

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

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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 June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:02 p.m.

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

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation was present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

### 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

Acceptance of Agenda

4008-19

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

**Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent  
OSCAR Presentation:**

Alberta Education's Office of Student Attendance and Re-engagement (OSAR) provides leadership and support to school authorities to address chronic absenteeism.

The OSAR also:

- encourages schools to focus on finding solutions while considering the unique circumstances of each student and their family
- promotes the use of strategies to support and encourage all students to attend school regularly
- helps school authorities identify other strategies for students who have similar needs or to assist with the unique needs of one student and their family.

When all reasonable efforts have been made by the school authority and student attendance has not improve, the OSAR helps school authorities access the Attendance Board.

Leslee Jodry completed her report at 5:32 p.m.

**Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation  
Alternate Seat Fee Option 2019-2020**

Rhett Czaban put forth to the Board information and a recommendation regarding Student Transportation – Alberta Seat Fee for school bus transportation.

An Alternate Seat fee option is being explored by the Board of Trustees. The option would cost parents/Guardians an Alternate Seat Fee of \$350.00 annually per child. The fee would allow students who ride the school bus to be picked up and/or dropped off from a secondary location (one location other than home such as a child care facility or dayhome).

Rhett Czaban completed his report at 6:30 p.m. and left the meeting.

4009-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board initiate a survey among parents regarding alternate seating on busses.

Motion Carried

**Minutes of the  
May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

**C. Minutes of the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

4010-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the minutes of the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

## Action Items

### 2019 – 2020 Student Transportation Fees

4011-19

## D. Action Items

### 2019 – 2020 Student Transportation Fees

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the 2019 – 2020 Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible students be increased to:

- \$320.00 to **\$336.00 per student**
- \$160.00 to **\$168.00 per half day ECS Student and \$336.00 per full day everyday ECS Student**
- \$800.00 to **\$840.00 Maximum per family**
- **\$350.00 per student Alternate Seat Fee**

Motion Carried

### School Fee Schedules 2019 – 2020

4012-19

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Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board approve the School Fee Schedules for the 2019 – 2020 school year as presented.

Motion Carried

### Ten Year Capital Plan

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No action taken.

### Locally Developed Course

4013-19

### Locally Developed Course

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve to reauthorize the use of the following Locally Developed Course acquired from Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77 from August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020: Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course

are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

**Sangudo Public Library's Grand Opening**

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4014-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board authorize the Local Trustee Sherry Jeffreys to attend.

Motion Carried

**Additional Action Items**

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Nil

**Information/Reports**

**E. Information/Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA**

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**ASBA: (Linda Wigton)**

ASBA Zone 2/3 June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**PSBAA: (Anita Portsmouth)**

Report to come to the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.

**PSBAA/ASBA Spring General Meeting Reports**

Report of PSBAA Spring General Assembly:  
Diversity and Choice Within our Public Schools

Friday, June 2, Dr. Gloria Antifaiff/Dean, School of Education, Red Deer College.

Dr. Antifaiff spoke on the opportunities offered by Red Deer College, and that they have been granted University status and will be offering full programs.

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019: The student delegates joined us for breakfast. We had one NGPS student from Fox Creek School. Following the Opening Address from President Hogg and the Opening Prayer by Elder Roy Louis, we had remarks from the Minister of Education, Hon. Adriana LaGrange. She spoke to strengthening Board autonomy, education funding being a priority. The Choice in Education Act, The Education Act, amendments to the EA, and the curriculum review being on pause. She also made a commitment to visit every Board by late summer or early fall.

Opening Keynote Speaker: David King:  
David King's remarks were sent to all Trustees by PSBAA on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Showcase Sessions:

Becoming Green in Northern Alberta/Ft.

McMurray Public Schools

Maverick Movement/Grande Prairie Public Schools

Inclusive Land Based Learning/Northland Public Schools

School Within a College – Dual Credit/Red Deer Public Schools

All these sessions were student led, and spoke to diversity and choice within our schools. The day ended with a Panel Discussion led by Brian Woodland with Student Voice delegates.

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019: The day began with a Showcase Session, EcoVision: A Story of Students' Environmental Dreams Becoming a Reality//Wolf Creek Public Schools.

We were then entertained by The Advanced

Contemporary Ensemble Choir from Lindsay Thurber, Comprehensive High School/Red Deer Public Schools.

Keynote Speaker: David King spoke – “Summing It Up” – see remarks sent June 7<sup>th</sup>  
President Cathy Hogg made closing comments.. sent by PSBAA June 7<sup>th</sup>

Report on ASBA Spring General Meeting:

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019: Association Business: All Bylaws and Emergent Issues were passed with the exception of 5/SGM2019 which was defeated and 7/SGM2018 which was withdrawn.

The Keynote Speaker at the Banquet and Awards was Patricia Makokis. Most recently Dr. Makokis was Director of Indigenous Programs and Studies, Faculty of Extension, U of A.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Keynote Speaker: Dr. Yifeng Wei/ Asst Prof. Dept of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University. Her research interest has focused on promoting mental health literacy in schools.

Breakout Sessions were held by Zone with the Students participating and part of a panel discussion.

The Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards met in between the PSBAA and ASBA SGMs.

## Superintendent’s Report

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Written report provided for information.

## Finance

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Written reports provided for information.

**The Education  
Amendment Act**

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Provided for information.

**Group Benefits  
Insurance Plan  
Committee Meeting  
Record**

**Group Benefits Insurance Plan Committee  
Meeting Record**

Provided for information.

**Alexis Nakota Sioux/  
Sturgeon Lake Cree  
Nation/Western Cree  
Tribal Council Reports**

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Provided for information.

**Letter to Minister  
LaGrange**

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Provided for information.

**Regional Library  
Membership**

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Membership in YRL/Peace Library Systems to continue for the 2019-2020 school year. Principals to ensure an orientation from a YRL representative presents at their school.

**Board Annual Work Plan**

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Provided for information.



**Motion Review Cycle**

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Provided for information.

**Additional Report Items**

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Nil

4015-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E11 as information.

Motion Carried

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

1. School Generated Funds Report
2. Transportation Budget Report – Clarify Balance Remaining

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. OSAR Presentation
2. Transportation Presentation
3. Alternate Seat Fee Option
4. School Fee Schedules Approval
5. Transportation Fee Approval

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

**In-Camera Items**

4016-19

**I. In-Camera Items**

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board go in-camera at 7:56 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke, Ethan Thesen and Leslee Jodry left the room at 7:57 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

4017-19

Moved by Trustee Peck–that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:06 p.m.

Motion Carried

Judy Muir back into the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

**Adjournment**

4018-19

**J. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Hagman - that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer