

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Organizational and Regular Board Meetings, October 26, 2021

First Meeting of the 2021-25 Board of Trustees

Following the October 18 School Board [election](#), the newly elected nine-member NGPS Board of Trustees met in Whitecourt for the Board's annual Organizational meeting, followed by the Board's regular meeting.

The 2021-25 Board of Trustees includes 7 returning and 2 new Trustees:

- Christine Peck representing Onoway (Ward 1, Subdivision 1)
- Judy Muir representing Alberta Beach, Rich Valley and Darwell (Ward 1, Subdivision 2)
- NEW Deb Koloski representing Darwell, Sangudo and Mayerthorpe area (Ward 1, Subdivision 3)
- Diane Hagman representing Mayerthorpe (Ward 1, Subdivision 4)
- Barb Maddigan representing Whitecourt (Ward 2)
- Linda Wigton representing Whitecourt (Ward 2)
- Jim Hailes representing Fox Creek (Ward 3, Subdivision 1)
- NEW Sally Petryshen representing rural Valleyview (Ward 3, Subdivision 2)
- Gerry Steinke representing Valleyview (Ward 3, Subdivision 3)

Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominations were made and accepted at the Board's annual Organizational Meeting:

Board Chair - Trustee Barb Maddigan

Board Vice-Chair - Trustee Christine Peck

Board Committee Appointments

Board Committees are established to assist the Board in meeting their governance responsibilities. As committee members, trustees undertake additional and specialized work on behalf of the Board and the Division.

- Advocacy Committee: Sally Petryshen, Judy Muir, Linda Wigton
- ATA Negotiations Committee: Deb Koloski, Barb Maddigan, Jim Hailes
- Audit Committee: Christine Peck, Diane Hagman, Barb Maddigan
- Communications Committee: Christine Peck, Sally Petryshen, Linda Wigton





- Finance: All Trustees
- Joint Board/Support Staff Liaison CUPE: Gerry Steinke, Diane Hagman, Barb Maddigan, Christine Peck
- Policy Committee: Gerry Steinke, Diane Hagman, Deb Koloski
- Support/Admin Compensation Committee: Linda Wigton, Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke
- Group Benefits Insurance Plan Committee: Deb Koloski, Sally Petryshen

Student Discipline Review: 3 Trustees to be appointed at a Board meeting prior to the date of the Hearing.

Grievance Committee: 3 Trustees to be appointed at a Board meeting prior to the date of the Grievance Hearing.

Board Representatives to Organizations 2021-22:

- Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3: Jim Hailes
- Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA): Christine Peck
- Whitecourt Community Association: Barb Maddigan
- Yellowhead Regional Library Board: Barb Maddigan
- Teacher Employee Bargaining Association (TEBA): Barb Maddigan
- Rural Caucus Committee: Diane Hagman

ASBA long term service awards

Each year, the Alberta School Boards Association recognizes excellent first-year teachers, long serving trustees, outstanding school boards and citizens who contribute to public education in Alberta.

Congratulations to Trustees Judy Muir, Barb Maddigan, and Gerry Steinke who will be recognized for their outstanding commitment to public education at the ASBA's November General Meeting:

- Trustee Judy Muir (Alberta Beach, Rich Valley, Darwell) has been a Trustee for NGPS since 1989! She will be honoured for 11 terms, totaling 32 years of service!
- Trustee Barb Maddigan (Whitecourt) recognized for 5 terms!
- Trustee Gerry Steinke (Valleyview) recognized for 5 terms!

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place **on November 23, 2021** commencing at **10:00 a.m** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend, or to watch the Meeting live on our YouTube channel, [NGTV](#).

