

AGENDA

Northern Gateway Public Schools Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting

Division Office Boardroom – Whitecourt, Alberta
February 18, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

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 (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 January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting (Chair Gerry Steinke)

B. DELEGATIONS

C. STAFF/ADMINISTRATION REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

1. **10:05 a.m.**
Pam Mehl, Lead Teacher
Hilltop High School 2026 International Field Trip to Germany and the Alps
Recommendation: That the Board approve, in principle, the Hilltop High School 2026 International Field Trip to Germany and the Alps.
2. **10:25 a.m.**
Bev Cotton, Director of Learning Supports
Health Care Responsibilities

3. **10:45 a.m.**

Randy Lovich, Director of Facility Services
2024 – 25 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal Work Plan (IMR)

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2024 – 25 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal Work Plan, as presented.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Policy Committee (Committee Chair Christine Peck)

Recommendation: That the Board reaffirm Policy 2 Role of the Board, and Appendix A, Annual and Term Work Plans, as amended.

Recommendation: That the Board reaffirm Policy 3 Role of the Trustee, as amended.

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

Recommendation: That the Board reaffirm Policy 8 Committees of the Board, as amended.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 – 26 School Calendar (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

Recommendation: That the Board approve the 2025 – 26 School Calendar, as presented.

2. Determine Need for Board Self-Evaluation (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
Policy 7 Board Operations, Section 11

(Please refer to emailed copy as no hard copy will be provided)

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

1. Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) (Trustee Jim Hailes)

- ASBA Friends of Education Award Discussion

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

3. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Kevin Bird)

4. NGPS – A Community of Action EA/TA (Deputy Superintendent Leslee Jodry)

5. Financial and Enrolment Reports (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)
6. Supplementary Course Fees (Secretary-Treasurer Tamara Spong)
Board Motion 5083-24: Moved that the Board receive a detailed report from Administration on supplementary (option course) fees currently charged to NGPS students.
7. Board Work Plan (Policy Committee Chair Christine Peck)
8. Motion Review Cycle (Board Chair Gerry Steinke)
9. Trustee Reports
10. Upcoming Events
 - February 19 and 20, 2025 – Growing the North Conference
 - March 2 to 4, 2025 – Rural Education Symposium
 - March 18, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
 - April 15 – Regular Board Meeting
 - April 14, 24, 25 – School Visits
 - May 1 – GSD Meeting following School Visits
 - May 2 – School Visits

G. TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

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