

**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 MARCH 11TH, 2014**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 11th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Beverly Smith, Gerry Steinke and Administrators Sheila Ranslam, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer and Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, were present at this time.

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent and Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, were absent from the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nil

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2809-14

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the agenda for the March 11th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 25TH, 2014
REGULAR BOARD**

**C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25TH, 2014
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

MEETING

2810-14

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the draft minutes of the February 25th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, presented the following maintenance report:

- Carpenter has been hired for the Fox Creek/Valleyview areas.
- Ongoing repairs to monthly maintenance requests.
- Hilltop Modernization of two classrooms is 99% complete.
- Rich Valley staff lounge renovation will be a summer project.
- Fox Creek School – has a new Cardlock system and re-keying of the school has started.
- Phase II of David Ovans demolition is 100% completed.
- Pat Hardy paved parking lot is complete, with lights still to be installed.
- Air quality test was completed on Onoway High School with all tests normal.
- Annual Fire Alarm Verifications have been completed in Mayerthorpe, Sangudo, Grasmere, Darwell, Rich Valley, Onoway, Pat Hardy, Hilltop, Percy Baxter, Whitecourt Central, Fox Creek, with Valleyview schools to follow.
- On Friday, March 7th, 2014, there was a major water line break near the parking lot at Onoway High School. The break was located and repaired.
- The Request for Proposal for a consulting architect for the Onoway High School capital project has been posted and evaluation for selection has been set for March 19th. A meeting has been set with the Town to discuss partnering possibilities. With the selection of a consulting architect, plans will be developed to engage various communities as the design is developed.

- The Instructional Area Form (Capacity Change) was distributed and reviewed.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, completed his

report at 10:37 a.m. and left the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

**2014 - 2015
SCHOOL FEES**

2811-14

D. ACTION ITEMS

2014 – 2015 SCHOOL FEES

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board reconsider Motion 2791-14.

Motion Carried

Vote on Motion 2791-14.

Motion Carried

Trustees requested administration to provide a detailed list from schools as to what the school fees are being used for.

**ONOWAY HIGH SCHOOL
FIELD TRIP**

2812-14

ONOWAY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in full the Onoway High School student Jobe Alexis to take part in the Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa from March 9th – March 14th, 2014.

Motion Carried

2813-14

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve in full the Onoway High School student Sage Potts to take part in the Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa from March 30th – April 5th, 2014.

Motion Carried

**ADDITIONAL ACTION
ITEMS**

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NIL

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
REPORTS**

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA/PSBAA UPDATE

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ASBA

Written report provided.

PSBAA

No report.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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Written report from the Superintendent provided.

Defer to next meeting.

Trustee Slemko attended the Rural Education Symposium and said it was very well done as a PD session. One of the sessions Trustee Slemko attended was on Emergency Preparedness in Schools, and he questioned if there was an emergency plan for the staff in Division Office and trustees when in meetings at Division Office.

Assistant Superintendent Sheila Ranslam advised that Northern Gateway's Coordinator of Health and Safety Services is currently developing an Emergency Plan for the Division Office.

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following finance reports:

- Site Finance Reports as at February 28th, 2014.

**ASBA FACILITATED
CONSULTATION
SESSIONS**

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The Alberta School Boards Association is offering facilitated consultation sessions to assist school boards in considering an alternate model for collective bargaining with teachers on March 20th, 2014, Edmonton, AB.

BUDGET 2014/15

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Deferred until the March 25th, 2014 Board Meeting.

Committee of the Whole meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m., with Regular Board meeting to follow in the p.m.

Trustee Govenlock provided a brief overview to the Provincial Budget 2014/15 for Education:

- 2% grant rate increase for Small Class Size Initiative
- 2% grant rate increase for Inclusive Education
- No inflationary costs were addressed
- Shortfall regarding Teachers' Salaries and in Transportation.

COMMUNITY LUNCH BOX PROGRAM LETTER

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Provided for information was the letter administration sent to Tara Baker, The Community Lunch Box Program, stating that while the Board cannot direct Education funding to this initiative, it has authorized that an optional \$10.00 fee be included on school fee schedules to allow parents to support the program.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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March 20th, 2014 Policy meeting to be rescheduled.

March 20th, 2014 Town of Onoway meeting to be discussed with administration, to decide if meeting needs to be rescheduled.

March 18th, 2014 Town of Fox Creek meeting.
Items for agenda:

- Joint Use Agreement – where is this going?
- Inspiring Education – Curriculum Development

- High School Flexibility Program
- Poor achievement/diploma exam results.
- When does the modernization happen for the Fox Creek School? What information from Town does Division need to help with this project.
- Lack of funding for more options at High School – so students go elsewhere. Can Town help with funding?
- Can companies contribute funding to hire more staff?
- Lack of accommodations for new staff hired and rent is very high.

ANNUAL BOARD WORK PLAN

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Trustee Granley reviewed the Annual Board Work Plan and no changes were made at this time.

ENROLMENT REPORT

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Provided for information.

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. Onoway High School Field Trips
2. Approval of 2014/15 School Fees
3. Maintenance Report
4. Provincial Budget

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, joined the meeting for the afternoon.

2814-14

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board go in-camera at 12:54 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Sheila Ranslam and Mike Gramatovich, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Jeffreys was absent for the vote.

Trustee Steinke left the boardroom at 12:55 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

2815-13

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 1:16 p.m.

Motion Carried

Trustee Steinke returned to the boardroom at 1:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT

2816-14

Moved by Trustee Granley - that the meeting be adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer