

The Education Act Regulatory Review committee's goal is to develop a set of regulations that will support Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system for the review. The Ministry is also looking at related policies, standards, guidelines and procedures to ensure they, too, are aligned with the Education Act and the values and principals of Inspiring Education.

Trustees Hailes and Govenlock attended the October 16th, 2013 Consultation session and reported:

- seated in large groups and conversation not as open
- groups were asked to answer 3 questions
- conversation often not about the actual regulations

- nothing meaningful came from this session – found they lost focus and went off the topic
- Trustee Hailes attended a session on School Councils and found questions were not what people wanted to talk about.
- Trustee Govenlock attended the session on Transportation where the “walk limit” for children was discussed. Session was not valuable.

C2 COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

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Reported on under the Superintendent’s report.

Board will receive the C2 Interim Report at the November 20th, 2013 Board meeting.

DIVISION PD DAY REPORT

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Northern Gateway held its Division Wide Professional Development Day on October 11th, 2013. The theme “Voices and Vision: NGPS of Tomorrow”.

The morning consisted of greetings from the Board, the Superintendent and “The Story of Us” presentation.

The afternoon was break-out sessions with specific groups, which was facilitated by Northern Gateway staff.

2013 ELECTION RESULTS

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Provided for information.

UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS/MEETINGS

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Provided for information.

**BOARD WORKSHOP/
ORIENTATION -
DECEMBER 3 – 5, 2013**

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To be discussed on November 5th, 2013 following the Results Review presentations.

ENROLMENT REPORT

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Provided for information.

Barry Kerton, Reporter, Whitecourt Star, left the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

SUSPENSION REPORT

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Provided for information.

**ADDITIONAL REPORT
ITEMS**

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Nil

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. Organizational Meeting
2. New Trustees Sworn In
3. Student Conference – October 29th, 2013

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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2732-13

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board go in-camera at 3:46 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

2733-13

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board come out of in-camera at 4:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

J. ADJOURNMENT

2734-13

Moved by Trustee Smith - that the meeting be adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer