

AGENDA

Northern Gateway Public Schools Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

Division Office Boardroom – Whitecourt, Alberta

December 17, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Our Vision: Northern Gateway Public Schools strives to be the place where students realize their value, discover their talents, and imagine a future where their contribution matters.

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (Chair Gerry Steinke)
2. O Canada (Whitecourt Central School Students)
3. Truth and Reconciliation Statement (Vice-Chair Diane Hagman)
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda (Chair Gerry Steinke)
5. Acceptance of the Agenda (Chair Gerry Steinke)
6. Acceptance of the Minutes of the November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting (Chair Gerry Steinke)

B. DELEGATIONS

C. STAFF/ADMINISTRATION REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

1. 10:05 a.m. Steffen Missfeldt and Meghan McNalley, Lead Teachers
Onoway Jr/Sr High School 2027 International Field Trip to Athens, Florence and Rome

Recommendation: That the Board approve, in principle, the Onoway Jr/Sr High School International Field Trip to Athens, Florence, and Rome from March 22 to March 31, 2027.

2. 10:20 a.m. **Ian Baxter, Principal and Lead Teacher**
Fox Creek School 2026 International Field Trip to Spain

Recommendation: That the Board approve, in principle, the Fox Creek School 2026 International Field Trip to Spain.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Community Engagement Committee (Committee Chair Linda Wigton)

- Community Engagement Plan
- Draft School Visits Schedule

2. Policy Committee (Committee Chair Christine Peck)

- Policy 7 Board Operations

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

3. Advocacy Committee (Committee Chair Deb Koloski)

- Goals for the Advocacy Plan (Board Work Plan)

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. Election Bylaw 1-24 Arrangement of Electoral Wards and Trustees (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

Recommendation: That Bylaw 1-24 *Arrangement of Electoral Wards and Trustees* receive **Third and Final Reading** by the Board.

2. Election Bylaw 2-24 Receipt of Nomination Papers (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

Recommendation: That Bylaw 2-24 *Receipt of Nomination Papers for the Office of School Trustees at Locations Other than the Jurisdiction Office*, receive **Third and Final Reading** by the Board.

3. Election Bylaw 3-24 Deposit for Nominations (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

Recommendation: That Bylaw 3-24 *Deposit for Nominations for Elected Office*, receive **Third and Final Reading** by the Board.

4. Election Bylaw 4-24 Criminal Record Checks (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

Recommendation: That Bylaw 4-24 Criminal Record Checks, receive **Second Reading** by the Board.

Recommendation: That the Board consider giving Third Reading to Bylaw 4-24 Criminal Record Checks.

Requires unanimous consent to proceed to Third and Final Reading.

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5. Borrowing Bylaw 5-24 (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

Recommendation: That Borrowing Bylaw 5-24 receive **Second Reading** by the Board.

Recommendation: That the Board consider giving Third Reading to Borrowing Bylaw 5-24.

Requires unanimous consent to proceed to Third and Final Reading.

Recommendation: That Borrowing Bylaw 5-24 receive **Third and Final Reading** by the Board.

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

1. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) (Trustee Linda Wigton)

2. Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) (Trustee Christine Peck)

3. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

4. Town of Fox Creek Council Meeting Attendance January 13, 2025 (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

5. Financial and Enrolment Reports (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)

6. Growing the North Conference (Trustee Jim Hailes)

- <https://growingthenorth.com/>

7. Board Work Plan (Policy Committee Chair Christine Peck)

8. Motion Review Cycle (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)

9. Trustee Reports

10. Upcoming Events

- January 13, 2025 – Town of Fox Creek Council Meeting
- January 21, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- February 18, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- February – GSD Meeting (date to be determined)
- March 2 to 4, 2025 – Rural Education Symposium
- March 18, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

G. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Health Care Responsibilities (Bev Cotton, Director of Learning)

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

K. ADJOURNMENT