

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

April 13, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Division Office in Whitecourt, AB via Zoom

Opening

A. Opening

Meeting to be recorded – started at 10:01 a.m.

**Call to Order
and Roll Call**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The April 13th, 2021 meeting was called to order by Chair Wigton at 10:01 a.m.

Chair Linda Wigton, Trustees, Barb Maddigan, Diane Hagman, Jim Hailes, Sherry Jeffreys, 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.

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation, Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance and Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer, were present at this time.

**Treaty Land
Acknowledgement**

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Trustee Barb Maddidan read the Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

Additions/Deletions
to the Agenda

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E.8) Proposals for Supporting OJSH

Acceptance of Agenda

4. Acceptance of Agenda

4403-21

Moved by Trustee Peck– that the agenda for the April 13th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Minutes of the
March 16th, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

C. Minutes of the March 16th =, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

4404-21

Moved by Trustee Hagman– that the minutes of the March 16th, 2021 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

Action Items

D. Action Items

2021-2022 Transportation

2021-2022 Transportation Fee

4405-21

Moved by Trustee Maddigan - that the 2021-2022 Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible students be increased to:

Grade 1-12 Annual Pass: \$371.00 per student
ECS Pass: \$185.00 per half-day ECS student
\$371.00 per full day everyday ECS student

Family Pass: \$927.00 maximum per family

Replacement Pass: \$6.00 per pass

Alternate Seat Pass: \$386.00 per student

Alternate Seat Fee ECS: \$193.00 per half day ECS
Student

Alternate Seat Fee Family: \$966.00 maximum per
family

Motion Carried

4406-21

Moved by Trustee Hailes: that the Division write a letter to the Minister of Education for consideration and compensation on transporting students whom we have identified as at risk on their travels to school, and cc to our Municipal partners it affects.

Motion Defeated

Locally Developed Courses

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4407-21

Moved by Trustee Muir – that the Board approve to reauthorize the use of the following Locally Developed Course acquired from the Grande Yellowhead School Division from September 1st, 2021 – August 31st, 2025 (at no cost to the Division); Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details; and

that the Board approve to reauthorize the use of the following Locally Developed Courses acquired from the Calgary School Division from September 1st, 2021 – August 31st, 2025 (at no cost to the Division); Academic Achievement through English Language Development 14 (3 credits), Academic Achievement through English Language Development 25 (3 credits), Academic Achievement through English Language Development 35 (3 credits), Band (2021) 15 (3 credits), Band (2021) 25 (3 credits), Band (2021) 25 (5 credits), Band (2021) 25 (3 credits), and Band (2021) 35 (5 credits). Resources used to teach the course are listed in the Learning Resources of the Course Details.

Motion Carried

2021-2022 School
Calendar

4408-21

2021-2022 School Calendar

Moved by Trustee Muir – that the Board of Trustees accept the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried

Sale of Sangudo Community
School Portable

4409-21

Sale of Sangudo Community School Portable

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board of Trustees accept the tender from Drake Szybunka in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the sale of the Sangudo Community School Portable.

Motion Carried

Rhett Czaban, Director of Transportation and Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Additional Action Items

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Nil

Information/Reports

E. Information/Reports

ASBA/PSBAA

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ASBA: (Linda Wigton)

Information provided.

ASBA Zone 2/3: (Jim Hailes)

- President's Report – Trustee recall legislation has several problems including

voter lists (French, Public & Catholic). The Minister is advocating to have School Staff prioritized for vaccinations. Ministerial approval of Superintendent hiring will no longer be required.

- Presentation from Terry Gunderson on the importance of regular Policy and Governance review. We are good.
 - Director's Report – Cheryl Dumont – they are looking for PD in the areas of Superintendent hiring, contracts and evaluation.
 - PD session on Apple Schools, healthy eating and mental health.
 - Continued ASBA Governance review exercise with MNP.
 - Advocacy report – 2nd Coffee and Conversation event had over 50 participants, great feedback. Next session will be May 11th @ 7:00.
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- Nothing on position statements.
 - SGM will be held by Zoom.
 - Should register as a Board – one person should do this – how is the voting taking place?
 - Administration to discuss with our Tech department – see if they can set up a separate Zoom link to vote.

PSBAA: (Christine Peck)

No meeting report.

- Upcoming meetings:
 - April 16 @ 9:00 – PSBC meeting
All day event will be held via Zoom.
Registration is required. Event Fee (per Board): \$100 + GST

- April 19 @ 9:00 – PSBAA PD Session 9 a.m. – 12 noon. The State of the System: A reality Check on Canada’s Schools Leading Canadian education analyst, Dr. Paul W. Bennett, will present his perspective on, and insights into, the K-12 system from the outside looking in.
- May 27 @ 1:00 p.m. – In Pursuit of Excellence in Governance Registration is required. Via Zoom.
- June 3 @ 9:00 June 4 @ 4:00 p.m. PSBAA Spring General Assembly via Zoom

Standing Committee Reports

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Policy:

- No meeting scheduled. Changes from the Education Act are not complete on all our Policies.

Communications:

- Lisa to schedule a meeting to discuss the Staff Appreciation Evening.

Audit Committee:

- Tender for new Auditor has been advertised. Deadline is April 23, 2021.

Rural Caucus:

- Zoom Meeting – April 27th – Minister Lagrange attending.

Superintendent's Report

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Report provided for information.

Bonnie Countryman, Principal, and Jennifer Davis, School Council Chair, Harry Gray School, entered the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Darlene Wood, Principal, and Amber Krieger, School Council Chair, Hillside High School entered the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Appointments and Delegations

B. Appointments and Delegations

School Council Reports - via Zoom

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Harry Gray School:

Bonnie Countryman – Principal
Jennifer Davis – School Council Chair

School Council Chair:

Jennifer reported on events pre-Covid:

- Turkey lunch at Christmas
- Taco in a Bag
- Did one major fundraiser before Easter
- Lunch hour supervision for teachers to have pot luck lunch
- Organized Community Auctions held in May
- Part of the Nutrition Program
- Did an in-service/presentation workshop on the purpose of School Council
- There is also a Society that helps with fundraising
- Parent volunteers in the classroom

Principal:

We have a limited number of parents attend the School Council meetings, but many volunteer with the activities.

No fundraising was done this year as there were no field trips. In the past we have sold Purdy's' Chocolates and Flower Baskets.

Hillside High School:

Darlene Wood – Principal

Amber Kreiger – School Council Chair

Principal:

Amber Kreiger has served on School Council for 16-17 years.

School Council Chair:

- This is first time giving an online report
- Events we do at the school:
 - Christmas Dinner for staff/students
 - Booster Club
 - Fundraising to help school
 - Grade 9 parent meeting for those going into High School
- Meetings can be well attended at the beginning of the year.
- Receive a huge support from the parents.
- Alberta School Council of Councils meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Principal Wood has done well with the challenges of Covid and online learning.

Fundraisers:

- Pembina – great supporter with donations
- Casino – supports most of the schools needs
- Booster Club
- Burger sales/pop/chips at Track/Field Days

Bonnie Countryman, Jennifer Davis, Amber Krieger, left the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Finance

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Reports provided for information.

Division Budget

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Reports provided for information.

New K-6 Curriculum Draft

New K-6 Curriculum Draft

Reports provided for information.

Administration has made the decision not to pilot this new curriculum in classrooms, but will be reviewing and providing feedback.

Correspondence

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Attached for information:

- a) Feedback on New K-6 Curriculum
- b) Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Letter

c) Proposals for Supporting Onoway High

4410-21

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board write a letter to the local municipalities to raise the issue of Policing, asking for support and for a meeting to discuss further.

Motion Carried

Rural Caucus of
Alberta School Boards
Spring Meeting

Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards Spring Meeting

Meeting has been confirmed for April 27th, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

They are asking Boards to provide information on the two questions provided. Administration, Board Chair and Trustee Hagman to draft response.

Agenda attached for information.

Board Annual Work Plan

Board Annual Work Plan

Provided for information.

Motion Review Cycle

Motion Review Cycle

Provided for information.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Reports

Diane Hagman

- No school council meetings this month.
- I have registered for the ASCA Conference.

Jim Hailes

- Met with MLA Todd Loewen on March 17 and thanked him for the schools not being Held Harmless on attendance this year.
- Talked to him about the disappointment on the Valleyview School situation. He also expressed his disappointment on this.
- Broad Band needs to be increased.
- Charter and Private Schools was discussed. We need to protect public schooling in this province.
- Mental Health Capacity Program – concerned funds would be cut from the budget for this.
- Rural Funding – equal does not mean equitable.

Anita Portsmouth

- Attended the NSBA via Zoom. Will provide a report at the next Board meeting.

Sherry Jeffreys

- Parent Council meeting at Sangudo – they are still very active.
- The Ag Society has left the ice in for skaters.
- Still doing activities such as Trixster and a Book fair with Scholastic.

Gerry Steinke

- Attended NSBA (PSBAA covered the cost). Will provide report at the next Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

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- May 5 – Teacher Induction
- May 11 – Coffee Conversation (Tentative)

- May 27 @ 1:00 p.m. – In Pursuit of Excellence in Governance
Registration is required. Via Zoom.
- June 3 @ 9:00 June 4 @ 4:00 p.m.
PSBAA Spring General Assembly via Zoom
- ASBA SGM – June 7, 2021 via Zoom

Additional Report Items

4411-21

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Nil

Moved by Trustee Hagman– that the Board of Trustees accept Information/Reports E1- E14 as information.

Motion Carried

Topics for Future Discussion

F. Topics for Future Discussions

Nil

Requests for Information

G. Requests for Information

1. Local "Friends of Education Award" – Trustee Portsmouth to provide more information at the May 4th Board meeting.

Meeting Highlights

H. Meeting Highlights

1. Transportation Fee Increase
2. Locally Developed Course Approved
3. 2021-22 School Year Calendar
Approved
4. Mental Health Capacity Program
Approved – East End
5. School Council Presentations
6. Press Release on not doing the K-6 Curriculum Pilot in Classrooms

In-Camera Items

I. In-Camera Items

4412-21

Moved by Trustee Peck – that the Board move into In-Camera at 3:15 p.m., Tamara Spong, Secretary Treasurer was invited to stay.

Motion Carried

Electronic recording of meeting discontinued at 3:15 p.m.

Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, Leslee Jodry, Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Bakos, Communications Officer and Wendy Robertson, Record Secretary, left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

4413-21

Moved by Trustee Jeffreys – that the Board move out of In-Camera at 3:59 p.m.

Motion Carried

4414-21

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board of Trustees make an offer of employment for the position of Superintendent of Schools/CEO of Northern Gateway School Division to the successful candidate, conditional on receipt of Ministerial Approval, mutual agreement on a contract of employment, a criminal record check and a child intervention record check, both satisfactory to the Board.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

4415-21

J. Adjournment

Moved by Trustee Portsmouth - that the meeting
be adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer