

**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 25TH, 2014**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The March 25th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:08 p.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 Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, of Schools, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, was present at this time.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nil

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2817-14

Moved by Trustee Smith – that the agenda for the March 25th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

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**MARCH 11TH, 2014
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING**

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2818-14

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the draft minutes of the March 11th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**APPOINTMENTS &
DELEGATIONS**

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Nil

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

**MAYERTORPE HIGH
SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL
FIELD TRIP**

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2819-14

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board approve in principle the Mayerthorpe Jr. /Sr. High School’s international Field Trip Explore Science in Hawaii Tour, scheduled from April 2nd to April 11th, 2015.

Motion Carried

**LOCALLY DEVELOPED
COURSES**

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2820-14

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board authorize the use of the following Locally Developed Courses acquired from Pembina Hills Regional Division No. 7 from September 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2018: Abnormal Psychology 35 (3 credits); from Edmonton School District No. 7 from September 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2018: Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 15 (5 credits), Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 25 (5 credits), Drawing (Advanced Techniques) 35 (5 credits); and from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District from September 1st, 2014 – August 31st, 2018: Learning Strategies 15 (5 credits), Learning Strategies 25 (5 credits) and Learning Strategies 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the courses are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

TRUSTEE REQUEST

TRUSTEE REQUEST TO BE ABSENT FROM BOARD

TO BE ABSENT FROM BOARD MEETINGS

MEETINGS

2821-14

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve Trustee Govenlock’s request to potentially be absent for three consecutive Board meetings: April 9th, 22nd, and May 6th, 2014.

Trustee Govenlock abstained from voting.

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

Bargaining Model Consultations Report:

Chair Muir reported on the March 20th, 2014 ASBA Facilitated Consultation Session held in Edmonton.

The Alberta School Boards offered facilitated consultation sessions to assist school boards in considering an alternate model for collective bargaining with ATA.

These sessions are to provide participants with an overview of the events that led to the current situations, a brief review of the background materials provided, which will help inform participants of this situation, a discussion around any parameters that are known at this point which may focus the deliberations, and then a series of questions and table activities to elicit participant discussion and feedback.

ASBA has requested School Boards to consider the matter

of teacher bargaining at the local jurisdiction level and consider any official submission they wish to provide by April 29th, 2014.

School Boards will be asked to consider and vote on recommendations offered by the ASBA Board of Directors at the ASBA Spring General Meeting on June 2nd, 2014.

Trustees to review information and discussion will continue at the April 9th, 2014 Board Meeting.

PSBAA

Letter to the Editor:

All School Boards received a memo from A. Hrynyk, President of the PSBAA, in regards to what has been written about the Inspiring Education vision, curriculum re-design and discovery learning.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the Letter to the Editor, which PSBAA is asking all Boards to consider forwarding to our Municipal partners, School Advisory Council Chairperson, parents, Community Members and local media.

Administration to forward an electronic copy of the Letter to the Editor to our Communications Officer to forward to the local media.

ASBA

Trustee Hailes reported from the March 21st, 2014 Zone 2/3 meeting:

- Chair's Report – April 27th will be the presentation and review of the ASBA budget, there will be no proposed increase in fees. They are questioning if we need a June Zone meeting.
- Meeting with the MLA's is scheduled for April 23rd, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Glenora. Presentation will focus on Transportation, Inclusive Education and Capital Funding looking through the lenses of the new Social Policy Framework and Results Based Budgeting.
- Edwin Parr Report – Nominations have closed and the

selection process has begun. The Zone event will be held on May 23rd at the Executive Royal West Inn.

- President's Report – The Minister is still questioning the amount of reserves that have accumulated in the Province. We have to continue making the case for these reserves both at the local and provincial levels and not just in the school community. A one pager is suggested for our MLA's.
- Executive Director's Report - The Good Samaritan Act may not extend to School Division Employees. More to follow.
- Director's Report – update from the Task Force for Strengthening ASBA's Voice on Provincial Issues. They are advising that the Chairs role should be empowered to be a voice for their Board on Provincial issues. They are proposing creation of a Council of School Chairs. This would be a decision making body that could elevate the organization's standing. The idea being this is where the Minister would go to on certain issues. If Boards have one voice on Provincial issues there will be more consideration given to the power of that voice.
- Professional Development Sessions:
 1. Scott McCormack gave an overview of the ASBA's Provincial Bargaining Initiative
 2. Kim Ayers gave a tour of the Association's Web Site
 3. Cheryl Dumont gave overviews of the roles and responsibilities of Zone Reps and Zone financial procedures.
 4. An overview of the Zone Director's roles and responsibilities were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Written report from the Superintendent provided.

Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following finance reports:

- Bank Statements as at February 28th, 2014.

ATA INDUCTION CEREMONY

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There were 25 new, and new to Alberta, teachers inducted into the profession on March 20th, 2014 at the St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Whitecourt as part of the annual joint ATA/NGPS Induction Ceremony. Each year, first year teachers who are new to the province, are officially inducted into the profession by the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) amongst their NGPS trustees, colleagues, peers and mentors.

FOX CREEK MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL

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Chair Muir reported on the Fox Creek meeting with Town Council that took place on March 18th, 2014.

Administration, trustees, the principal and the two vice-principals from Fox Creek school were in attendance at the meeting. Council had many questions which were all answered and they left with a good sense of how the school was doing.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY LETTER

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Lac Ste. Anne County Council has established a committee to look at options in developing a unique opportunity for area youth, that being to attend a week-long Space Camp at the Cosmodome Centre in Laval, Quebec.

Lac Ste. Anne County Council is looking for support

once again from Northern Gateway by having a School Trustee sit on the Selection Committee.

Trustee Slemko nominated Trustee Jeffreys and volunteered to be the alternate on the committee.

2822-14

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board appoint Trustee Jeffreys to sit on the Selection Committee as the representative from Northern Gateway Public Schools with Trustee Slemko as the alternate.

Motion Carried.

GROUP BENEFITS COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

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Trustee Govenlock reviewed the March 12th, 2014 Group Benefits Insurance Committee meeting record.

No changes were made to the meeting record.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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The upcoming meetings to be held in April were reviewed with the following additions:

April 23 – Advocacy Meeting – Royal Glenora – 5-7 p.m.

April 24 – 27 – Alberta Library Conference

2823-14

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board approve Trustee Slemko to attend the Alberta Library Conference 2014, to be held in Jasper, Alberta and allow him to claim the difference in the per diem rate.

Motion Carried

2824-14

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board cancel the

Regular Board meeting scheduled for April 22nd, 2014.

Motion Carried

**ADLC SERVICE
AGREEMENT
EXTENSION**

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Copy of ADLC Service Agreement Extension provided for information only.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

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Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko commented on the impact social media has on our lives today. In regards to the Onoway High School fire, a parent had called him to advise there was a fire at the school and when he arrived there, parents were already picking up their children.

Trustee Slemko also advised how impressed he was on how well the music teacher, Elizabeth Neufeld handled this situation with the fire at the Onoway High School.

At this point, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, announced that Elizabeth Neufeld, Onoway High School, had been nominated for the Edwin Parr Award.

Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm attended the Induction Ceremony and commented that the messages to the new teachers from Superintendent Kevin Andrea and Chair Judy Muir were very good.

Trustee Schalm attended the Rural Education Symposium and remarked it was very well done and well attended.

Trustee Schalm attended a meeting in Leduc on March 11th, 2014 and was asked to sit on the Advisory Committee for the Curricular Design in Agriculture for the Black Gold Regional Schools Consortium.

ADDITIONAL REPORT

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ITEMS

Nil

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. Mayerthorpe High International Field Trip
2. Locally Developed Courses
3. New Teacher Induction Ceremony
4. Space Camp
5. Edwin Parr Candidate

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

2825-14

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 2:30 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Mike Gramatovich, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Hailes left the boardroom at 2:30 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Trustee Hailes returned to the boardroom at 2:43 p.m.

2826-14

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board come out of in-camera at 2:44 p.m.

Motion Carried

2827-14

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board accept the CUPE Memorandum of Agreement for the period ending August 31st, 2016.

Trustee Hailes abstained from voting.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT

2828-14

Moved by Trustee Steinke - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer