

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

January 29, 2019

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

Opening

A. Opening

Shane Getson, United Conservative Park Candidate Lac Ste. Anne – Parkland entered at 4:49 p.m

“With 25 years of experience completing major projects in the energy sector, Shane knows how to work with people to get the job done.”

The Board of Trustees and Shane Getson discussed some of the issues and concerns the Northern Gateway Public Schools is facing with the upcoming 2019 – 2020 Budget, etc.

Mr. Getson, UCP Candidate left at 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The January 29, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:33 p.m.

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

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

Linda Wigton, was absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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- E.8.a) School Tours
- E.8.b) Mental Health Capacity
- E.8.c) Municipal Invitation

Acceptance of Agenda

3. Acceptance of Agenda

3926-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the agenda for the January 29th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the January 15th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

C. Minutes of the January 15th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

3927-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth– that the minutes of the January 15th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation

Mandatory Entry-Level Training (MELT) Program Overview:

Starting March 1, 2019, drivers seeking a Class 1 (tractor-trailer) or Class 2 (bus) license will be required to complete mandatory entry-level training in order to apply for their license. (The 2-S curriculum combines both Class 2 and the School Bus Endorsement "S" requirements needed for the School bus Endorsement "S" requirements needed for school bus drivers). Following training, all students will be required to pass an enhanced knowledge and road test in order to obtain their commercial drivers' license.

Training will include a government-mandated number of training hour's in-class, in-yard and in-vehicle.

Standardized curriculums must be taught at all licensed Alberta driving schools.

Knowledge and road tests for Class 1 and Class 2 drivers will be expanded to include the new curriculum.

Click here for more information:

<https://www.transportation.alberta.ca/4474.htm>

Rhett Czaban completed his report at 6:20 p.m. and left the meeting.

Action Items

Draft School Year
Calendars – 2019-2020
and 2020 – 2021

3928-19

D. Action Items

Draft School Year Calendars – 2019-2020 and
2020-2011

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 draft school year calendars as presented for circulation and feedback by March 12th, 2019.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

ASBA:

Written report provided for information.

PSBAA:

No report

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional information:

A student from Fox Creek (Dylan Gilmore) will be participating in the Student Voice videoconference with Education Minister David Eggen, scheduled for February 4, 2019.

Administrative Procedure

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AP 208 – Remembrance Day

Too many school functions to attend and not enough Legion members to attend all.

Administration will change the language of the AP 208 to be more relaxed with the specific time constraints so schools can stagger their Remembrance Day celebrations.

**Town of Whitecourt/
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The Town of Whitecourt has been working with the County of Woodlands over the past several years to annex a portion of the County from Flats Road north to the Athabasca River. The annexation will allow for a more logical progression for our municipality's border, using the Athabasca River as a boundary line; and the Town is already the majority property owner.

The language in the document regarding "Flood Plain" could have implications to Northern Gateway – re: assignment of a new school reserve site.

Looking at the "Shaping Whitecourt Map" in the document shows no indication of a new school site other than it is in the Athabasca area (clause said may set aside for school reserve sites).

More discussions need to take place with the Town of Whitecourt regarding this issue.

3929-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board direct administration to respond on the Annexation positively, but posing the question of where the Northern Gateway Public School reserve site will be located.

Motion Carried

Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

Trustee Reports

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Gerry Steinke

Trustee Steinke attended the Valleyview Open House with Jason Kenney and Todd Loewen on Thursday, January 24th, 2019. Gerry put forth information on the funding formula to them.

Barb Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan attended School Council meetings.

Pat Hardy had John Dunn – Canadian-based explorer and photographer come to talk the Grade 2 students about his “Trekking in the Artic”.

A coding/robotic club will be starting for the Grade 2 students at Pat Hardy.

Sherry Jeffreys

Trustee Jeffreys spoke with MLA Oneil Carlier when he came to visit the AHS Community Health Services in Onoway. She had a chance to speak to him regarding rural education funding, lack of services and transportation.

Trustee Jeffreys will be attending the “Shaping the Future Conference” scheduled for January 31st – February 2nd, 2019 at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Anita Portsmouth

Trustee Portsmouth also the Valleyview Open House with Jason Kenney and Todd Loewen on Thursday, January 24th, 2019. Trustee Portsmouth also talked to them about funding and the need for a new school in Valleyview.

Parent Councils will receive a presentation on the "Together for Students" Campaign on February 26th, 2019.

Diana Hagman

Trustee Hagman attended a YRL and School council meetings.

Alberta Health has added 200 hours to the Alberta Health Care Aide Program. This is mandated by Alberta Health. How can we mitigate this – how can we afford staffing? Meeting with David Quick and Dafydd Thomas, principal from Mayerthorpe High School to seek solutions or program may have to discontinue.

Ethan Thesen

Trustee Thesen was able to give a Chemistry teacher from Fox Creek a tour of the gas plant where he works. She enjoyed the tour very much.

Additional Report Items

School Tours

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On the School Tour schedule move the March 15 tour to March 13, 2019.

The focus of the tours will be : MNE Quality Learning Environment with the Fine Arts.

Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) Enhancement Funding

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Northern Gateway Public Schools was the successful Applicant to move forward in the Call for Application process for the MHCB Enhancement Funding in the Town of Onoway.

Municipal Responses to the invite to the Rural Ed Symposium

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Responses have been good:

- 1 – Onoway
- 2 – Lac Ste. Anne

Trustees should keep one evening free so we can have dinner with them.

3930-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E8 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

- 1. Home Education Students Report next week.
- 2. MELT – more discussion – Policy proposal to ASBA?

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

- 1. **Taxable Mileage:** Our Division Auditor will look at this again and get back to us in a couple of weeks.

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Shane Getson – UCP Candidate
2. Draft School Calendars
3. Transportation Report - MELT
4. Mental Health Capacity Enhancement Funding
Approved

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

In-Camera Items

I. In-Camera Items

3931-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys– that the Board go in-camera at 7:36 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent and Trustees Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke and Ethen Thesen left the meeting at 7:42 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

3932-19

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:03 p.m.

Motion Carried

Trustees Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke and Ethan Thesen returned to the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

3933-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board accept the ATA Memoranda of Agreement as presented.

Motion Carried

Trustees Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke and Ethen Thesen abstained from voting.

3943-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board accept the tender in the amount of \$81,866.00 for the decomising of the Maintenance Shop in Sangudo.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

J. Adjournment

3944-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman - that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer