

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

August 27, 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 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 5:03 p.m.

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

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

Trustees Ethan Thesen and Sherry Jeffreys were absent from the meeting.

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent was absent from the meeting.

**Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda**

**2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Nil

**Acceptance of Agenda**

4054-19

**3. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the agenda for the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

**Appointments and Delegations**

**B. Appointments and Delegations**

Nil

**Minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

4055-19

**C. Minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth– that the minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

**Action Items**

**D. Action Items**

**Locally Developed Courses**

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4056-19

Moved by Trustee Wigton – that the Board approve to reauthorize the use of the following Locally Developed Course acquired from Aspen View Public Schools Division No. 78 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020: Fantasy and Science Fiction 15 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details, and

acquired from Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 –

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020: Production Field Operations (PFO) 15 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

Notice of Motion

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4057-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Regularly scheduled Board Meetings to now commence at 1:00 p.m. at Division Office in Whitecourt, AB, effective immediately.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA: (Linda Wigton)

Next ASBA Zone 2/3 meeting is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

PSBAA: (Judy Muir)

Report attached for information.

Superintendent's Report

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Report provided for information.

Finance

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Reports provided for information.

Letter from Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Announcements Schools – New School Announcements

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Letter provided for information.

YRL 2019-2021 Plan of Service – Information Item

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Provided for information.

CSBA Conference Report

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NGPS Board Trustees Linda Wigton and Diane Hagman attended the Congress and Gathering this past July. The event is a leading national professional development opportunity for school boards that helps to build leadership capacity and support trustees in advocating for students. Trustees attended sessions on Reconciliation, relationship-building, bullying and corporate citizenship, and shared their learning and suggestions for best practices within governance with the Board.

Keynote Speakers:

- Kevin Lamoureux, Associate Vice President, Indigenous Affairs, University of Winnipeg: *"Healing the Wound with the Weapon: Reconciliation and Public Education"*
- Dr. Paulette Tremblay, Chief Executive Officer, Assembly of First Nations: *"Spoke on Long Term Relationship Building?"*
- Keewatin-Patricia District School Board Best Practice Workshop: *"Closing the Graduation Gap: The Indigenous Graduation Coach"*

- Dr. Gabor Mate, Canadian Physician, Childhood Development and Trauma and Renowned Addiction Expert
- Valerie Chort, VP, Corporation Citizenship for RBC and Ex. Dir of the RBC Foundation: *"The Coming Skills Revolution: How Canadian Youth Can Thrive in the Age of Disruption"*
- Other Speakers: Brian Woodland, Ted Amendt and Cross Canada Check-In panel.

Some best practices our Board might consider:

- Forming a Council of School Councils
- Rather than two public Board meetings per month, consider having one public Board meeting and one generative meeting that allows for more informal discussions and decide what goes forward to public Board meetings for motion.
- Bring Dr. Gabor/Gordon Neufeld to our are to present to Principals, Staff, Board, Parents, etc. Neighbouring Boards have expressed an interest in coordinating this together.
- Consider the strategies implemented by the Indigenous Education presentation.

The CSBA Annual Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education 2020, is scheduled for July2-5, 2020 at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

4058-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that Hotel rooms be reserved now for the CSBA Annual Congress and National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education 2020 at the Banff Centre, for all trustees.

School Council Reports	<p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried</p> <p>School Council Reports</p> <p>Reports provided for information.</p> <p>All reports will be posted online for a limited time.</p>
Board Annual Work Plan	<p>Board Annual Work Plan</p> <p>Plan provided for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start process of scheduling dates for School Tours.</li> <li>- Bring Trustee Calendar in its entirety to the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.</li> <li>- Year-end Suspension Summary Report to the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.</li> </ul>
Motion Review Cycle	<p>Motion Review Cycle</p> <p>Provided for information.</p>
Additional Report Items	<p>Additional Report Items</p> <p>Nil</p>
4059-19	<p>Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1- E9 as information.</p>
Topics for Future Discussions	<p style="text-align: right;">Motion Carried</p> <p>F. Topics for Future Discussions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NGPS Board/Band from Valleyview meet to develop relationships.</li> <li>2. NGPS request to meet with the Minister – any response on this?</li> </ol>

**Requests for Information**

**G. Requests for Information**

1. Report on Summer Boot Camps – costs and successes and if any Indigenous students attended.

**Meeting Highlights**

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Introduction of Tamara Spong – new Secretary-Treasurer
2. Board Meeting Time Change
3. Mental Health Capacity Building Enhancement Project
4. Locally Developed Courses
5. PSBC Meeting and CSBA Conference Reports
6. Education Act, Ministerial Orders and Regulation Changes
7. Change to Board Policy on Transportation Services

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

**In-Camera Items**

**I. In-Camera Items**

4060-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board go in-camera at 6:37 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Tamara Spong and Wendy Robertson be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

4061-19

Moved by Trustee Hagman–that the Board come out of in-camera at 6:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

4062-19

J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the meeting  
be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer