

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING OF NORTHERN GATEWAY
REGIONAL DIVISION NO. 10 HELD IN THE BOARD
ROOM OF THE DIVISION OFFICE IN WHITECOURT,
ALBERTA ON APRIL 26TH, 2011**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The April 26th, 2011 meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Maddigan at 10:10 a.m.

Trustees Peter Gilchrist, Jim Govenlock, Albert Schalm, Jim Hailes, Terry Slemko, Anne Nichol, Cheryl Miner and Administrators Kevin Andrea, Superintendent, Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent and Michael Gramatovich, Secretary-Treasurer, were present when Vice - Chair Maddigan called the meeting to order.

Lisa Becic, Communications Officer, was present at this time.

Chair Judy Muir was absent from the meeting.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

D.3.a) Hilltop Humanitarian Society

D.3.b) Alberta Library Conference

E.16.a) Community Use of School Facilities in
Whitecourt

E.16.b) Lac Ste. Anne Regional Meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2141-11

Moved by Trustee Miner – that the agenda for the April 26th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Nil

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2142-11

Moved by Trustee Schalm– that the draft minutes of the April 12th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

ONOWAY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

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2143-11

Moved by Trustee Gilchrist – that the Board approve in full the Onoway High School out of province field trip to Richmond, B.C., scheduled for May 17th – 21st, 2011 for band students to attend the MusicFest National Festival.

Motion Carried

THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

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2144-11

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the Board approve the 2012 – 2015 Three-Year Capital Plan submission as presented.

Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

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HILLTOP HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY

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2145-11

Moved by Trustee Gilchrist – that the Board direct administration to meet with Martyn Chapman to discuss the proposal of an application to CIDA.

Motion Carried

ALBERTA LIBRARY CONFERENCE

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2146-11

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve Trustee Maddigan to attend the Alberta Library Conference 2011, and allow her to claim the difference in the per diem rate.

Motion Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA

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Trustees Slemko and Hailes will attend the Zone 2/3 meeting scheduled for April 29th, 2011 at the St. Anthony Centre, Edmonton, AB.

PSBAA

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Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- Superintendent Andrea reviewed the follow up to the school closure decisions:
 - Administration is reviewing the Disposition of Property Regulation.
 - Letters are ready to send out to the Municipal Districts and Towns in regards to what they

- would like to see happen with the buildings/property.
- Administration to review the Sunset House School/Community Hall and the Sangudo Public Library agreements.
 - The Sangudo High School will need to be renamed; may look into the possibility of a contest.
- Superintendent Andrea reviewed the Budget follow up and reported on the IMC, Courier and Library services Northern Gateway currently receives and what changes may take place in the future.
 - Division administration and principals did not feel there was a need for a YRL representative to do a needs assessment services presentation at this time.
 - There will be a Whitecourt-Ste. Anne PC Association Leadership Candidates Forum taking place on May 18th, 2011:
 - 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Forest Interpretive Centre – meeting with School Boards
 - 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Westward Community Centre – Supper
 - 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Westward Community Centre – Forum.
 - Learning Services and the principals from Pat Hardy and Whitecourt Central Elementary Schools are further investigating the possibility and impacts of starting pre-school in these two schools.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Staffing:

- The final details of staffing re-assignments have been discussed with the school principals.
- Student Enrolment – there are no guarantees where the students will go as a result of the school closures. Principals have been very good at providing answers to questions from parents, students and staff affected by the school closures.
- The assistant principal evaluations are completed by the principal of that school. The Deputy

Superintendent reviews them and flags areas that need to be discussed.

- All Principal evaluations will be completed by the end of May.
- The *Guide to Schools* publication still requires a few changes. The amended version will be printed for the 2011 – 2012 school year.
- Education Week is May 1st – 7th, 2011 and the theme for this year is “Public Education: The Heart of Our Communities: Engaged, Ethical and Entrepreneurial.” Lisa Becic, Communications Officer, will provide trustees with a list of events happening at our schools and will also post it on the Northern Gateway web page.
- The Fox Creek School follow up review is scheduled for May 9th – 13th, 2011, with the same process as last year.

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the Monthly Bank Statement for period ending March 31st, 2011.

GOVERNANCE BUDGET

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Michael Gramatovich reviewed the Governance Budget report with trustees. The Board will review the budget to determine where expenditures can be reduced to balance the 2011-12 governance budget.

Trustee Schalm left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

MEETING WITH RURAL SCHOOL BOARDS AND MLAS

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Superintendent Andrea and Chair Muir attended the April 20th, 2011 meeting held with Rural School Boards and MLAs. Superintendent Andrea reported from the meeting:

In attendance at the meeting:

Ministers/MLAs
Minister Hancock

Minister Knight
Minister Goudreau
Minister Oberle
MLA George VanderBurg
MLA Len Mitzel
MLA Wayne Drysdale

Alberta Education

Rick Grebenstein, Senior Transportation Manager
Jeff Willan, Director, Business Operations and
Stakeholder Support Branch
Gene Williams, Executive Director, Strategic Financial
Services

School Boards

Fort Vermilion School District
Northern Gateway Public Schools
Peace River School Division
Peace Wapiti Public School Division
Prairie Rose School Division
Holy Family Catholic Regional Division

- Each board was given 8 minutes to give a summary of their individual budget situation.
- Northern Gateway was second to present.
- Chair Muir presented her brief and did an excellent job. She did a detailed presentation and let the message sink in.
- The transportation funding was discussed and the flaws within the funding formula.
- MLAs Mel Knight and George VanderBurg spoke on behalf of Northern Gateway. They said Northern Gateway was a unique situation and this problem needs to be addressed.
- Superintendent Andrea felt a very strong case was made for Northern Gateway. Mr. Andrea does not know if any changes will be made as a result of this meeting, but felt they did get our message.
- Northern Gateway will be requesting a further meeting with the Minister to discuss the transportation funding and the stabilization grant.

**MEETING WITH
MINISTER GOUDREAU
REPORT****MEETING WITH MINISTER GOUDREAU REPORT**

Superintendent Andrea and Chair Muir met with Minister Goudreau on April 21st, 2011. They discussed how the Budget 2011 grant cuts impacts Northern Gateway.

**2011 – 2012 OFFICIAL
SCHOOL CALENDAR****2011 – 2012 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Administration presented the approved 2011 – 2012 school calendar for next year. Administration is looking to fit in one additional professional development day on November 15th, 2011. Recommendation will be made at a later date. Trustee Govenlock was concerned with the imbalance of days between the two semesters.

CIDA**CIDA**

Administration received an email from Keray Henke, Deputy Minister, Alberta Education on Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), encouraging schools to participate in this opportunity. Administration will share with principals to see if they wish to participate.

**ASEBP – HEALTH
BENEFIT CLAIMS
EXPERIENCE REPORT****ASEBP – HEALTH BENEFIT CLAIMS EXPERIENCE
REPORT**

Administration received the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) Level 1 Health Benefit Claims Experience Report for Northern Gateway. The report covers the calendar years 2008 – 2010 and outlines paid premiums, paid claims, and the paid loss ratio by benefit.

**RALLY AT THE
LEGISLATURE FOR
EDUCATION****RALLY AT THE LEGISLATURE FOR EDUCATION**

A group of concerned citizens have organized a rally at the Alberta Legislature Building on Sunday, May 1st, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. They will be lobbying the provincial government to change how education is funded in Alberta.

**COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE MEETING
RECORD**

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Michael Gramatovich reviewed the March 31st, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting record. No changes were made. One recommendation was made from the meeting.

2147-11

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that administration transfer for liability purposes \$1.5 million from the Divisions Accumulated Reserves.

Motion Carried.

PROJECT UPDATES

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New Division Office:

On schedule with an expected move in date of July 8th, 2011.

Hilltop High School:

As of March 17th, 2011 this project is 16 weeks behind schedule.

ENROLMENT REPORT

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The Enrolment Report for the period ending March 31st, 2011 was presented to the Board.

SUSPENSION REPORT

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Administration presented the Division Cumulative Suspension Report from September 09/10 to March 10/11.

TRUSTEE REPORTS**TRUSTEE REPORTS**Cheryl Miner

Trustee Miner and Chair Muir attended both David Ovans Elementary and Sangudo Jr/Sr High School's parent council meetings.

Anne Nichol

Valleyview community members are voicing concern as they recognize that the Valleyview schools have more space than students. They want to know if these schools will be reviewed like the Sunset House and Sangudo schools. Trustee Nichol advised all schools are reviewed annually.

Also discussed was the proposal of the highway bypass going around Valleyview and what that means for the Town of Valleyview and the impact on economic development.

Barbara Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan attended the Whitecourt Rotary Music Festival at Elmer Elson School on April 14th, 2011. A group of Grade 1-3 Choral Speech students will be going to provincials.

Peter Gilchrist

Trustee Gilchrist advised he is involved with the Department of Highways on the highway bypass proposal for the Town of Valleyview. They are planning for something that won't be happening for another 30 years and are just in the information collecting stage. The company that has the contract to design the highway is pushing this and the community is not happy with how this is being done.

Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko reported he is impressed with how Northern Gateway students are raising money for good causes. The students at Onoway Elementary School are doing a Jumping Rope for Japan fundraiser to raise \$25,000.00.

Trustee Slemko reported the CEO from the Town of Onoway is no longer employed there and does not know if or how this will impact the decommissioning of the old Onoway Elementary School property.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS**COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/ TOWN FACILITIES****ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS****COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES/ TOWN FACILITIES**

Trustee Maddigan handed out information on the Community use of School facilities/Town facilities within Whitecourt.

Administration would like to see a standard joint use agreement across our Division. Further development on this will continue.

LAC STE. ANNE MUNICIPALITIES MEETING**LAC STE. ANNE MUNICIPALITIES MEETING**

Administration to contact Lac Ste. Anne to see what date has been scheduled for the municipalities meeting.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. Onoway High School Field Trip
2. Education Week
3. Board Advocacy
4. \$1.5 Million Transferred from Division Reserves
5. Three-Year Capital Plan

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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2148-11

Moved by Trustee Miner – that the Board go in-camera at 1:55 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Hailes left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 2:02 p.m.

Trustee Hailes returned to the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

2150-11

Moved by Trustee Nichol– that the Board come out of in-camera at 2:29 p.m.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

I. ADJOURNMENT

2151-11

Moved by Trustee Nichol - that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer