

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

January 12, 2016 – 10:00 a.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 12th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, Robyn O'Neill, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, 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.

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

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

E.6. Delete from the agenda.

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the agenda for the January 12th, 2016 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Trustee O’Neill was absent for the vote.

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Draft Minutes of the December 8th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting

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C. Draft Minutes of the December 8th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the draft minutes of the December 8th, 2015 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

Borrowing By-Law No. 1-16

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Moved by Trustee Slemko – that By-Law No. 1-16 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive first reading.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Schalm – that By-Law No. 1-16 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive second reading.

Motion Carried

3231-16

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

3232-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that By-Law No. 1-16 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive third and final reading.

Motion Carried

Teachers' Employer Bargaining Relations (TEBA)

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Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board appoint Trustee Govenlock as the Northern Gateway representative to TEBA.

Motion Carried

Grounds and Equipment Funding

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3234-16

Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Board strike an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate ways to establish a reserve fund to support outdoor infrastructure.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the

Ad Hoc Committee consist of four trustees, with final recommendations to be brought back to the Board for the 1st Regular meeting in April, 2016.

Motion Carried

Volunteered Committee Members:

Jim Hailes
Robyn O'Neill
Terry Slemko
Gerry Steinke

Administration will also have Principal Representatives sit on this Ad Hoc Committee.

Full Day Every Day Kindergarten

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Full Day Every Day Kindergarten

Moved by Trustee Steinke– that the Board maintain current Kindergarten program offerings across the division, and all schools be given the opportunity to explore similar models as offered in Whitecourt and Valleyview Schools, with a follow-up review to be scheduled for the 2017/18 school year.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

Additional Action Items

Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

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ASBA

Next Zone meeting is scheduled for January 22nd, 2016. The proposed policy process will be addressed at this meeting, as recommendations will go to the February, 2016 meeting.

PSBAA

Blackgold School Division is leaving PSBAA. Public School Board Council meeting is scheduled for February 4th – 6th, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Finance

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Written report provided for information.

Superintendent/Board Self-Evaluation Process

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Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board Chair contact ASBA to request a representative to facilitate the Superintendent/ Board Self-Evaluation process for May/June 2016.

Motion Carried

International Travel Update

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Reports provided for information.

The Board will proceed with planning for

International trips for the rest of the school year and that it will continue to monitor world events and adjust accordingly.

Administration will contact EF Tours to see what insurances are in place for travelers should an incident occur and will contact ASBIE Insurance for additional information on:

1. Recommended Waiver Form
2. Different Destination Consent Form
3. Trip Cancellation Insurance
4. Kidnap/Ransom Insurance

Board Meeting Schedule 2015/2016

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Moved by Trustee Slemko– that the Board reschedule the June 28th, 2016 Board meeting to June 29th, 2016, if required.

Motion Carried

Disclosure of Personal Interest Statements

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At a previous Board meeting, administration was asked to clarify the following question:

“Can the General Public request a copy of the Disclosure of Personal Interest Statements filed by the Trustees?”

A response from our Legal Counsel states:
“Under the School Act – Section 75 (3) does not permit this and neither does Section 81 which limits the disclosure of the information.”

YRL Board Report

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Written report provided for information..

Enrolment Report

Enrolment Report

Provided for information.

Suspension Report

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Provided for information.

Trustee Reports

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Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko attended several Christmas Concerts.

Onoway High School is holding a Casino Fundraiser this weekend and if you are interested in helping, contact Terry Slemko.

The new Onoway High School construction is on schedule.

The Onoway High School parent council has initiated a Coffee Club. This Club consisting of parents welcomes students as they enter the school building.

Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys will be attending the "Shaping the Future Conference in Kananaskis, January 28th– 30th, 2016. Two Sangudo parents will also be attending the conference.

Judy Muir

Chair Muir attended two parent council meetings and two Christmas concerts. Rich Valley School aired their Christmas concert on YouTube so people unable to attend could watch.

Jim Hailes

Trustee Hailes was approved to attend the National Congress on Rural Education in Canada, on March 20th – 22nd, 2016 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Trustee Hailes will not be attending the Canadian School Board Association Conference as per the Trustee PD Schedule.

Additional Report Items

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Additional Report Items

Nil

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E12 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. East End Re-Configuration

G. Requests for Information

Maintenance report from Johnson Controls on efficiencies to save money.



Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. TEBA Representative
2. International Travel Update
3. Full Day Every Day Kindergarten Update
4. Ad Hoc Committee – Grounds & Equipment Funding

In-Camera Items

I. In-Camera Items

Nil

Adjournment

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J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the meeting be adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer