

## **Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of Northern Gateway Public Schools**

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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**Opening**

**A. Opening**

**Call to Order  
and Roll Call**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Beverly Smith, Gerry Steinke, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

The delegation from Percy Baxter School, Helen Haugjord, Principal, and teachers Stephanie Bertsch, Trista St. Martin, were present at this time.

Trustee Terry Slemko was absent from the meeting.

## **Appointments & Delegations**

### **B. Appointments & Delegations**

#### **“Great Debate” Presentation**

Stephanie Bertsch and Trista St. Martin, teachers at Percy Baxter Middle School in Whitecourt, shared their popular Great Debate experience with the Board of Trustees. The debate began as a project – based learning opportunity that saw students fully engaged in the art of debating. Not only did students have to know the content, they had to learn how to successfully debate and deliver their argument in a persuasive and articulate voice.

Power Point presentation provided for information.

Stephanie Bertsch, Trista St. Martin, Helen Haugjord, and Roger Lacey left the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

#### **IMR Update**

Michael Gramatovich reviewed the 2014/15 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Funding information – Tab 5.

The updated IMR allocation for Northern Gateway Public Schools for the 2014/15 school year is \$1,805,627.00. In the 2013/14 school year the Board received \$712,537.00 for IMR funding.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, provided an update on the following IMR projects:

Fox Creek Schools – New sidewalks

Harry Gray – New sidewalks

Harry Gray – Flooring

Oscar Adolphson – Flooring (Hallway,  
washrooms, staff Room)

Hillside High – New Entrance Doors

Mayerthorpe High – New Flooring Hallway  
Mayerthorpe High – New Flooring Library  
Mayerthorpe High – Exterior upgrade metal  
siding

The new allocation funding for IMR will be used  
for roof replacements, new wheelchair entrance  
access, new flooring in some schools, exterior  
upgrades, etc.

The facilities review will be commencing in  
November, 2014.

The \$600,000.00 maintenance received from  
reserves will be used on the list of priorities set  
by the Director of Maintenance.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance,  
completed his report and left the meeting at  
1:48 p.m.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, left  
the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board  
recess the Regular Board Meeting at 1:50 p.m.  
and move back into the Organizational Meeting.

Motion Carried

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 2:53 p.m.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

**Acceptance of Agenda**

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**Draft Minutes of the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting**

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**Action Items**

**Onoway High School Field Trip**

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**2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

E.7.a) Rural Economic Development Action Plan

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the agenda for the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**C. Draft Minutes of the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**D. Action Items**

**Onoway High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in principle Onoway High School Honors Band field trip to Vancouver, B.C. to participate in the Kiwanis Music Festival, scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Motion Carried

**Hillside High School  
Field Trip**

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**Hillside High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in principle Hillside High Band field trip to Carleton Place, Ontario, scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Motion Carried

**Additional Action Items**

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Nil

**Information/Reports**

**E. Information/Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA Update**

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**ASBA**

Written report provided by Trustee Hailes.  
See attached.

**PSBAA**

The proposed 4% fee increase was approved, everything else on the floor regarding the budget was defeated.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Written report provided.

**IMR 2014/15  
Allocation**

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Was reviewed under the Maintenance Report.

**Group Benefits Ins.  
Committee Meeting  
Record**

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Record**

Trustee Govenlock reviewed the meeting record.

**ASBA – Zone 2/3  
Bylaws, Policies &  
Procedures**

**ASBA – Zone 2/3 Bylaws, Policies & Procedures**

Provided for information.

ASBA Policies Bulletin for the Fall General Meeting was just sent out to all Trustees.

**Trustee Reports**

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Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys reported she had participated in a recent Children's Fair by setting up a table and promoting the new NGPS logo. She received great feedback on the new "bright" design. Parents, students, grandparents and other community members all had great impressions of the logo. The kids loved the tattoos and quite a few of the newer families to the area made inquiries regarding the schools they would be attending, transportation, etc.

Jim Govenlock

Trustee Govenlock enjoyed the PSBAA FGM presenters Dr. Fred Renihan and Dr. Pat Renihan, with topics centering around Engaged Governance.

Beverly Smith

The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program supports getting kids in the game by assisting with the cost associated with registration, equipment etc. Funding is available for children. For more information and application forms please click on the link provided below:

<http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/>

**Additional Report Items**

**Rural Economic  
Development Action  
Plan**

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**Rural Economic Development Action Plan**

The Government of Alberta has developed the Rural Economic Development Action Plan to support and encourage continued economic growth in rural Alberta. The Action Plan helps to ensure they have set clear priorities and are leveraging existing programs and services to achieve the maximum benefit for rural communities. For more information please click on the link provided:

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/csi12085/\\$FILE/reda-final.pdf](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$Department/deptdocs.nsf/all/csi12085/$FILE/reda-final.pdf)



**Topics for Future  
Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

**Requests for  
Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Organizational Meeting
2. The Great Debate Presentation
3. School Field Trips
4. 2014/15 IMR Funding
5. Rural Economic Development Action Plan

**Adjournment**

**I. Adjournment**

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Moved by Trustee Smith – that the meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer