

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

August 18, 2020 @ 1:00 p.m.

Board Room of the Division Office in Whitecourt, AB

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## Opening

### A. Opening

Meeting to be recorded – started at 1:07 p.m.

## Call to Order and Roll Call

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, meeting was called to order by Chair Wigton at 1:07 p.m.

Chair Linda Wigton, Trustees, Barb Maddigan, Diane Hagman, Jim Hailes, Judy Muir, Christine Peck, Anita Portsmouth, Gerry Steinke  
Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Tamara Spong, Secretary Treasurer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary.

Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, Bev Cotton, Jackie Mines, Tammy Davis, Learning Services Coordinators, Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety, were present at this time.

Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, was present at this time.

Trustee Sherry Jeffreys participated in meeting by Zoom.

Members of the Public were also present.

Treaty Land  
Acknowledgement

2. **Treaty Land Acknowledgement**

Board Chair Linda Wigton read the Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

Additions/Deletions  
to the Agenda

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Addition:

D.2.a) Communications Meeting Report and Recommendation

I.4.a) Labour

Acceptance of Agenda

4. **Acceptance of Agenda**

4250-20

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the agenda for the August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Appointments and  
Delegations

B. **Appointments and Delegations**

NGPS Admin Team presented the Northern Gateway Public Schools Re-Entry Plan. Discussion on the NGPS Re-entry plan was completed at 4:03 p.m.

Tammy Davis, LS Coordinator, left the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

4251-20

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that NGPS stay within the guidelines for transportation as stated in the NGPS Re-entry Handbook.

Motion Withdrawn

4252-20

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that NGPS make wearing of masks mandatory on NGPS busses during the COVID situation except for those medically exempt.

Motion Defeated

Bev Cotton, Jackie Mines, LS Coordinators, Cheryl Lovich, Health & Safety, Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Jason Yaremchuk, Director of Information Technology, left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Trustee Sherry Jeffreys left the Zoom meeting at 4:33 p.m.

4253-20

Moved by Trustee Muir– that the Board of Trustees accept the NGPS COVID-19 Re-entry Handbook as presented.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Regular Board Meeting

C. Minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Regular Board Meeting

4254-20

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

4255-20

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, Special Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

School Year Calendar

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4256-20

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Board of Trustees approve the revised 2020 – 2021 school year calendar as presented.

Motion Carried

Additional Action Items

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Communications Committee Report

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4257-20

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board of Trustees cancel the Annual Employee Recognition evening for the fall of October 2020, due to COVID-19, with the intent that all employees will receive their awards.

Motion Carried

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA: (Linda Wigton)

Board Chair Linda Wigton attended by Zoom the ASBA Board Chairs Meeting on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Agenda Items for discussion were as follows:

1. School Re-Entry Update and Discussion
2. CASS Seeking Professional Status
3. ASBA's Advocacy Priorities

Reports attached for information.

### **PSBAA: (Judy Muir)**

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 PSBAA Council Meeting:

The meeting was held by Zoom with reports from all table officers. The President spoke of PSBAA reaching out to the Minister's Office and are on record speaking to our concerns regarding the Choice in Education Act and will continue to work with government to support our students. She ended up saying our Legacy will be that we fought hard for public education.

The Vice President spoke on the fact that other Boards are publicly funded but we are the only Public Boards. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP talked about PSBAA belief statements. Who we are, what brings us together, what we all agree on and what we have in common. There will be a copy of this coming out to Boards.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Director gave a brief budget presentation. The budget video will be coming out to Boards prior to FGM. There will be no increase in fees.

The members spent a few minutes with questions on the Work plan. This will be approved at the next meeting so we must add it to a future agenda.

We approved the three bylaw amendments moving forward to the FGM.

A brief presentation was made by Catherine Keill, a new Communications support member for PSBAA. Her firm is also available for Boards to contract.

She spoke of looking at trends and how government may be thinking. And how will this impact the work that we do.

#### Finance

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Reports provided for information.

#### Superintendent's Report

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Report provided for information.

4258-20

Moved by Trustee Hagman – that the Policy Committee review Policy 15 – “School Operational Viability”.

Motion Defeated

#### Ministerial Order on Student Learning

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The new Ministerial Order on Student Learning was adopted on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- Ministerial Order has impacted the curriculum
- Due to delays from the COVID pandemic, timelines to validate the new draft curriculum are being adjusted. As a result, the initial classroom validation phase will be expanded from draft Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum to include Grades 5 and 6, and will begin in

September 2021. This will give participating schools more time to prepare.

- Draft pilot for K-6 curriculum will be done by NGPS in 2022
- Draft pilot for Grades 7-10 will begin in 2022
- Did not mention a Grade 11 – 12 curriculum
- SLAs for Grade 3 students continue to be optional for teachers to use
- PATs – Grade 6 and 9 – optional for this school year 2020 – 2021 for teachers to use. Some changes have been made. Participation is optional.

#### Board Annual Work Plan

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Provided for information.

#### Upcoming Events

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Board Workshop scheduled for Sept. 23 & 24.

4259-20

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board Workshop be split into two days days.

Motion Defeated

Due COVID-19, the Board Workshop will be deferred until later in the year.

#### Motion Review Cycle

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Provided for information.

**Additional Report Items**

4260-20

**Topics for Future Discussions**

**Requests for Information**

**Meeting Highlights**

**Additional Report Items**

Nil

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

Motion Carried

**F. Topics for Future Discussions**

1. Board Workshop

**G. Requests for Information**

1. School Re-opening Dates with numbers.

**H. Meeting Highlights**

1. NGPS Re-Entry Handbook
2. School Calender 2020-2021 (amended)
3. Annual Appreciation Awards Evening
4. Ministerial Order on Student Learning

Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer and Wendy Robertson, Recording Secretary, left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Electronic recording of meeting discontinued at 6:45 p.m.



**In-Camera Items**

4261-20

**I. In-Camera Items**

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board move into In-Camera at 6:53 p.m., and Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick, Tamara Spong and Rhett Czaban, were invited to stay.

Motion Carried

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Tamara Spong, Secretary-Treasurer, left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

4262–20

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth – that the Board move out of In-Camera at 8:15 p.m.

Motion Carried

Tamara Spong, Secretary-Treasurer, back into meeting at 8:15 p.m.

4263-20

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation from the Support-Administration Compensation Committee as presented.

Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

**J. Adjournment**

4264-20

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Motion Carried

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer