

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

March 24th, 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 March 24th, 2015 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:55 p.m.

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

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

Trustee Sherry Jeffreys, was absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- D.3.a) Trustee approval to miss Board Meetings
- D.3.b) Approval of Three Year Capital Plan
- E11.a) YRL Report
- I.4.a) Support/Admin Liaison Committee

Acceptance of Agenda

3039 -15

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the agenda for the March 24th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments & Delegations

B. Appointments & Delegations

Nil

Draft Minutes of the March 10th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

3040-15

C. Draft Minutes of the March 10th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the March 10th, 2015 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

Onoway High School Field Trip

3041-15

D. Action Items

Onoway High School Field Trip

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

Motion Carried

Board Meeting Change

3042-15

Board Meeting Change

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve to change the April 14th meeting to a Board Finance Committee Meeting and the April 28th meeting to a Regular Board Meeting.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

Trustee Request to be Absent from Board Meetings

3043-15

Additional Action Items

Trustee Request to be Absent from Board Meetings

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve Trustee Govenlock's request to potentially be absent for three consecutive Board meetings: April 14th, 28th, and May 12th, 2015.

Motion Carried

Three Year Capital Plan

3044-15

Three Year Capital Plan

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board accept the Capital priorities 1-5 as recommended in the Facility Review Report 2015 – 2018:

Year 1 (Priority 1 & 2)
Year 2 (Priority 3 & 4)
Year 3 (Priority 5)

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA

Trustee Hailes reported from the March 2015 meeting:

1. Danger of WiFi – not enough support on this for ASBA to continue investigating.
2. Budget – made substantial cuts due to the upcoming proposed Provincial Budget.
3. Question was raised if ASBA needs to have all three: President, Vice-President and the Executive Director attend every Zone Meeting? NGPS Board does not think this is necessary.
4. There was further discussion on whether ASBA should withdraw from the National School Board Association.
5. There was discussion that every Board should have an external Audit Committee.

PSBAA

Governance Seminar scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, 2015, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel West Edmonton – 16616 – 109 Ave NW, Edmonton.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided.

Additional report items:

Dual Credit:

Debbie Vance has been hired part-time to head up this program. Administration will be meeting with her this week to set up a schedule. One of the partnerships will be with NorQuest College.

Burn Book:

Burn Book is another platform used for cyberbullying. Students use it to make comments about other students or for bullying. Cyberbullying is now starting within Northern Gateway schools.

Edwin Parr Candidate:

This year Northern Gateway Public Schools has nominated Trista St. Martin from Percy Baxter School, Whitecourt, AB. Trista currently teaches grade six students.

ASCA Conference:

Representatives from five schools will be attending the ASCA Conference in April, 2015: Onoway Elementary, Grasmere, Whitecourt Central, Hillside High and Harry Gray Elementary.

Finance

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Michael Gramatovich reviewed the following report:

- Bank Statements as of February 28th, 2015.

**2% Replacement Value -
IMR and P O & M**

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Provided for information only.

**Proposal for ASBA
Position**

Proposal for ASBA Policy Position

The proposal for ASBA policy position was presented with the finalized wording. Trustee Steinke to submit to ASBA Zone 2/3.

**Bill 19 Education
Amendment Act**

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Provided for information.

For the complete document go to:

http://www.assembly.ab.ca/ISYS/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_28/session_3/20141117_bill-019.pdf

ASBIE Annual Report

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Provided for information.

**Letter on Joint Board/
ATA Scholarship**

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A letter from a student who was the recipient of the Joint Board/ATA Scholarship thanking the Board for the recognition and support of her high school achievements and post-secondary pursuits.

Ad Hoc Awards Committee Meeting Record

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Trustee Hailes reviewed the March 19th, 2015 meeting record.

The Ad Hoc Awards Committee will meet again to finalize the draft of this award and present at a future Board meeting.

Trustee Reports

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Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko attended the National School Boards 75th Annual Conference held in Nashville, Tennessee, March 20th – 22nd, 2015.

- provided a handout on the sessions he attended and gave a brief overview of each
- approximately 8000 people attended
- best professional development activities he has attended in a long time.

Cindy Granley

Trustee Granley attended a performance at Whitecourt Central School on Friday, March 20th, 2015. The performance was a group called "Trickster Theatre". This company has performed at Children's Festivals around the world and has done more than 3000 performances in schools across Canada. The group spent a week at Whitecourt Central School working with the students in creating an audience interactive theatre production.

At the end of the performance, a video was shown of how they had worked with the students to complete this performance.

Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm reported he has heard all good reports on the Google Summit professional development days.

Jim Hailes

Trustee Hailes reported from being on the School Tours. It was good to see kids engaged and learning.

Additional Report Items

Yellowhead Regional Report

Topics for Future Discussions

Additional Report Items

Yellowhead Regional Library Report

Trustee Terry Slemko reported from the March 24, 2015 meeting:

- Kevin Dodds, CEO; Derril Butler, Chair; and Trustee Slemko met with the Summer Villages of Sunrise Beach and Sandy Beach to encourage them to reconsider their withdrawal from YRL.
- Northern Gateway Public Schools 2014 library allotment from YRL based on \$1 per school population amounted to \$3,541.00. The 2013 carry forward balance was \$2,269.14.
- There are 15 public libraries in YRL operating out of school sites.
- A number of media reports on Canada's Bill C-51, the Anti-Terrorism Act 2015, have incorrectly reported that Canadian public library computers protect people participating in criminal activity. The Canadian Library Association wholeheartedly refutes this notion.

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Approved Field Trip
2. Alberta School Councils' Association Meeting
3. Edwin Parr Candidate
4. Three Year Capital Plan

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

In-Camera Items

G. In-Camera Items

3045-15

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board go in-camera at 3:00 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

3046-15

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board come out of in-camera at 4:03 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

3047-15

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the meeting be adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer