

**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 FEBRUARY 22ND, 2011**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The February 22nd, 2011 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:08 a.m.

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

Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, was absent from the meeting.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

E.10.a) 65-Year-Old Bus Drivers

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2098-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the agenda for the February 22nd, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2099-11

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Maddigan– that the draft minutes of the February 8th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

2011- 2012 SCHOOL FEES

2100-11

D. ACTION ITEMS

2011- 2012 SCHOOL FEES

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the 2011 – 2012 Maximum Student Curricular Fees remain at:

- Elementary (includes ECS): \$60.00
- Junior High: \$85.00
- Senior High: \$110.00

Motion Carried

2011- 2012 NON-ALBERTA STUDENT FEES

2101-11

2011- 2012 NON-ALBERTA STUDENT FEES

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the 2011- 2012 Non-Alberta Student Fees be set at:

- \$7429.00 full year
- \$3714.50 half year

2102-11

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the 2011- 2012 Non-Alberta Student Fees be set at a maximum of:

- \$7429.00 full year
- \$3714.50 half year

Amendment Defeated

Vote on Motion 2101-11

Motion Carried

**2011- 2012
TRANSPORTATION
FEES FOR GRANT
INELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

**2011- 2012 TRANSPORTATION FEES FOR
GRANT INELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

2103-11

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the 2011 - 2012
Transportation Fees for Grant Ineligible Students
remain at:

Per Student: \$290.00
ECS: \$145.00
Maximum per Family: \$722.00

Motion Carried

**HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL
FIELD TRIP**

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FIELD TRIP**

2104-11

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in
principle the Hilltop High School international field trip
to France, Belgium and the Netherlands for the Vimy
Ridge 95th Memorial Battlefield Tour, scheduled for
April 3rd – April 12th, 2012.

Motion Carried

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services and
Leslee Jodry, Coordinator of Learning Services (AISJ)
entered the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

**APPOINTMENTS &
DELEGATIONS**

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services
Leslee Jodry, Coordinator of Learning Services (AISJ)

“TELL them FROM me” Survey Report:

The TELL them FROM me Student Survey is a dynamic
web based evaluation system designed to provide
accurate data on student engagement to meet the
ongoing planning needs of teachers, school administrators
and jurisdiction leaders.

The TELL them FROM me Project: Measuring Student Engagement will:

- provide schools with an efficient, research-based platform for gathering important information about student outcomes, and about factors known to affect student outcomes;
- provide immediate access to survey results enabling timely, evidence-based school improvement planning;
- provide the school leaders with reliable data on student engagement in social, academic and intellectual domains;
- provide the learning leadership with the tools required to immediately disaggregate all data collected by demographic factors such as grade, gender and grade repetition enabling the targeted design of appropriate school-improvement interventions;
- provide the tools to be able to monitor promising practices that can be used to foster positive discussion among the participating schools.

The TELL them FROM me Project: Measuring Student Engagement will assist school jurisdictions in measuring student engagement over several domains. The common measures used within this tool to determine student engagement include:

Social Engagement – Participation in school activities, sense of belonging, use of after school time, part-time work, positive relationships and volunteering.

1. Institutional Engagement – Valuing school outcomes, truancy and homework.
2. Emotional Health – Anxiety, depression and self esteem.
3. Academic – Self reported student outcomes in Language Arts, Math and Science.
4. The common measures also include potential drivers of student outcomes, such as:
 - School – Teacher-student relations, learning climate and teacher expectations for success
 - Family – Student's schooling aspirations and advocacy at home.

Additional demographic factors may be selected, including: grade, gender, socio-economic characteristics, language(s) spoken at home, immigrant or aboriginal status and grade repetition.

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services and Leslee Jodry, Coordinator of Learning Services (AIS) completed their report at 11:38 a.m. and left the meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

ASBA

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA

Trustee Slemko distributed the Agenda for the February 25th, 2011 Zone 2/3 General Meeting.

The ASBA Zone 2/3 MLA Advocacy Reception is scheduled for March 24th, 2011, at the Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel – Glenora Room, Edmonton, Alberta, commencing from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Attending from Northern Gateway are:

Kevin Andrea
Jim Govenlock
Anne Nichol
Barbara Maddigan
Judy Muir

Terry Slemko
Jim Hailes
Albert Schalm
Peter Gilchrist
Michael Gramatovich

ERLC – Election for ASBA Representative Vote:

Trustees voted for their choice from the three nominees. Ballot will be faxed back to Marian Johnson, ASBA.

Education Week:

Education Week is scheduled for May 2nd – May 6th, 2011. This year's theme is Education: The Heart of Our Communities – Engaged, Ethical, Entrepreneurial.

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No report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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- The provincial budget is scheduled to be released on Thursday, February 24th, 2011. Administration and trustees will be participating in a conference call at 8:30 a.m. regarding the budget.
- Administration advised they have not heard any further information on the marketing campaign being developed for public school education by RED the Agency.
- The staffing cycle is set to commence. Changes may need to be made depending on the impacts of the provincial budget.
- Administration will talk to school administrators regarding the use of automated voice greetings by the schools.
- A Board/Superintendent meeting will be scheduled to commence following the regular Board meeting on March 22nd, 2011.
- Administration will contact Ms. Pearl Calahasen, MLA for Lesser Slave Lake, as some of the parents whose children attend Sunset House School may live in MLA Calahasen's riding.
- Preparations are in progress for the sale of the current Division Office. Two appraisals have been obtained for the Division Office. The move to the new Division Office has been scheduled for the first week of July 2011.

**DEPUTY
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCE

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Michael Gramatovich presented to the Board the following report:

Monthly Bank Statement for period ending January 31st, 2011.

**AP 370 BOARD
AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS**

AP 370 BOARD AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board will review Admin Procedure 370 "Board Awarded Scholarships" at the Board Workshop to be held next fall. Trustee Hailes would like the Board to review its current scholarship criteria, reflecting on Ministerial Order (#004/98), Goals and Standards Applicable to the Provision of Basic Education in Alberta."

**MINISTER'S BUDGET
2011 CONFERENCE CALL**

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Discussed under the Superintendent's report.

ALEXIS MEETING DATES

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Administration will contact the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation to reschedule the February 14th, 2011 meeting that was cancelled. The next meeting will be for administration only.

ENROLMENT REPORT

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

SUSPENSION REPORT

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Administration presented the Division Cumulative Suspension Report.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

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Jim Govenlock

Trustee Govenlock attended the Hilltop Parent Council meeting on February 16th, 2011. School administration reported the school had received \$29,000.00 towards the implementation of an automatic external defibrillator (AED) training course after a proposal they submitted to the Hans Olsen Memorial Occupational Health and Safety Program was accepted. The money came as a result of a fine that a company was given.

Cheryl Miner

Trustee Miner attended the Parent Council meeting in Sangudo where the bussing issue was discussed. Parents would like to experience the bus ride that high school students will be expected to do if they will be attending a different high school.

Jim Hailes

Trustee Hailes attended Teacher's Convention on February 10th and 11th, where he attended a session on "Everything I Need to Know About Staff Recognition I Learned from My Dog" presented by speaker Nelson Scott.

Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 1 was profiled as one of Alberta's Top 50 Employers for 2010. This special designation recognizes the Alberta employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work.

Terry Slemko

The Prince George Cougars of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League visited Onoway last week. The visit was organized by Michelle and Kevin Bourke whose son Troy plays for the Cougars. Troy attended school in Onoway. Troy's sister Karla plays with the women's University of Alberta Panda hockey team and his brother Brad plays for U of A Augustana Campus.

Randy Hetherington was one of the moderators at the Canspell National Spelling Bee competition.

The Canadian Birkebeiner took place on February 11th and 12th, 2011, with Northern Gateway teachers, students and one trustee participating. Phil Dunn, a teacher from Onoway Elementary school has skied in the Birkebeiner for the last 23 years.

Trustee Slemko provided the history of the Canadian Birkebeiner:

In the year 1206 a civil war raged in Norway. The infant prince and direct heir to the throne, Haakon Haakonsson, was in danger and in hiding near Lillehammer. Two brave Birkebeiner warriors rescued the prince and carried him by skis in the dead of winter to safety. They traveled 55 kilometers from Gudbrandsdal valley over two mountain ranges. The young prince, later crowned King of Norway, ended the civil war.

The English translation of Birkebeiner is "Birchlegs", which described the warrior's footwear of animal skins wrapped around the legs and secured with birch roots.

Trustee Slemko gave an update on the decommissioning of the Old Onoway Elementary School property being transferred to the Onoway and District Historical Guild. The Town of Onoway has two outstanding issues they want dealt with before the process is complete. The first issue is they want Northern Gateway to have the swale enhanced. The second issue is they want Northern Gateway to sign a waiver stating that the Town of Onoway will not be held responsible for any drainage problems on the Old Onoway Elementary site, if such should occur. The Town of Onoway has a meeting next week, and hopefully this should all be resolved.

Trustee Slemko attended the February 10th and 11th, 2011 Teacher's Convention in Edmonton. He attended the event "Learning from the Successes and Challenges of Aboriginal Teachers", by presenter Verna St. Denis. Trustee Slemko also listened to presenter Lori-Ann Muenzer, who won Canada's 1st Olympic Gold Medal in cycling at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Barbara Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan attended the February 9th, 2011 Chamber of Commerce luncheon with MLA George VanderBurg in attendance, held at the Whitecourt Golf and Country Club.

The Annual Vanderburg Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 17th, 2011.

Trustee Maddigan attended the February 10th and 11th, 2011 Teacher's Convention in Edmonton. Trustee Maddigan attended the event "Learning from the Successes and Challenges of Aboriginal Teachers", by presenter Verna St. Denis. Ms. Denis has a report called "A Study of Aboriginal Teachers' Professional Knowledge and Experience in Canadian Schools" and is available for viewing on this website:

http://www.ctf-fce.ca/Documents/BulletinBoard/ABORIGINAL_Report2010_EN_re-WEB_Mar19.pdf

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS

65-YEAR-OLD BUS DRIVERS

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At this time there is no consistency across the Province on the age limit for school bus drivers. Northern Gateway administration advised they are waiting for legal advice from the Human Rights Commission before making any recommendations.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

1. 2011 – 2012 School Fees Approved
2. Hilltop High School Field Trip

PUBLIC MEETING REPORTS**PUBLIC MEETING REPORTS***Sangudo Public Meeting:*

Trustee Maddigan asked administration what follow-up they were doing for the Sangudo parents as a result of the public meeting.

Administration advised they will do a breakdown of Grades K-9 and K-12 and what this would look like. They will also be looking at the video conferencing scenario. Administration will be sending a delegation to the Alix School in the Wolf Creek School Division to investigate this school scenario. Michael Gramatovich will contact their secretary-treasurer to get budget information.

Trustee Gilchrist asked if the portables requested for David Ovans school had ever been approved, and if so could they be used at Sangudo High school to keep Grades K-12 there.

Administration advised these portables had never been approved for David Ovans, and would have to meet with Capital Planning to see if this is even possible. There would still be many factors to look at, such as timetabling.

Chair Muir reported that some comments she received from the public at the meeting was they were not concerned with the closing of David Ovans school, but want to keep the K-12 kids all together, but others felt it was a good thing to move the high school students to another school.

The other concern raised at the public meeting was regarding bussing, moving the boundary and how the express bus would impact student ride times.

Sunset House Public Meeting:

Trustee Hailes reported that most parents were concerned with the bus ride times being increased for some of the children. Trustee Hailes asked if it would be possible to add more busses to these routes to cut down on ride times. Administration advised this would have to be discussed with the Director of Transportation, and reported that students in other areas have longer ride times.

Trustee Nichol asked administration if any parents with students not living in the catchment area for Sunset House, but would like to attend Sunset House school, have contacted administration yet. Administration advised no one has contacted the division to date.

Trustee Gilchrist reported there was an unfounded perception at Sunset House 30 years ago that:

- kids were disadvantaged when they went to higher grades, and
- teachers were placed at Sunset House when there was no place else to place them.

Administration advised that the "Closed School Funding" referenced in the School Funding Manual is still in effect. Administration to contact Mr. Stanton and the principal at Sunset House School to advise them of this.

Superintendent Andrea advised trustees if they receive any further information to pass it on to him, where all further options will be researched in fairness to the communities.

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

2105-11

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Moved by Trustee Schalm – that the Board go in-camera at 2:55 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

2106-11

Moved by Trustee Miner– that the Board come out of in-camera at 3:00 p.m.

Motion Carried

2107-11

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that Trustees Gilchrist, Nichol and Govenlock be appointed to the Grievance Hearing Committee with Trustee Maddigan as the alternate.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

I. ADJOURNMENT

2108-11

Moved by Trustee Hailes- that the meeting be adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer