

**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 APRIL 9TH, 2014**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The April 9th, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Trustee Jim Govenlock, were absent from the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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- D.2.a) May 6th, 2014 Board Meeting
- E.11.a) YRL Report
- F. 2.a) Legal Update

**APPOINTMENTS &
DELEGATIONS**

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Roger Lacey – Director of Learning Services

Curriculum Redesign Overview Update:

5 Questions: Curriculum Redesign Report –

What? – Curriculum Redesign is an initiative to create new Programs of Studies, Resources and Classroom Assessments in every subject and at every Grade level from K to 12.

Why? – Three main reasons – Inspiring Education, the voice of Albertans have influenced the creation of the Education Act and the Ministerial Order for Student Learning – the length of time since the majority of Programs of Study have been updated – keeping up with a changing world.

When? – While September 2016 has been put on government documents as the completion date, recent statements by the Minister of Education and the Deputy Minister allow for a less abrupt change within classrooms and schools.

Where: - All Alberta jurisdictions.

How? – Prototyping is the process through which the new Curriculum will be developed. There are six projects at present in Alberta developing curricula. When the contracts for these developed curricula are completed in 2016, they will be presented to the government for approval.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

January Writing of Diploma Exams Report

Roger Lacey provided a comparison chart of the Diploma Exam results from January 2013 to January 2014.

The January Writing of Diploma Exams report will be done at the May 6th, 2014 Board Meeting.

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Trustee Albert Schalm distributed a copy of a letter he wrote in response to an editorial in the April 2nd, 2014 edition of the Mayerthorpe Freelancer entitled "Education's Unthinking Agenda Toward Digital Technology". His response was meant as dialogue toward what effect digital technology is having on us and what the future may hold and that Alberta Education is being diligent in including digital technology as part of learning.

Copy of letter provided for information only.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2829-14

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the agenda for the April 9th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MARCH 25TH, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2830-14

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

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

Motion Carried

DRAFT RECORD OF THE MARCH 25TH, 2014 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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2831-14

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the draft record of the March 25th, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

THREE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (2015-2018)

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2832-14

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board accept the Northern Gateway Public Schools Three Year Capital Plan (2015-2018) as presented.

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, provided an update on the status of the new Onoway High School.

- held the first site meeting
- lots of sketches have been done
- Principal met with staff for their input
- have checked out other new schools to see what those buildings look like
- have put out an RFP for a Surveyor
- have met with County, Town, etc - they are looking to partner with Northern Gateway to help provide funds for equip, staff for RAP programs, assist with road access to new site. More partnership meetings are planned.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

MAY 6TH, 2014 BOARD MEETING

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No action taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

ASBA/PSBAA UPDATE

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA/PSBAA UPDATE

ASBA

Bargaining Model Consultations Report:

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.

To be discussed later in this meeting.

ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin provided for Information for the ASBA Spring General Meeting.

PSBAA

The Public School Board Council Meeting is scheduled for April 10th – 12th, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Written report from the Superintendent provided.

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following finance reports:

- Site Finance Reports as at March 31st, 2014

SCHOOL FEES SPREADSHEET

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Provided for information.

There does not seem to be much consistency among schools as to what the fees are being used for. There should be a clear understanding of what "consumables" are if these are what fees are being used for.

Why do the two Hutterite Schools not have to charge school fees, as this is a Mandatory Fee?

We need to go back to the School Act and determine what School Fees can be used for and be consistent.

All students should receive a universal benefit from the school fees.

TOWN OF VALLEYVIEW MEETING

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Northern Gateway Board of Trustees and administration will be meeting with the Councilors from the Town of Valleyview on April 14th, 2014.

CIVIX – STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION LETTER

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Provided for information.

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Provided for information.

BOARD ANNUAL WORK PLAN

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Under May change “Approve” to “Review”.

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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YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

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Trustee Slemko reported:

- 2013 Budget approved and passed to Minister
- \$400,000.00 surplus because of the following:
 - one position not filled
 - one position on sick leave extended

- repairs to the building not as high as expected
- one item budgeted for has not been completed (air conditioner)
- \$200,000 – Contingency Fund
- \$200,000 – Special Projects
 - \$137,500 to Public Library Technology
 - some to schools to spend
 - software programs (Polaris)
 - \$20,000 to upgrade mobile training: laptops
- Director was evaluated – results were extremely positive.
- YRL was evaluated – results were very good
- Minister will be present at the Library Conference in Jasper to make an announcement.
- Population numbers the government uses are based on 2010 numbers.
- YRL wrote a letter to the Minister to revisit this.
- Trustee orientation continues on Public Libraries

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. Three Year Capital Plan
2. Curriculum Redesign Overview
3. Meeting with Town of Valleyview

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer left the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

G. IN-CAMERA ITEMS

2833-14

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 1:39 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Mike Gramatovich, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

2834-14

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board come out of in-camera at 1:52 p.m.

Motion Carried

**INFORMATION ITEMS/
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E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA

Bargaining Model Consultations Report:

ASBA should be the voice for school boards and the ATA at the Provincial level.

How do we feel about Local Level Bargaining? The last two we did not have all the chips to bargain with. The government stepped in and left school boards to deal with this framework agreement.

Is there anything at the local level we want that is not already covered in the agreement.

The Board will respond by indicating that ASBA should represent us on this and that Northern Gateway does not have any unique issues we want to keep at the local level.

ADJOURNMENT

H. ADJOURNMENT

2835-14

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer