

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

August 30, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Division Office Board Room in Whitecourt, Alberta

OPENING

Call to Order and Roll Call

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The August 30, 2022, meeting was called to order by Board Chair Barb Maddigan at 1:07 p.m.

Present at this time: Board Chair Barb Maddigan, Board Vice-Chair Christine Peck, Trustees Jim Hailes, Judy Muir, Gerry Steinke, Deb Koloski, Linda Wigton, Diane Hagman, and Sally Petryshen; and Administrators Kevin Bird, Superintendent; Leslee Jodry, Deputy Superintendent; Tamara Spong, Secretary-Treasurer; and Nancy Whittaker, Recording Secretary.

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

Tammy Ethier, Sangudo Community School parent, was present at this time.

Treaty Land Acknowledgement

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Christine Peck read the Treaty Land Acknowledgement.

APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

Board Chair Barb Maddigan welcomed Tammy Ethier to the meeting. Tammy Ethier gave a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Our Sangudo Community School', to the Trustees for consideration.

Randy Lovich, Director of Maintenance, presented the Sangudo Community School Facility Report and gave an update on the repairs. Round table discussion by Trustees, questions answered by Administration as required.

Board Chair Barb Maddigan thanked Tammy Ethier for her presentation.

Randy Lovich provided an update on the flood damage to the Whitecourt Central School, affecting the community centre, gymnasium, and washrooms. Repairs are underway and air scrubbers have eliminated the mold. Round table discussion, questions answered by Administration as required.

Randy Lovich and Tammy Ethier left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

OPENING

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Acceptance of the Agenda

4672-22

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4673-22

C. OPENING (continued)

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Nil

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Agenda for the August 30, 2022, Regular Public Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

D. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Jim Hailes: That the draft Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

4674-22

Policy 17 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

4675-22

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

ASBA

E.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters

Trustee Gerry Steinke presented Policy 13 revisions to the Trustees for consideration. The Policy requires that there be an opportunity for parents and students to appeal administrative decisions. The process has been outlined and a value statement has been added.

Moved by Trustee Gerry Steinke: That the Board affirm Policy 13 Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters, as amended.

Clarification was requested regarding parents and guardians. Trustee Steinke confirmed that current policy states that a student can also be assisted by a resource person.

Motion Carried

2. Policy 17 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel

Moved by Trustee Gerry Steinke: That the Board affirm Policy 17 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel, as amended.

Motion Carried

Board Chair Barb Maddigan recessed the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Electronic recording stopped at this time.

Board Chair Barb Maddigan called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m. Electronic recording resumed at this time.

F.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

**1. ASBA (Board Chair Barb Maddigan)
ASBA Zone 2/3 (Trustee Jim Hailes)**

ASBA report will be presented in Closed Session.

Trustee Hailes provided the ASBA Zone 2/3 Report. A program for school board governance has been developed through the University of Calgary as a revenue generator -- concerns raised regarding this.

The Zone Language Committee has been abolished.

Concern raised regarding Trustee representation on post-secondary education committees. Trustee Wigton reported that ASBA is looking at representation on a provincial level to keep messaging consistent.

PSBAA

2. PSBAA (Board Vice-Chair Christine Peck)

The report was provided to Trustees for information.

Standing Committee Reports

3. Standing Committee Reports

Community Engagement Committee

Committee Chair Christine Peck informed the Trustees that because repairs are being done to the community hall at Whitecourt Central School, the employee appreciation evening will be moved to the Westward Community Hall, with a small increase in cost. The event should still be within the budgeted amount of \$35,000.

Superintendent's Report

4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Kevin Bird presented his report to the Trustees for information.

Superintendent Bird suggested that the Board write a letter to the Ministers of Infrastructure and Education requesting a limited P3 model for the new Valleyview school.

Financial Reports

5. Financial Reports

The financial reports for June and July, 2022, were provided to Trustees for information. Trustees requested clarification on the 'prep time' and 'communications'

summary amounts. Information will be provided by Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong.

Board Annual Work Plan

6. Board Annual Work Plan

The Work Plan is up to date. The Policy Committee will be reviewing and updating Policy 2.

Motion Review Cycle

7. Motion Review Cycle

The Motion Review Cycle is up to date. Completed Motions will be kept on the list until the end of the Board's current term.

Correspondence

8. Correspondence

Letters from Education Minister LaGrange and the MD of Greenview were provided to Trustees for information.

Trustee Reports

9. Trustee Reports

Trustee Diane Hagman reported that the group forming the daycare in Mayerthorpe has named it 'The Little Elmers'.

Board Chair Barb Maddigan reported that she has items to discuss in closed session.

Upcoming Events

10. Upcoming Events

- September 20, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting
- September 29, 2022 – Annual Employee Appreciation Evening
- October 12 – 14, 2022 – PSBAA Fall Conference and AGM
- October 18, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

4686-22

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Board accept Information and Reports E1 – E10 as information.

Motion Carried

TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CLOSED SESSION

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G. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

Rural Municipalities Meeting in Lac Ste Anne in October will be attended by Trustees Deb Koloski, Christine Peck, Judy Muir, and Diane Hagman.

H. MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair during the Organizational Meeting
- Sangudo Community School Presentation

I. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Trustee Diane Hagman: That the Board move to Closed Session at 4:11 p.m.

Motion Carried

Superintendent Kevin Bird, Deputy Superintendent Leslee Jodry, and Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong were invited to stay.

Electronic Recording stopped at 4:11 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Board move out of Closed Session at 5:22 p.m.

Motion Carried

Moved by Trustee Judy Muir: That the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and appropriate Administration attend the meeting with the Education Minister on September 13, 2022.

Motion Carried

4690-22

Moved by Trustee Deb Koloski: That the Board send a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Education that suggests the Valleyview school be built with a limited P3 model.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

J. ADJOURNMENT

4691-22

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the meeting be adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer