

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

October 16, 2018

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 October 16th, 2018, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:06 p.m.

Chair Judy Muir, Trustees, Diane Hagman, Sarah Healy, Sherry Jeffreys, Barb Maddigan, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke, Linda Wigton and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Lachlan Whatley, Secretary – Treasurer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, were present at this time.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, was present at this time.

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Trustee Ethan Thesen were absent from the meeting.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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- E.15.a) Zone 2/3 Report
- E.15.b) YRL Report
- E.15.c) Chamber of Commerce Report
- I.2.a) Personnel

Acceptance of Agenda

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Appointments and
Delegations

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the agenda for the October 16th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

C. Minutes of the September 18th, 2018
Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the minutes of the September 18th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

B. Appointments and Delegations

Gerry Steinke, First Vice President, PSBAA
Brian Callaghan, Executive Director, PSBAA

Presentation on “Together for Students”

Our province funds more educational systems and boards than any other province in Canada. These choices are now coming at an increasing costs to all of us. Services are duplicated and inefficient. Communities are being fragmented. Funds are diverted, meaning students end up with fewer learning opportunities instead of more.

We need to start a public dialogue about the escalating costs, financial, social and educational - resulting from our multiple education systems.

For more information go to website:

www.togetherforstudents.ca

Gerry Steinke and Brian Callaghan, completed their presentation and Brian left the meeting at 5:56

Action Items

Fox Creek: Alberta/Iceland (ALICE) Student Exchange Program

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Hillside High School Field Trip

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ASBA/PSBAA

D. Action Items

Fox Creek: Alberta/Iceland (ALICE) Student Exchange Program

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth– that the Board approve in full Fox Creek School participating in the Student Exchange Program to Iceland scheduled from November 3rd to November 11th, 2018.

Motion Carried

Hillside High School Field Trip

Moved by Trustee Healy – that the Board approve in full the Hillside High School field trip to Ottawa, Encounters with Canada, scheduled for November 18th – 24th, 2018.

Motion Carried

ASBA/PSBAA

ASBA:

No report.

PSBAA:

New PSBAA Work Plan handed out. PSBAA FGM starts next week.

Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional information:

Whitecourt Town Council passed a By-Law on the use of Cannabis.

Received an email from the Deputy Minister on qualifications for truck drivers, this will also impact our bus drivers. This will be "MELT" training as opposed to the "S" endorsement.

Finance

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Reports provided for information.

October 30, 2018 Organization Meeting Start Time

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3:00 p.m. – Organizational Meeting

5:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

Alberta Education Minister Apologies – re: Test

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Provided for information.

Alberta Education Business Plan Submission

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Plan submitted and provided for information.

Regional Municipalities Meeting Report

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- meeting was open to all Municipalities Whitecourt – East.
- all summer villages were also there – were happy to hear our message
- informative questions
- MLA Carlier was first on the agenda. Meeting went on to discuss the following items:
 - regional sewer line
 - Onoway/County joining
 - Lac Ste Anne Foundation – Lodges/Old Folk Homes
 - Wellspring Affordable Housing Project
- letter from Rural Caucus to Pembina – challenging our current K-12 curriculum.

Advocacy Committee Meeting Record and Advocacy Plan for 2018 - 2019

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Provided for information.

City of St. Albert Letter

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Letter provided for information.

Instructional Hours

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Current year hours provided for information

Appreciation Evening

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Theme: Gateway to the World
Date: Friday, September 28, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.

The evening went very well. Lots of compliments from staff. Sherry did a great job of being the MC. Sherry should be one of the first people to eat before starting her role as the MC of the evening.

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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ASBA Zone 2/3 Report

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Report provided for information.

Yellowhead Regional Library Report

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The Yellowhead Regional Library (YRL) Board Executive Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Karla Palichuk as YRL Director, effective January 2, 2019.

Looking at reviewing the salary scale, has not been reviewed for six years.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting Report

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Canadian Association for Petroleum Producers:

- price of oil is down
- may never recover
- may never process oil in Canada (US does not want this to happen)
- also talked about the Caribou issue

Northern Gateway reported on:

- Career Expo
- Dual Credit Program

At the Annual General Meeting on October 10th, the membership requested more information from Canadian Association for Petroleum Producers on Bill C-69, and how to ensure our voice is heard by the senate.

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Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E15 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

1. PSBAA/ASGA Costing – provided at Oct. 30 Organizational Meeting
2. Trustee Tax Exemption Information – provided at Oct. 30 Organizational Meeting

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. PSBAA Presentation "Together for Students"
2. Regional Municipalities Meeting
3. Advocacy Platforms
4. Awards Night
5. Fox Creek Iceland Student Exchange Program
6. K-4 Curriculum

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

In-Camera Items

I. In-Cameral Items

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Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board go in-camera at 7:24 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Lachlan Whatley be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Jeffreys–that the Board come out of in-camera at 7:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board accept Sarah Healy’s resignation from her position of Trustee in Ward 1, Subdivision 1.

Adjournment

I. Adjournment

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Moved by Trustee Wigton- that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer