

AGENDA

Northern Gateway Public Schools Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

Division Office Boardroom – Whitecourt, Alberta
April 16, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Our Motto: Learning for Life. Together.

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
2. O Canada – Whitecourt Central School, Grade 5 Students
3. Land Acknowledgement Statement (Board Vice-Chair Diane Hagman)
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
 - a)
 - b)
5. Acceptance of the Agenda
6. Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

B. APPOINTMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

C. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2024 – 25 School Calendar (Superintendent Kevin Bird)
 - **Recommendation:** That the Board approve the 2024 – 25 School Calendar, as presented.
2. 2024 – 25 Technology Access/Maintenance Fees (Superintendent Kevin Bird)
Amendment to Board Motion 4958-24: Moved that a cap be implemented on Technology Access/Maintenance Fees at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per family.
Board Motion 4959-24: Moved that the Motion to Amend be tabled until the next Regular Board Meeting on April 16, 2024.

- **Recommendation:** That the 2024 – 25 Technology Access/Maintenance Fees remain the same at:
 - Per Student Grades 1 – 12: \$ 32.00
 - For Half-day ECS Student: \$ 16.00
 - Per Full Day Every Day ECS Student: \$ 32.00

- 3. **Locally Developed Courses** (Superintendent Kevin Bird)
 - **Recommendation:** That the Board approve the use of the following Locally Developed Courses from the Northland School Division (at no cost to our Division): Traditional Land Based Learning 25-5 (5 credits); and Traditional Land Based Learning 35-5 (5 credits).

- 4. **Policy 19 Establishment of Electoral Ward Structures** (Committee Chair Barb Madigan)
 - **Recommendation:** That the Board reaffirm Policy 19 Establishment of Electoral Ward Structures, as amended.

- 5. **Policy 8 Committees of the Board** (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)
 - **Recommendation:** That the Board reaffirm Policy 8 Committees of the Board, as amended.

- 6. **Policy 2 Board Operations – Appendix A Work Plan** (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)
 - **Recommendation:** That the Board reaffirm Policy 2, Appendix A, as amended.

- 7. **New Policy Development** (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)
Board Motion 4962-24: Moved that the Policy Committee be directed to examine the concept of tuition fees for non-Alberta students.
 - **Recommendation:** Moved that the Board accepts the Policy Committee's recommendation that no changes to policy be made at this time regarding tuition fees for non-Alberta students.

- 8. **Trustee Honoraria: Policy 7 Board Operations – Appx A** (Trustee Deb Koloski)

- 9. **Ward Boundaries** (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
As per the Board Term Work Plan to review and confirm ward boundaries: Policy 19 Section 4: The Board shall pass a by-law to reaffirm ward and subdivision boundaries, or if necessary, adjust boundaries, within the first three years of a term of office.

10. Additional Action Items:

- a)
- b)

D. INFORMATION and REPORTS

1. ASBA (Trustee Linda Wigton)
2. PSBAA (Trustee Christine Peck)
3. Standing Committee Reports and Meeting Records
 - Audit Committee (Committee Chair Christine Peck)
 - Advocacy Committee
 - Community Engagement Committee (Committee Chair Linda Wigton)
 - Support Staff/Contractor Compensation (Committee Chair Judy Muir)
 - **Policy Committee** (Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)
 - Committee of the Whole Policy Discussion
4. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Kevin Bird)
5. ASBA Zone 2/3 MLA Engagement Evening, May 8, 2024 (Trustee Jim Hailes)
6. Yellowhead Regional Library Report (Trustee Barb Maddigan)
7. Financial and Enrolment Reports for March, 2024 (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)
8. Board Annual Work Plan (Policy Committee Chair Barb Maddigan)
9. Motion Review Cycle (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
10. Trustee Reports
11. Upcoming Events
 - May 2, 2024 – New Teacher Induction and Celebration
 - May 7, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting
 - May 8, 2024 – Zone 2/3 MLA Engagement Evening
 - May 21, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting
 - May 30 to June 1, 2024 – PSBAA Spring General Assembly
 - June 3 to 4, 2024 – ASBA Spring General Meeting
 - June 18, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting



12. Additional Report Items:

- a)
- b)

E. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

F. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM ADMINISTRATION (BY BOARD MOTION)

G. MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

1. Additional Closed Session Items:

- a)
- b)

I. ADJOURNMENT