

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

January 24th, 2017

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 24th, 2017 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:07 a.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Jim Govenlock, Cindy Granley, Sherry Jeffreys, Albert Schalm, Terry Slemko, Gerry Steinke and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Milly McGregor, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, was present at this time.

Trustees Hailes and O'Neill were absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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D.3.a) Onoway High School Field Trip

Acceptance of Agenda

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3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Granley– that the agenda for the January 24th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Nil

Minutes of the January 10th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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C. Minutes of the January 10th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Granley – that the minutes of the January 10th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

Policy 1 – Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements

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Deferred to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Policy 2 – Role of the Board

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Policy 2 – Role of the Board

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board affirm Policy 2 – “Role of the Board” as amended.

Motion Carried

**Policy 3 – Role of
the Trustee**

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Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee

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

Motion Carried

**Policy 4 – Trustee Code
of Conduct**

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Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct

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

Motion Carried

**Policy 6 – Role of
the Vice-Chair**

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Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair

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

Motion Carried

**Policy 7 – Board
Operations**

Policy 7 – Board Operations

Deferred to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Policy 8 – Committees of the Board

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Policy 8 – Committees of the Board

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

Motion Carried

Policy 9 – Board Representation

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Policy 9 – Board Representation

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board direct the Policy Committee to further review Policy 9 – “Board Representation”.

Motion Carried

Policy 10 – Policy Making

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Policy 10 – Policy Making

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board affirm Policy 10 – “Policy Making” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority

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Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority

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

Motion Carried

Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent

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Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent

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

Motion Carried

Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

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Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

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

Motion Carried

Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfers

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Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfers

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

Motion Carried

Policy 15 – School Operational Viability

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Policy 15 – School Operational Viability

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

Motion Carried

Policy 16 – School Closure

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Policy 16 – School Closure

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board affirm Policy 16 – “School Closure” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 17 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

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Policy 17 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board affirm Policy 17 – “Recruitment and Selection of Personnel” as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 18 – Student Transportation Services

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Deferred to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Fox Creek International Field Trip

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Fox Creek International Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board approve in principle Fox Creek School’s International field trip to Germany, Italy and Switzerland, scheduled for April 17th – April 26th, 2017.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

**Onoway High School
Field Trip**

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Additional Action Items

Onoway High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Slemko– that the Board approve in full Onoway High School’s field trip for three students to attend Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa: Destiny Potts – Science & Ecology – April 23rd – April 29th, 2017; Celine Sewepagaham – Vimy: Canada’s Coming of Age – April 2nd – April 8th, 2017 and Kennedy Tuccaro – International Relations – February 12th – February 18th, 2017.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

E. Information Reports

ASBA/PSBAA Update

January Zone 2/3 Meeting Report:

Trustee Govenlock reported:

- Chair’s Report – First call for proposed Policy Positions. Do we have any nominees for the Friends of Zone 2/3 or ASBA Zone Appreciation Awards?
- Directors Report – There is a great deal of concern regarding the Saskatchewan report on locally elected School Boards.
- Executive Directors Report – due to logistic difficulties, the Association will no longer be supplying direct support in the ATA bargaining process.
- Alberta Education Report – The Department is reviewing their communication strategies and as a result they will no longer be issuing the

“Directors Report”.

- There was a short presentation and discussion re: Sleep, Teenage Brains and their relationship to school start times.
- Generative discussion on Efficiencies in terms of optimum usage of School Funding.
- Alberta School Councils Association provided a presentation on their role and the services they offer.
- The Edwin Parr committee is in search of a Superintendency level member for their selection committee.

Trustee Govenlock talked to Helen Cleave, ASBA President, requesting ASBA take a lead role in local bargaining since they have withdrawn from providing Labour Relation Services to Boards. She suggested Boards through their administration advise the Executive Director of ASBA.

PSBAA

No report.
Council Meeting scheduled for February 9th – 11th, 2017.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent’s Report

Written report provided for information.

Finance

Finance

Reports provided for information.

Group 8760

Advocacy Committee Meeting Record

Ad Hoc Awards Committee Meeting Record

Draft School Year Calendars

Group 8760

Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Gramatovich reported that administration has entered into an agreement for the procurement of the Divisions' Power and Gas requirements effective January 1st, 2019 (2 year term) with Group 8760.

Advocacy Committee Meeting Record

Provided for information.

Change made to the Advocacy Action Plan:

- page 7 under issue: Change wording to read: "Endorse the wording of PSBAA's ~~proposed policy position on~~ **understanding of** "public" versus "publically funded" education systems as "language" embedded in Government and ASBA positioning statements.

Ad Hoc Awards Committee Meeting Record

Trustee Jeffreys reviewed the changes to AP 370 Board Awarded Scholarships.

The Board requested the Committee to further review the proposed changes to AP 370 and bring recommendations back to the Board.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, entered the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Draft School Year Calendars

Calendars have been shared with school staff,

parent councils and posted on the division website for feedback. Feedback will be shared with the Board prior to setting the official calendar for 2017-2018.

Calendars provided for information.

Administration to provide a schedule of Graduation dates at the February 7th Board meeting.

Bargaining Boot Camp Report

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Administration and trustees attended the Bargaining Boot Camp Workshop on January 19th, 2017 in Edmonton.

Items for discussion on the agenda were:

- Pecuniary Interest and Navigating FOIP
- Public Sector Bargaining: Provincial Overview and Economics of Bargaining
- Bargaining Legislation and Regulations: Review
- Local Bargaining Issues: History, Considerations and Preparation
- Environmental Scan: Case Law and Legal Trends
- Alberta Education Data and Information Management

Suspension Report

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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

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E10 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

Meeting Highlights

In-Camera Items

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F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

G. Requests for Information

Nil

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Field Trips
2. Policy
3. Draft School Year Calendars
4. Board Representation Survey

G. In-Camera Items

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 1:30 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michael Gramatovich, Rhett Czaban, and Milly McGregor be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, left the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

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Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board
come out of in-camera at 2:18 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

I. **Adjournment**

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Moved by Trustee Granley - that the meeting be
adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer