

**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 NOVEMBER 24TH, 2010**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The November 24th, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 10:02 a.m.

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nil

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2056-10

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the agenda for the November 24th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried




APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

No appointments

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9TH, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9TH, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2057-10

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the draft minutes of the November 9th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

BUDGET REPORT

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2058-10

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board adopt the 2010 – 2011 Budget Report as presented.

Motion Carried

ONOWAY HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

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2059-10

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve in full Onoway High School students Sierra Lambert and Amanda Lucas to take part in the Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa from November 28th through to December 4th, 2010.

Motion Carried

2060-10

Moved by Trustee Slemko – that the Board approve in principle Onoway High School student Tawnee Potts to take part in the Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa from April 3rd through to April 9th, 2011.

Motion Carried



ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

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Nil

INFORMATION ITEMS/ REPORTS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

A.S.B.A.

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Trustee Slemko provided the following report from the A.S.B.A. Fall General Meeting held from November 21st to November 23rd, 2010.

Edwin Parr Teacher Award:

- Zone 1 – Jacqueline Coates – Peace River School Division # 10
- Zone 2/3 – Katrina Cosentino – Edmonton Catholic SSD # 7
 - Andrea Harrison – Edmonton School Division # 7
- Zone 4 – Jocelyn Pennock – Chinook's Edge SD # 73
- Zone 5 – Kaylen Chisholm – Calgary RCSSD # 1
- Zone 6 – Kelly Bouwman – Palliser RD # 26

President's Award:

Education reporters for Calgary Herald and Edmonton Journal – Sarah McGinniss and Sarah O'Donnell

Honorary Life Member Award:

Heather Welwood

Premier's Award for School Board Innovation and Excellence:

Greater St. Albert RD # 29
Greater St. Albert Catholic engages staff as a way to improve learning.

Public Engagement Award:

Livingstone Range SD # 68
Achievement gap for Livingstone Range First Nations students addressed through engagement.

Elected:

President: Jacquie Hansen
Vice-President: Cheryl Smith



Proposed Policy Positions:

1P/FGM10 Stability of Education Funding

Adequate, stable, predictable funding should be provided to meet the needs of public school students.

Carried

2P/FGM10 New Capital Construction

Defeated

3P/FGM10 Revised Preamble for New School Act

Defeated

4P/FGM10 Province-Wide Standards to Assess Competency of Bus Drivers

The province of Alberta should establish province-wide tests and standards of competency for bus drivers.

Carried

5P/FGM10 M Mandatory School Attendance Age

Mandatory school attendance age should be raised to 18 years or high school completion.

Defeated

Part 2 defeated as well

Trustee Slemko reported that one of the sessions he attended entitled "Wild ride: Political perspectives" was one of the best he has been to. Presenters at this session were: Paul McLoughlin, Alberta Scan author and political commentator and Janet Brown, public opinion pollster. The session featured an analysis of leadership approval ratings; a discussion of which publicly available polls to trust; analysis of current voting intention including how it translates into seats in the legislature; a discussion of each political party's organizational muscle and possible scenarios for Alberta's next provincial election.

SiPP (Registered Supplemental Integrated Pension Plan) Governance Board Appointment:

The ASBA is currently looking for a trustee to sit as a SiPP Board member and complete an existing term that will expire on December 31st, 2012.

No trustees were interested in this appointment.



ASEBP (Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan) Board Appointment:

The ASEBP has two vacancies that currently exist on the ASEBP Board of Trustees. The appointment is for a three year term, expiring December 31, 2013.

No trustees were interested in this appointment.

P.S.B.A.A.

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No report at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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- Feedback from school staff and school councils has been received on the draft of the 2011 – 2012 school year calendar. We are awaiting responses from neighbouring school divisions tied in with student transportation services, with a return date of December 8th, 2010. The final draft will be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval at the December 14th, 2010 meeting.
- Bill 16 – Distracted Driving Legislation was passed in Alberta and a new Admin Procedure will be done to reflect this change.
- Administration and trustees to meet with the M.D. of Greenview and Town of Valleyview on December 15th, 2010, to discuss the transportation issues Northern Gateway is currently facing and the School Operational Viability Report.
- Administration circulated the Christmas Concert schedule to trustees.
- Administration to schedule a meeting with Wild Rose School Division to discuss the requirements they followed to have the Special Needs Branch, Alberta Education, do a successful review of their code 40 profile.
- Chair Muir received a letter from the Minister of Health advising the Mental Health Capacity Building Project in Fox Creek School will be extended until June 2011.



**DEPUTY
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT****DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the document "A Comprehensive Approach – Looking Back: Annual Education Results Report 2009-2010 and Moving Forward: Three Year Education Plan 2010-2013 with the Board.
- All schools have completed their Results Review presentations, where several occurring themes were evident:
 1. Continued focus on increasing student achievement at both the acceptable and excellence standard
 2. Continued focus on 21st Century skills
 3. Continued focus on student engagement, emphasizing DI and authentic assessment
 4. Continued focus on CWTs – using the data to inform classroom/school practice
 5. Re-examining the role of the school counsellor, and the importance of the school counsellor in relation to student success, both academically and socially
 6. Continued focus on effective, high-quality school-home-community-division communication and marketing
- The framed picture of the first two students to graduate from the Valleyview Ranches Colony School was shown to the Board.
- Sharron Aasland will be joining the Learning Services Team; she will be assuming Melanie Tait's portfolio. She will start January 3rd, 2011.

**TRUSTEE SCHOOL
TOURS****TRUSTEE SCHOOL TOURS**

Administration circulated a draft schedule of the trustee school tours for review. If anyone is unavailable on any of the dates, please advise Gloria Kirsch.

CEU ANALYSIS**CEU ANALYSIS**

Michael Gramatovich reviewed the 2009-2010 CEU Analysis report with the Board.



**BOARD ANNUAL
WORK PLAN**

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The Board Annual Work Plan was reviewed, with the following changes to be made:

October

Delete the 4th bullet: "Meet alone with the Auditor"

Move the 7th bullet: "Host School Council Symposium" to Ongoing

November

Delete the 11th bullet: "Attend MELRA (Minister of Education's Leadership Recognition Awards)"

**REGIONAL
MUNICIPALITIES
MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH, 2010
REPORT**

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NOVEMBER 19TH, 2010 REPORT**

Administration and trustees attended the November 19th, 2010 Regional Municipalities Meeting. Superintendent Kevin Andrea gave a Powerpoint presentation on an overview of the Division and the key issues currently affecting Northern Gateway. Chair Muir felt the presentation was well received.

Chair Muir reported that MLA George VanderBurg spoke to Northern Gateway's challenges at this meeting and felt this helped the Division's position.

**DRAFT RECORD OF
THE JOINT BOARD/
TEACHER LIAISON
COMMITTEE MEETING**

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LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING**

Chair Muir reviewed the draft Record of the Joint Board/ Teacher Liaison Committee Meeting with the Board.



TRUSTEE REPORTS**TRUSTEE REPORTS**Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm attended his first parent council meeting along with Trustee Miner.

Trustees Schalm and Hailes attended the Alberta School Boards Association "Welcome Aboard – New to Trusteeship?" session held on November 12th, 2010. The workshop was tailored for new trustees and covered:

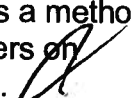
- What's on the horizon for school trustees and boards for the 2010-13 term?
- Get your bearings and chart your course: a trustee's roles and responsibilities.
- Don't jump into shark-infested waters.
- Navigate your first media/public encounters

Barbara Maddigan

Trustees Maddigan and Govenlock attended the Whitecourt Ste. Anne PC Association AGM on Friday, November 19th, 2010. The guest speaker was the Honourable Alison Redford, Alberta Minister of Justice and Attorney General. Minister Redford spoke on the Safe Communities Initiative and the Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act.

MLA George VanderBurg's riding will be getting a lot bigger when the next provincial election rolls around. The change will move the riding's eastern boundaries from the Pembina River, the current boundary, east to the Carvel corner, near the intersection of Highway 16 and Highway 43. The northern boundary of the riding will be north of Hwy. 16 to the Lac Ste. Anne County border, just south of Gainford.

Terry Slemko

At the Alberta School Board Association's Fall General Meeting, Heather Welwood, President, announced Livingstone Range School Division as the winner of the Public Engagement Award for their plan to address the achievement gap for First Nation students. New this year, the Public Engagement Award recognizes the efforts of school boards to embrace public engagement as a method to inform, involve and gain input from stakeholders on school jurisdiction plans, programs and services. 



Trustee Slemko gave an update on the status of the old Onoway Elementary School property being transferred to the Onoway and District Historical Guild. The Town of Onoway will be sending a letter to Northern Gateway administration asking them to sign a waiver stating the Town of Onoway will not be held responsible for any drainage problems if such should occur.

Cheryl Miner

Trustee Miner attended her first parent council meeting.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS

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Nil

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

F. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

- 1. Onoway High School Field Trip
- 2. A Comprehensive Approach to Planning and Reporting
- 3. Annual Budget Report
- 4. Alberta Mental Health Initiative

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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No in-camera items.

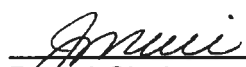
ADJOURNMENT

I. ADJOURNMENT

2061-10

Moved by Trustee Schalm- that the meeting be adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Motion Carried



 Board Chair



 Secretary-Treasurer

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