

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

May 7, 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 May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 4:45 p.m.

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

Ian Baxter, Principal, Fox Creek School, and three teachers from Iceland, Svava Thorhildur Hjaltalin, Alda Askeldorttir, and Hulda Maria Magnusdottir, were present at this time.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, Laurel Udell and Katelynn Biggar, Group 2 presenters, were present at this time.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent was absent from the meeting.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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Nil

**Appointments and Delegations**

**B. Appointments and Delegations**

Ian Baxter, Principal, Fox Creek School, and 3 teachers from Iceland, Svava Thorhildur Hjaltalin, Alda Askelsdorttir, and Hulda Maria Magnusdottir, presented on the Icelandic exchange.

Icelandic exchange teachers are with us in Fox Creek this week as part of the Alberta Iceland Exchange Project (ALICE). ALICE connects high performing education systems for mutual professional development, learning and growth. Principals and teachers participate alongside students in the exchange, residing with their exchange counterparts, and work shadowing in the exchange partner's school. The teachers shared a meal with NGPS trustees as they discussed educational philosophy and practice, and their experiences in Alberta so far.

Presentation was complete at 5:26 p.m. and Ian Baxter, Svava Thorhildur Hjaltalin, Alda Askelsdorttir and Hulda Maria Magnusdottir left the meeting.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

3992-19

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the agenda for the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**In-Camera Items**

3993-19

**I. In-Camera Items**

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board go in-camera at 5:27 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Lisa Bakos, Randy Lovich and Group 2 representatives and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

3994-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman–that the Board come out of in-camera at 7:04p.m.

Motion Carried

**Minutes of the  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

**C. Minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

3995-19

Moved by Trustee Peck– that the minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

**Action Items**

**D. Action Items**

**Policy 3– Role  
of the Trustee**

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3996-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee be affirmed as amended.

Motion Carried

**Policy 4 – Trustee  
Code of Conduct**

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3997-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct be affirmed as amended.

Motion Carried

Policy 5 – Role  
of the Board Chair

3998-19

Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that  
Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair be  
affirmed as presented.

Motion Carried

Policy 6 – Role  
of the Vice-Chair

3999-19

Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that  
Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair be  
affirmed as presented.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

**ASBA: (Linda Wigton)**

ASBA Zone 2/3 April 26, 2019 meeting report  
provided for information.

**PSBAA: (Anita Portsmouth)**

No report.

*PSBAA Letter (Together for Students Campaign)*

Provided for information only.

*PSBAA Letter (Special Contribution to Public Education Award)*

Provided for information only.

*ASBA Budget and Bylaws Bulletin SGM 2019*

Provided for Information only.

### Superintendent's Report

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Written report provided for information.

Additional information:

Transportation presentation on Student Transportation to Day Homes at the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting.

### Finance

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Student Enrolment Report provided for information.

### CRA Tax Ruling

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Provided for information.

### Board Correspondence

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Congratulation letters sent to Martin Long, MLA, Shane Getson, MLA and Todd Loewen, MLA, provided for your information.

4000-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that a letter of congratulations be sent to the new Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange.

Motion Carried

### **East End Regional Municipal Meeting**

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Meeting was held on May 3, 2019 at The Heritage Centre in Onoway. There were approximately 50 attendees including Mayerthorpe, Onoway, Alberta Beach, LSA County and all Summer Villages within the County. Trustees Hagman, Peck and Muir and Superintendent Andrea represented NGPS.

NGPS items on the agenda were Joint Use Agreements and Rural Education Symposium Follow-Up.

MLA Lac Ste. Anne Parkland, Shane Getson, was in attendance.

### **PC Cabinet Members in New UCP Government**

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Information provided.

### **Yellowhead Regional Library Report**

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Provided for information.

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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Nil

4001-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E11 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussions

F. Topics for Future Discussions

1. How to meet with the new MLA.
2. Sturgeon Lake (History on the Hills)
3. Financial Cost for Catering for Board Mtgs

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

Nil

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Icelandic Presentation
2. Board Policy Review
3. Letter to Minister of Education
4. Municipality Meeting

Lisa Bakos, Communication Officer, left the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

**In-Camera Items**

**I. In-Camera Items**

4002-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board go in-camera at 8:40 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

4003-19

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys–that the Board come out of in-camera at 8:49 p.m.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**J. Adjournment**

4004-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton - that the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer