

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

October 29, 2019

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

Opening

A. Opening

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The October 29th, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Wigton at 2:43 p.m.

Chair Linda Wigton, Trustees, Diane Hagman, Sherry Jeffreys, Barb Maddigan, Judy Muir, Christine Peck, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke, and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Tamara Spong, Secretary Treasurer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Deputy Superintendent, Michelle Brennick and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were absent from the meeting.

Treaty Land Acknowledgement

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Linda Wigton read the Acknowledgement.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Deletion:

D.3 By-Law No. 3-19 Nomination Papers

Addition:

E.8.a) Thank you card from Cole Portsmouth

Acceptance of Agenda

4. Acceptance of Agenda

4097-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the October 29th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Leslee Jodry – Division Achievement Results

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent presented the Division Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma results to the Board.

The report showed that Northern Gateway Public Schools has improved in a number of the subject areas.

Leslee Jodry completed her report at 3:00 p.m.

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C. Minutes of the October 8th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

4098-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman– that the minutes of the October 8th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Action Items

By-Election for Ward 3,
Electoral Subdivision No. 1

4099-19

D. Action Items

By-Election for Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision
No. 1

Moved by Trustee Steinke– that the Board of Trustees select November 27th, 2019 as Nomination Day and January 8th, 2020, as Election Day for a by-election to replace one trustee vacancy in Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision No. 1.

Motion Carried

By-Election January 8,
2019

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4100-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board approve the appointment of the Secretary-Treasurer as Returning Officer for the January 8th, 2020 school board by-election.

Motion Carried

By-Law No. 4-19
(Deposit)

By-Law No. 4-19 (Deposit)

4101-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that By-Law 4-19 (Deposit) receive first reading by the Board.

Motion Carried

4102-19

Moved by Trustee Peck – that By-Law 4-19 (Deposit) receive second reading by the Board.

Motion Carried

4103-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board approve to conduct the third reading of By-Law 4-19 (Deposit).

Motion Carried

4104-19	Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that By-Law 4-19 (Deposit) receive third and final reading by the Board.
	Motion Carried
Fox Creek (ALICE)	Fox Creek
4105-19	Moved by Trustee Muir – that the Board approve in full the Fox Creek School to participate in the Alberta/Iceland (ALICE) Student Exchange Program to travel to Iceland from November 10 th – 18 th , 2019.
	Motion Carried
Request for Meeting with Whitecourt Town Council	Request for Meeting with Whitecourt Town Council
4106-19	Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Northern Gateway Board of Trustees meeting with Whitecourt Town Council members at the next available Board meeting.
	Motion Carried
Annual School Operational Viability Report	Annual School Operational Viability Report
4107-19	Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board accept the Annual School Operational Viability Report as presented.
	Motion Carried
Additional Action Items	Additional Action Items
	Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA: (Linda Wigton/Gerry Steinke)

Written report provided for information.

4108-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board indicate to ASBA that the Strategic Plan should use the term “fully publicly funded education” when referring to its work on behalf of public, separate, and francophone boards.

Motion Carried

PSBAA: (Anita Portsmouth)

Elections were held at the Fall General Meeting. Cathy Hogg was re-elected as PSBAA president and Gerry Steinke as First Vice President.

4109-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board send a letter of congratulations to PSBAA President, Cathy Hogg.

Motion Carried.

Superintendent’s Report

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Report provided for information.

Tamara Spong, Secretary Treasurer gave a report on ASBIE Insurance and the rate increases anticipated. Further reporting will be at the next Board meeting after the final rates are received.

Finance

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SJFR Report:

Report provided for information.

Budget 2019-2020:

Kevin Andrea provided handouts on Budget 2019-2020, to provide Trustees an overview of what we are seeing in relation to the key changes.

Further budget information to be provided at the next Board meeting.

**Letter from Sturgeon
Public Schools**

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Provided for information.

**Justice Centre for
Constitutional Freedoms**

Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

Provided for information.
More information to come. Policy Committee made need to review this information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

Thank You Card

4110-19

Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

In-Camera Items

Additional Report Items

Thank You Card

The Board received a thank you card from Cole Portsmouth for allowing him to attend the PSBAA Student Voice Program in October.

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E8 as information.

Motion Carried

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Meet with Band Councils – Valleyview area.

G. Requests for Information

Nil

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Election of Board Chair/Vice Chair
2. Budget Information
3. By-Election Dates
4. Viability Report
5. Field Trip

I. In-Camera Items

No In-camera items.

Adjournment

4111-19

J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the meeting
be adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer