

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

February 9th, 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 February 9th, 2016 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:11 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.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, and Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer were absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda**

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

D. 4.a) Trustee School Tour Dates

Acceptance of Agenda

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Appointments and Delegations

Draft Minutes of the January 26th, 2016 Regular Public Board Meeting

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Action Items

East End Reconfiguration

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the agenda for the February 9th, 2016 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

C. Draft Minutes of the January 26th, 2016 Regular Public Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the January 26th, 2016 Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

D. Action Items

East End Reconfiguration

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that effective August 2016, the grade reconfiguration for East End Schools be:

Darwell, Grasmere, Rich Valley and Onoway Elementary – Gr. K-7 and Onoway Jr./Sr. High School – Gr. 8 – 12.

Motion Carried

Board Meeting Date Change

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Board Meeting Date Change

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board hold a meeting by teleconference on March 29th, 2016 to commence at 10:00 a.m. to review the Draft Administrative Procedures 160 and 350.

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Policy

Policy 8 “Committees of the Board”

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Policy

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 8 “Committees of the Board” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 9 “Board Representatives”

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 9 “Board Representatives” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 10 “Policy Making”

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 10 “Policy Making” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 11 “Board Delegation of Authority”

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Policy 12 “Role of the Making”

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Policy 13 “Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters”

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Policy 14 “Hearings on Teacher Transfers”

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Policy 15 “School Operational Viability”

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Policy 11 “Board Delegation of Authority”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 11 “Board Delegation of Authority” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 12 “Role of the Superintendent”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 12 “Role of the Superintendent” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 13 “Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 13 “Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 14 “Hearings on Teacher Transfers”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 14 “Hearings on Teacher Transfers” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 15 “School Operational Viability”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 15 “School Operational Viability” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 16 "School Closure"

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Policy 17 "Recruitment and Selection of Personnel"

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Policy 18 "Student Transportation"

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Policy 1 "Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements"

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Policy 2 "Role of the Board"

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Policy 16 "School Closure"

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 16 "School Closure" as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 17 "Recruitment and Selection of Personnel"

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 17 "Recruitment and Selection of Personnel" as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 18 "Student Transportation"

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 18 "Student Transportation" as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 1 "Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements"

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 1 "Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements" as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 2 "Role of the Board"

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 2 "Role of the Board" as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 3 “Role of the Trustee”

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 3 “Role of the Trustee” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 4 “Trustee Code of Conduct”

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 4 “Trustee Code of Conduct” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair”

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Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 6 “Role of the Vice-Chair”

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Policy 6 “Role of the Vice-Chair”

Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 6 “Role of the Vice-Chair” as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 7 “Board Operations”

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock– that the Board affirm Policy 7 “Board Operations” as amended.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

Trustee School Tour Dates

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Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the April 15th, 2016 School Tour date be changed to April 13th, 2016 commencing at 12:45 p.m.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

ASBA

Trustee Hailes reported:

Proposed Policy Forwarding to the Provincial Body:

Both Trustees Govenlock and Hailes were engaged by the Chair on what its contents and format should be and it was indicated that the new draft would be forwarded for our perusal and input before the next presentation to the Zone.

A new draft was presented to Trustees Govenlock and Hailes. The new draft is correct in the direction Northern Gateway had wanted to go.

PSBAA

Trustee Steinke provided a written report for information.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Advocacy Committee:

Advocacy Committee is in the process of setting up meetings with the MLAs and were given our Board Meeting dates to see if they are available at any of those times.

Finance

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Written report provided for information.

Municipal Government Act Review

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The Municipal Government Act (MGA) is the law under which all Alberta municipalities are empowered to shape their communities.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) review contemplates potential revisions to the Act which, if enacted, promise to significantly impact school jurisdictions.

Although the MGA revisions being considered have implications on and the potential to impact education, school jurisdiction have not been a part of the broad ranging consultation process to date. The Board passed a motion to write a letter in support of ASBA to advocate for adequate reserve lands for schools be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Trustee Robyn O'Neill left the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Slemko– that the Board write a letter in support of ASBA to advocate for adequate reserve lands for schools, be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and cc to the Education Minister, MLAs and the Premier.

Motion Carried

Bev Cotton, Learning Services Coordinator, entered the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**Ad Hoc Committee
on Playground Support
Report**

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Meeting Record from the February 2nd, 2016 Ad Hoc Committee on Playground Support was provided for information.

Trustee Hailes suggested using the interest earned from investments – put the interest into a separate account and not back into the General Account. Funds could be divided by school on a per pupil basis.

Another meeting will be scheduled with Trustees, administration and Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance to attend.

Enrolment Report

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Provided for information.

Suspension Report

Suspension Report

Provided for information.

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Moved by Trustee Hailes– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E9 as information.

Motion Carried

Trustee Reports

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Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys attended the Shaping the Future 2016 Conference on January 28th – 30th, 2016 in Kananaskis. There were a lot of Mental Health Presentations. Would like to see more teachers attend as this conference was geared more towards them.

Gerry Steinke

Trustee Steinke attended the Pre-Conference at the Shaping the Future 2016 Conference and attended the session on Student Mental Health.

Terry Slemko

The new OHS is 60% complete. When school is over at the end of June – heavy equipment will be moved and the old Onoway High will be demolished.

Additional Report Items

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Nil

Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

In-Camera Items

Adjournment

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Board Chair

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. Policy 1

G. Requests for Information

1. Report on Innovation Grant

H. Meeting Highlights

1. East End Reconfiguration
2. Municipal Government Act Review
3. Annual Policy Review

I. In-Camera Items

Nil

J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Steinke– that the meeting be adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Motion Carried

Secretary-Treasurer