

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

January 13, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.

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 January 13th, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 12:50 p.m.

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, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- D.5.a) Onoway High Field Trip
- E.13.a) Minister's Meeting with Board
Chair/Superintendent
- E.13.b) Twilight Colony Split

Acceptance of Agenda

2980 -15

**Draft Minutes of the
December 9th, 2014
Regular Board Meeting**

2981-15

**Draft Minutes of the
December 12th, 2014
Special Board Meeting**

2982-15

Action Items

**Borrowing By-Law
No. 1-15**

2983-15

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the agenda for the January 13th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**C. Draft Minutes of the December 9th, 2014
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the draft minutes of the December 9th, 2014 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

**C. Draft Minutes of the December 12th, 2014
Special Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Smith – that the draft minutes of the December 12th, 2014 Special Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

D. Action Items

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-15

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that By-Law No. 1-15 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive first reading.

Motion Carried

**Borrowing By-Law
No. 1-15**

2984-15

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-15

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that By-Law No. 1-15 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive second reading.

Motion Carried

**Borrowing By-Law
No. 1-15**

2985-15

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-15

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board approve to conduct the third reading.

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Borrowing By-Law
No. 1-15**

2986-15

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-15

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that By-Law No. 1-15 to borrow for the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars received third and final reading.

Motion Carried

**Hillside Jr /Sr High
Field Trip**

2987-15

Hillside Jr/Sr High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Smith – that the Board approve in full, two Grade 11 students to attend the Forum for Young Canadians, Ottawa: Megan Dorscheid on February 22nd-27th, 2015 and Brittney Hoddinott on March 22nd-27th, 2015.

Motion Carried

Town of Whitecourt

2988-15

Town of Whitecourt

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board direct administration to provide the Town of Whitecourt a letter stating the Board is prepared to relinquish any claim to Lot 15MR, Block 10, Plan 982-2153 contingent upon a site plan that includes adequate size, location and configuration for a high school site for Northern Gateway.

Motion Carried

EFAP Application Form

2989-15

EFAP Application Form

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board support the Employee & Family Assistance Program (EFAP) for Northern Gateway Public School teachers and support staff covered by CUPE Collection Agreement within the ASEBP plan as presented, subject to consultation with ATA and CUPE.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Onoway High School Field Trip

2990-15

Onoway High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve in full, two students to attend the Encounters with Canada Session, Ottawa, Ontario: Kristin Petawaysin, February 15th – 21st, 2015 and Cassie Sewepagaham, April 25th or 26th, to May 2nd, 2015.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

Superintendent's Report

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA

No report.
Next ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 23rd, 2015.

Trustee Hailes reviewed the ASBA Zone 2/3 Advocacy Committee Report November 28th, 2014 as provided for information.

Administration to complete the survey as requested in the above report.

PSBAA

No report.

Next Public School Board Council meeting is scheduled for February 5th – 7th, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Written report provided.

Additional report items:

Western Cree cancelled the January meeting with Northern Gateway. Meeting to be re-scheduled for February 2015.

The Director of Transportation is looking into contracting bus services currently provided by First Student with another provider due to issues with the shortage of bus drivers.

The Family of School Councils meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Whitecourt Central School. Northern Gateway is coordinating the program with the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA).

The NGPS Google Summit is planned for March 5th and 6th, 2015. The Google Summit is presented by the EdTech Team that runs the summits in major urban centers. The goal of the summit is to establish a minimum standard of Google competence among all certificated staff and the opportunity to increase the capacity of teachers no matter where they are on the Google Learning Curve. Further information including the Registration Form will follow in the near future.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting to review the 16 regulations that have been developed to align with and support the Education Act. Tentative dates include February 11th or 13th. The 16 regulations are:

- Alberta School Foundation Fund
- Board Procedures
- Borrowing
- Charter Schools
- Disposition of Property
- Early Childhood Services
- Establishment of School Districts
- Home Education
- Investment
- Petitions and Public Notices
- Private Schools
- School Councils
- School Fees
- Special School Tax Levy
- Student Records
- Student Transportation.

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, entered the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Appointments & Delegations

B. Appointments & Delegations

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, presented on the NGJSET which stands for the Northern Gateway Jurisdictional Student Engagement Team.

Earlier this year, a request was made to bring student representatives together to form a team that would give voice to students and specifically inform the Minister's Student Advisory Council. The Minister's Student Advisory Council consists of 27 student representatives from across the province. The members were selected from an application and interview process. Northern Gateway is represented by a student from Hillside High School.

One of the first requests by the students was that they be able to present their voice to the Northern Gateway Public Schools Board of Trustees. The NGJSET will be presenting to the Board on February 10th, 2015.

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, completed his report and left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Finance

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Michael Gramatovich reviewed the following report:

- Bank Statements as at November 30th, 2014.

**Modular Classroom
Pat Hardy**

Modular Classroom Pat Hardy

The Board received information on a Modular Classroom for Pat Hardy Primary School, destined to be open September 2015.

**Home Education
Notification List**

Home Education Notification List

Provided for information.

**Topics for January 20/15
meeting with Valleyview
Town Council**

**Topics for January 20/15 meeting with
Valleyview Town Council**

- Recreation facility and partnership with Northern Gateway Public Schools
- Land and location specs
- Reserve Land for future school sites
- Crosswalk for student safety

**Mayerthorpe High School
Field Trip**

Mayerthorpe High School Field Trip

Letter provided from the principal of Mayerthorpe High School indicated the Explore Science field trip to Hawaii was cancelled due to lack of student and parent support.

**School Council Meeting
Date**

School Council Meeting Date

Previously discussed under Superintendents report.

ASBA – 2013/14 Value Statement

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Provided for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Enrolment Report

Enrolment Report

Provided for information.

Suspension Report

Suspension Report

Provided for information.

Additional Report Items

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Minister's Meeting

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Minister plans to meet with as many School Board Chairs and Superintendents' as possible. Meetings to be by Zone. Northern Gateway is meeting on January 21st, 2015. Agenda items include:

- Provide examples of inspiring school meetings,
- Grade 12 Diplomas,
- Our challenges (Maintenance/Transportation – etc.

Twilight Colony Split

Twilight Colony Split

Administration was advised the split will take place after the Easter Church service.

Students will be split into either Twilight or Homeland.

Both schools will be closed for three days to reorganize staff and address other issues.

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Family of School Councils Meeting
2. NGPS Google Summit
3. NG Jurisdictional Student Engagement Team
4. Modular Classroom Pat Hardy Primary

In-Camera Items

G. In-Camera Items

2991-15

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board go in-

camera at 3:15 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

2992-15

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:41 p.m.

Motion Carried

2993-15

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board establish a Grievance Committee to consist of Judy Muir, Jim Govenlock and Albert Schalm, to hear the grievance of Mark Scott.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

2994-15

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the meeting be adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer