

# AGENDA

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

Division Office Boardroom – Whitecourt, Alberta  
October 17, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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Our Mission: Northern Gateway Public Schools provides a dynamic and safe learning environment that promotes connection and the authentic application of learning.

### A. OPENING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
2. O Canada
3. Land Acknowledgement Statement (Board Vice-Chair Diane Hagman)
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
  - a)
  - b)
5. Acceptance of the Agenda

Recommendation: That the Agenda for the October 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

### B. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

- 10:05 am Alana Simpson – Sangudo/Mayerthorpe Transportation
- 10:20 am Beth Jager – Summer Boot Camps

### C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

Recommendation: That the draft Minutes of the September 12, 2023, Organizational Meeting be adopted as presented.

**D. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

(Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

Recommendation: That the draft Minutes of the September 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Policy 7 Board Operations (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)

Carried Motion 4870-23

Moved by Board Vice-Chair Diane Hagman: That the Board direct the Policy Committee to look at clarifying language about benefits and health spending accounts for Trustees in the Policy Handbook.

Carried Motion 4878-23

Moved by Trustee Christine Peck: That the Policy Committee be directed by the Board to review current policy and bring recommendations to the Board on how agendas and attachments are made available to the public.

Recommendation: That the Board reaffirm Policy 7, as amended.

2. Policy 9 Board Representatives (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)

Carried Motion 4858-23

Moved by Board Vice-Chair Diane Hagman: That the Board direct the Policy Committee to add detail to Policy 9, Section 3 Whitecourt Community Association, that distinguishes that association from other community associations.

Recommendation: That the Board reaffirm Policy 9, as amended.

3. Oath of Office for Trustee-elect (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

Recommendation: That the Board direct the Secretary-Treasurer to administer the Oath of Office for the Trustee-elect of Ward 3, Subdivision 2, prior to November 7, 2023, if and when the Trustee-elect is available.

4. Annual Board Workshop 2023 (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

Recommendation: That the Board move the Annual Board Workshop to December 18, 2023.

5. Sangudo/Mayerthorpe Transportation

- Presentation of Report by Administration

[Deferred Motion 4879-23](#)

Moved by Trustee Linda Wigton: That the Northern Gateway Board of Trustees approve transportation provision for students who live in the Sangudo School catchment area and who are presently enrolled at Mayerthorpe Jr/Sr High School, grade 7 – 9 program.

[Carried Motion 4881-23](#)

Moved by Trustee Diane Hagman: That the Motion (4879-23) be deferred until the Board can gather more information, community engagement and feedback and until after the Sangudo Community Engagement Committee meeting on October 16, 2023.

6. Additional Action Items:

- a)
- b)

**F. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

1. ASBA (Trustee Linda Wigton)

- Proposed Position Statements (in Closed Session)

ASBA Zone 2/3 (Trustee Linda Wigton)

2. PSBAA (Trustee Christine Peck)

3. Standing Committee Reports

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| • Audit Committee  | • Grievance Committee                   |
| • Advocacy Committee   | • Joint Board/Support Staff Liaison     |
| • Finance Committee  | • ATA Negotiations Committee            |
| • <a href="#">Policy Committee (Trustee Maddigan)</a>                  | • Community Engagement Committee        |
| • Student Discipline Review Committee                                  | • Rural Caucus of Alberta School Boards |
| • <a href="#">Support Staff/Contractor Compensation (Trustee Muir)</a> |   |

4. Sangudo Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee (Trustee Christine Peck)

5. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

6. Annual School Council Reports (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

7. 2023 – 24 School Tours
8. Valleyview Rural By-Election Update (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)
9. Financial Reports (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)
  - August/September Financial Summaries
  - September Student Enrolment Report
10. Instructional Time Lost to Staggered Entry and Exam Week Schedules (Trustee Jim Hailes)
11. Board Annual Work Plan (Trustee Barb Maddigan)
12. Motion Review Cycle (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
13. Trustee Reports
14. Upcoming Events
  - October 18 to 20, 2023 – PSBAA Fall Conference and AGM
  - October 23, 2023 – Ward 3, Subdivision 2 (Valleyview Rural) By-Election
  - November 6, 2023 – Board Workshop
  - November 7, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting
  - November 19 to 21, 2023 – ASBA Fall General Meeting
  - November 28, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting
15. Additional Report Items:
  - a)
  - b)

Recommendation: That the Board accept Information and Reports F1-F\_\_\_\_ as information.

**G. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS**

**H. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM ADMINISTRATION (BY BOARD MOTION)**

**I. MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**J. CLOSED SESSION (Land, Legal, Labour, Student Matters)**  
(Trustees and Senior Administration only)

1. ASBA Draft Position Statement
2. Board Chairs/Superintendents Meeting October 12, 2023
3. Additional Closed Session Items:
  - a)
  - b)

**K. ADJOURNMENT**