

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

March 12, 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 March 12, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:08 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Sherry Jeffreys, Christine Peck, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke, Linda Wigton and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Trustee Barb Maddigan entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m and Trustee Ethan Thesen entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent and Trustee Diane Hagman, were absent from the meeting.

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

Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- E.9.a) Whitecourt Economic Forum
- I.1. ATA Central MOA

Acceptance of Agenda

3. Acceptance of Agenda

3954-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and  
Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance presented on the following reports:

- DRAFT 3 Year Capital Plan 2020-2023
- 2019-2020 IMR Expenditure Plan

Trustee Maddigan entered the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Minutes of the  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting

C. Minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting

3955-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton– that the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

**Action Items**

**Draft 3 Year Capital  
Plan 2020-2023**

3956-19

**2019-2020 IMR  
Expenditure Plan**

3957-19

**Hillside High School  
International Field Trip**

3958-19

**Hillside High School  
Field Trip**

3959-19

**D. Action Items**

**Draft 3 Year Capital Plan 2020-2023**

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board approve the 2020-2023 Capital Plan as presented.

Motion Carried

**2019-2020 IMR Expenditure Plan**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board accept the 2019-2020 IMR Expenditure Plan as information.

Motion Carried

Randy Lovich completed his report at 5:38 p.m. and left the meeting.

**Hillside High School International Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board approve in full the Hillside High School International Field Trip to England, scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

**Hillside High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve in full the Hillside High School field trip to attend the National Musical Festival in Ottawa, Ontario scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

**Mayerthorpe High School  
International Field Trip**

3960-18

**Mayerthorpe High School International  
Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board approve in full the Mayerthorpe High School International field trip to Greece, scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

**Onoway High School  
Field Trip**

3961-19

**Onoway High School Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board approve in full the Onoway High School Field trip – Encounters with Canada to Ottawa, Ontario, scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

**Onoway High School  
International Field Trip**

3962-19

**Onoway High School International Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve in full the Onoway High School International field trip to Berlin, Prague, Krakow and Budapest, scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Motion Carried

**Hilltop High School  
International Field Trip**

3963-19

**Hilltop High School International Field Trip**

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board approve in principal the Hilltop High School International Field trip, Old World Tour to Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary, scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, with

the condition the trip aligns with Spring Break on the 2020/2021 school year calendar.

Motion Carried

**Borrowing By-Law  
No. 1-19**

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3964-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that By-Law No. 1-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive first reading.

Motion Carried

3965-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that By-Law No. 1-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive second reading.

Motion Carried

3966-19

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

Motion Carried

3967-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that By-Law No. 1-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million dollars receive third and final reading.

Motion Carried

**Borrowing By-Law  
No. 2-19**

**Borrowing By-Law No. 2-19**

3968-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that By-Law No. 2-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million seven hundred thousand dollars receive first reading.

Motion Carried

3969-19

Moved by Trustee Peck – that By-Law No. 2-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million seven hundred thousand dollars receive second reading.

Motion Carried

3970-19

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

Motion Carried

3971-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that By-Law No. 2-19 to borrow the sum or sums not exceeding at any one time two million seven hundred thousand dollars receive third and final reading.

Motion Carried

Trustee Ethan Thesen entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**Draft School Year  
Calendar – 2019/2020**

**Draft School Year Calendar – 2019/2020**

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board approve the 2019/2020 school year calendar as presented with the following changes:

- Change February 14 and March 13, 2020 to Instructional days.
- Change March 20, 2020 to a Non-Instruction Day.
- Change Spring Break from March 30, 31 – April 1 -2 to April 3 – 13, 2020.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

3972-19

Superintendent's Report

Finance

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

ASBA:

Trustee Wigton provided a written report.  
(see attached)

PSBAA:

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that Trustee Portsmouth nominate the Royal Purple/Elks from Valleyview, AB to receive the PSBAA "Special Contribution to Public Education Award".

Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report

Written report provided for information.

Additional information:

- We have received two Edwin Parr Nominations.
- 3 YEP Planning with Board and School Administrators – Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 9:30- a.m. (Division Office Board Room).

Finance

Board Financial Report provided for information.

School Jurisdiction Financial Report provided for information.

Enrolment Report for February 28, 2019, provided for information.

**Preliminary Instructional  
Budget 2019-2020**

**Preliminary Instructional Budget 2019-2020**

Provided for information.

**Canada Revenue  
Agency – Taxable  
Benefits**

**Canada Revenue Agency – Taxable Benefits**

Provided for information.

**Rural Education  
Symposium Report**

**Rural Education Symposium Report**

Chair Judy Muir reported from the March 3-5, 2019 Symposium:

- Reported that 42 School Boards are now members of RCASB (Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards).
- Purpose of the meeting: pre and post-election advocacy
- Presentation of RCASB 2019 Budget – consists of 15 days – for 3 meetings and 5 executive. The expense would be \$857.19 per Board.
- Pre-Election Advocacy Panel presentation from Barry Latoon (CASS), Sherry Singer (Sec/Treas. Wetaskewin Regional School Division, and Caroline Lewis (Superintendent, Grande Yellowhead Regional School Division).
- Table discussion on advocacy and key messages.
- Chair Holly Bilton developed questions arising from key messages to take to Ministers Panel Discussion. Questions were regarding Rural Funding, MELT and credit cap.



**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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**Whitecourt Economic Forum**

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The forum was hosted by the Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce at St. Joseph Parish Hall on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Speakers for the event ranged from Whitecourt mayor Maryann Chichak to Woodlands mayor Ron Govenlock and former mayor Jim Rennie.

David Quick and Debbie Vance, from NGPS were also in attendance.

Senior Housing development project was first approved under the PC Government for funding, but required re-approval under the NDP Government. The project may be delayed again because we have another election being called.

Chichak talked about the caribou range plan, a project that has been at a standstill for a number of years and could have a negative effect on rural communities. Even after four years and numerous meetings, nothing has changed. Work will continue on this file.

New stat holiday proposed to mark Indigenous reconciliation is set for September 30<sup>th</sup>, commemorating victims of residential schools.

Supporters of Wellspring Family Resource Centre (WFRCC) have sought funding for a new transition house. The new 12-unit transition housing is necessary due to the amount of people Wellspring has had to turn away. The new facility has an estimated cost of \$3.35 million.

Woodlands County is in tax arrears of approximately \$4.3 million dollars. This represents about 22.5 percent of their tax base. In approximately two years, this revenue shortfall could effectively eliminate their reserves.

3973-19

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

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Six Field Trips
2. 3 Year Capital Plan 2020-2023
3. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

**In-Camera Items**

3974-19

**I. In-Camera Items**

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board go in-camera at 7:39 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustees Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke and Ethan Thesen left the meeting at 7:40 p.m. due to conflict of interest.

3975-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton–that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:18 p.m.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

3976-19

**J. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Wigton - that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer