

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

September 17, 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 September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:03 p.m.

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

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, David Quick and Debbie Vance, Learning Services, were present at this time.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, was absent from the meeting.

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

Trustee Diane Hagman participated by Google Hangout.

Treaty Land  
Acknowledgement

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Board Chair Judy Muir read the  
Acknowledgement.

Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda

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- B. 1:05 p.m. – Michelle Brennick – Visioning  
Presentation
- D.2.a) Request from Trustee Thesen to miss his  
third meeting.
- D.2.b) Lunch – Board meeting days

Acceptance of Agenda

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4062-19

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda  
for the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board  
Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

2.a) Trustee Ethan Thesen has asked the Board  
permission to miss his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive meeting.

4063-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board  
excuses Trustee Ethan Thesen for missing his  
third consecutive Board meeting.

Motion Carried

## Appointments and Delegations

### B. Appointments and Delegations

#### ***Michelle Brennick – Deputy Superintendent Visioning Presentation***

The Deputy Superintendent outlined plans for Division leadership to engage with Dr. Santiago Rincon-Gallardo in Whitecourt on November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with a view to reviewing NGPS educational direction through the lens of “liberating learning” Trustees will join with site leaders for focused conversations that will impact short and long range planning for the school division

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, completed her report at 1:35 p.m.

## Services

#### ***David Quick/Debbie Vance – Learning***

##### ***Summer Boot Camps***

David and Debbie presented a quick review of the July 2019 Summer Boot Camps:

- ran from July 2<sup>nd</sup> –12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There were
- 20 Career Camps ran, with 241 students enrolled and 636 credits earned.
- 80% of the students attending were from NGPS.

Off Campus Work Experience and RAP

- 138 students participated in summer

Trustees were also presented with a Video completed by the students in the Movie Making program.

David Quick and Debbie Vance completed their

report at 2:16 p.m. and left the meeting.

***Rhett Czaban – Transportation Update***

Director Czaban gave a report that updated the Board on:

- The implementation of Whitecourt bus transfer sites
- Route adjustments in response to students population shifts
- The implementation of the supplementary bus transportation option and fee
- The need to review safety and other exemptions over the course of 2019-2020

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, completed his report at 2:51 p.m. and left the meeting.

**Minutes of the  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

4064-19

**C. Minutes of the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth– that the minutes of the August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent back into the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

**Action Items**

Locally Developed  
Courses

**D. Action Items**

Locally Developed Courses

4065-19

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board approve to authorize the use of the following Locally Developed Courses acquired from Alexis Band from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020: Nakoda/Nakota Language and Culture 15-12Y (5 credits), Nakoda/Nakota Language and Culture 25-12Y (5 credits) and Nakoda/Nakota Language and Culture 35 12Y (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

**Additional Action Items**

**Lunch – Board Meeting Days**

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The question was raised if lunch should be catered for the out of town Trustees.

It was decided the trustees will do lunch on their own.

No Action taken.

**Information/Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA**

**E. Information/Reports**

**ASBA/PSBAA**

**ASBA: (Linda Wigton)**

No report.

**PSBAA: (Judy Muir)**

No report.

**Ministerial Order (#034/2019):**

The Ministerial Order 034 is in reference to the renaming of School Divisions.

Northern Gateway Regional Division No. 10 will now be know as Northern Gateway School Division.

Trustee Steinke reported from the Board Chair's meeting that the Minister would consider putting "Public" back into School Division names, but only if all Boards wanted this.

**Superintendent's Report**

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Report provided for information.

**Finance**

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Reports provided for information.

**Ministers Visit to  
Whitecourt**

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The Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, will coming to Whitecourt on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will be meeting with Northern Gateway Board and Administration in the afternoon.

**Appreciation Evening**

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The Annual Employee Recognition Evening is

scheduled for Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Westward Community Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. The theme this year is: Enchanted Garden.

### Review of New Electoral Ward Map

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Map was posted on the wall in the Board room for all Trustees to view.

### Board Chair Meeting ASBA – Sept. 12/19

### Board Chair Meeting – ASBA – Sept. 12

Minister LaGrange, Deputy Minister Curtis Clark and Assistant Deputy, Gene Williams were in attendance at the meeting. Minister LaGrange spoke to:

- wanting open lines of communication with Boards.
- wanting all to work together.
- empowering School Boards by giving us the tools we need.
- The Minister spoke to key points:

The first was in the Education Act and the naming of School Divisions. She stated it was a logistical piece to standardize names. In order for Public Boards to use the work Public all 41 Boards would have to agree.

The second was funding. Is there a better way to fund education and are the grants appropriate? There is a review in progress, including ASBA, CASS, and ASBOA. The report will go to the Minister in January, 2020, and will be part of the Budget 2020 and be implemented September, 2020.

Gene Williams gave the Alberta Education Assurance presentation (included in the Superintendent Report). They are willing to discuss all grants and programs within education. .

Board Chairs shared comments on the MacKinnon Report. The ASBA Board asked for reflections on their Advocacy work. Comments included the MacKinnon Report: real numbers and what are they, small schools – M&O and Transportation. Grassroots democracy and local representation.

**Board Calendar**

4066-19

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Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board approve the revised Board Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion Carried

**School Tours**

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Take to the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting.

**Board Annual Work Plan**

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Provided for information.

Trustee PD Schedule to be reviewed at the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting.

**Motion Review Cycle**

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Provided for information.



**Additional Report Items**

4067-19

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Nil

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board accept Information/Reports E1-E10 as information.

Motion Carried

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**Requests for Information**

**Meeting Highlights**

**In-Camera Items**

4068-19

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

Nil

**G. Requests for Information**

Nil

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. Summer Boot Camp Report
2. Visioning Day Presentation
3. Transportation Report
4. Locally Developed Courses
5. Preliminary Enrolment Count
6. Upcoming Minister of Education Visit

**I. In-Camera Items**

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board go in-camera at 4:27 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Leslee Jodry, Tamara Spong and Wendy Robertson, be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

4069-19

Moved by Trustee Steinke—that the Board  
come out of in-camera at 4:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**J. Adjournment**

4070-19

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the meeting  
be adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer