

**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 OCTOBER 25TH, 2011**

OPENING

A. OPENING

**CALL TO ORDER
AND ROLL CALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The October 25th, 2011 meeting was called to order by Chair Muir at 1:02 p.m.

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

Lisa Becic, Communications Officer, was also present.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS
TO THE AGENDA**

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additions:

- D.6.a) Joint Board/Teacher Liaison
- D.6.b) Support/Admin Compensation
- D.6.c) Fox Creek Town Council
- G.2) Student Matter
- G.3.a) CUPE Negotiations

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

2239-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the agenda for the October 25th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS

Karly Savoy, Prevention and Education Coordinator, HIV West Yellowhead, entered the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Karly Savoy presented information on what HIV West Yellowhead is about.

HIV West Yellowhead collects and distributes current information about AIDS and its prevention. It is also why, through their Community Outreach programs, they take an active role in communicating with high-risk groups and partnering with others in the community on education and prevention. They also provide a range of practical Support Services for many people in communities who are living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, so they can live a better quality of life.

They are also active in community training and development, providing training workshops related to HIV/AIDS specific topics, and working with community partners to develop strategies for responding to HIV/AIDS on a local, national and international basis.

Karly was asking the Board to consider the development of a Whitecourt Youth Pilot Project within two of Northern Gateway's Whitecourt schools. The Board will review all information provided with school administrators before making a decision.

Karly Savoy, Prevention and Education Coordinator, left the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4TH, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2240-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the draft minutes of the October 4th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting be adopted.

Motion Carried

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services, entered the meeting at 1:33 pm.

ACTION ITEMS**EDUCATION BUDGET
FOR 2011/12****D. ACTION ITEMS****EDUCATION BUDGET FOR 2011/12**

Information related to the restoration of grants initially cut in Budget 2011 has been coming out, and it is apparent that there will be some work required in reporting how dollars have been allocated. At this time, the Board expects to recover 1.2 million in grant dollars, however it is important to remind all that this falls short of the 1.5 million distributed to schools from Division reserves in the Spring of last year. At this point, Superintendent Andreas' recommendation to the Board will be to retain these dollars in reserves and reconsider the financial picture with the release of Budget 2012.

**APPOINTMENTS &
DELEGATIONS****B. APPOINTMENTS & DELEGATIONS**

*Michelle Brennick, Deputy Superintendent
Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services*

Central Services presented the template for this year's Results Review in order to deliver the Division results and to familiarize the trustees with the template that would be used when the school principals present their Results Reviews.

Michelle Brennick and Roger Lacey introduced the template and provided both the rationale and exemplar for the board. Principals will use their School Improvement Plan to address the Results Review Template. They will state their priorities, why the things they chose are priorities and their plan to address the challenges.

Schools present their Results Review to trustees and Division office administrators on November 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 2011.

Roger Lacey, Director of Learning Services left the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

D. ACTION ITEMS

**GROUP BENEFITS
INSURANCE PLAN
COMMITTEE MEETING
RECORD**

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COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD**

2241-11

Moved by Trustee Govenlock – that the Board change the annual start date for each representative to September 1st from November 1st each year, and memberships continue the same for the remainder of this year.

Motion Carried

**WHITECOURT
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION LEASE
RENEWAL**

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RENEWAL**

2242-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board approve to extend the Whitecourt Community Association Lease to August 31st, 2016.

Motion Carried

**FOX CREEK SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL FIELD
TRIP**

FOX CREEK SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP

2243-11

Moved by Trustee Hailes – that the Board approve in principle the Fox Creek School's international field trip to Spain from March 25th – April 3rd, 2013.

Motion Carried

**GRIEVANCE HEARING
COMMITTEE**

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2244-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board appoint the 2010-11 Support /Admin Committee members to the Grievance Hearing Committee, that being Chair Judy Muir and trustees Anne Nichol, Jim Govenlock and Peter Gilchrist.

Motion Carried

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

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JOINT BOARD/ATA LIAISON

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The next Joint Board/ATA Liaison Committee meeting will be held on November 15th, 2011, after the regular Board meeting.

SUPPORT/ADMIN COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

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2245-11

Moved by Trustee Nichol – that the Board approve the previous 2010-11 Support/Admin Compensation Committee to conclude the CUPE negotiations for 2011/12.

Motion Carried

FOX CREEK TOWN COUNCIL

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Members of the Fox Creek Town Council have made a request to meet with the Board of Trustees and Northern Gateway administration

Administration will present potential meeting dates to the Fox Creek Town Council.

INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

E. INFORMATION ITEMS/REPORTS

ASBA

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Trustee Slemko reported the next General Meeting is scheduled for November 25th, 2011 at the St. Anthony Centre, Edmonton to commence at 9:30 a.m.

Proposed Parameters for a Framework Agreement:

The ASBA is asking school boards the following:

Does your board wish ASBA to represent school boards in discussions with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers' Association with the aim of concluding a provincial framework agreement addressing: term, school board funding, teacher salaries and a dispute resolution mechanism?

2246-11

Moved by Trustee Gilchrist: That the Board authorize ASBA to represent Northern Gateways' interests in discussions with the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers' Association with the aim of concluding a provincial framework agreement addressing: term, school board funding, teacher salaries, and a dispute resolution mechanism.

Motion Carried

Letter from Medicine Hat School District:

Letter from Chair, Terry Riley, Medicine Hat (Public) School District advising ASBA that their Board unanimously defeated the request from ASBA to represent their school board in the tripartite discussions.

PSBAA

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No report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- Superintendent Andrea advised Northern Gateway's Critical Response Plan needs to be reviewed and updated.
- Alberta Health Services has requested for Northern Gateway to report to them when 10% or more of the students are absent with illness from any of our schools.
- Tentative date for the Official Opening at Hilltop High School is December 15th, 2011.

- Tentative date for the Official Opening at Division Office is November 17th, 2011.
- Superintendent Andrea attended the awards ceremony at Hillside High School. The event went well and was well attended.
- All High School graduation ceremonies will take place on June 30th, 2012, with the exception of Onoway High School, which will take place on June 29th, 2012.
- School Tours will be tentatively scheduled for the months of March and April, 2012.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- The schools Results Review presentations will be put on the Trustee conference for trustees to review.
- The Three Year Education/ Comprehensive Plan will be presented in hard copy at the November 15th, 2011 Board meeting.
- School Improvement Plans are due into Alberta Education mid November.
- CUPE negotiations are still currently in progress.
- The Guide to Schools "a journey through Northern Gateway Public Schools" is complete and was handed out to trustees. Copies will also be provided for the school sites.

LETTER FROM ALBERTA INFRASTRUCTURE

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Alberta Infrastructure sent a letter advising that funding in the amount of \$227,000 has been approved for the partial demolition of the former David Ovans Elementary School in Sangudo.

EDUCATION ACT INPUT

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Administration provided a copy of the letter written to the Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, providing Northern Gateway's additional input into the draft Education Act.

**OCTOBER 17TH, 2011
BY-ELECTION RESULTS**

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Provided for information.

**YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL
LIBRARY REPORT**

YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Trustee Maddigan will be attending the YRL Regular Meeting on November 7th, 2011, and will represent Northern Gateway voting in favour of the 2012 – 2014 Budget.

ENROLMENT REPORT

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Provided for information.

SUSPENSION REPORT

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Provided for information.

TRUSTEE REPORT

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Terry Slemko

Trustee Slemko attended the awards ceremony for Onoway High School on October 22nd, 2011 and reported the event was well done.

Albert Schalm

Trustee Schalm attended the awards ceremony for Mayerthorpe High School on October 6th, 2011.

Peter Gilchrist

Trustee Gilchrist attended two school council meetings.

Barbara Maddigan

Trustee Maddigan, Board Chair Muir and Superintendent Kevin Andrea attended the October 6th, 2011 Yellowhead Regional Library's 40th Anniversary Celebration. The event was well attended, with former trustee Maureen Wilcox also present.

Trustee Maddigan reported there has been no concerns voiced from the parent council meetings she has attended, regarding the \$1.2 million being returned back to Northern Gateway and administrations' recommendation for this.

Judy Muir

Chair Muir reported she was impressed with the community support and participation on the final day of the installation of the new playground at Darwell school.

Lisa Becic, Communications Officer left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ITEMS

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BOARD SYNOPSIS

F. BOARD SYNOPSIS

The following items will be communicated to our communities:

- 1. Organizational Meeting
- 2. School Results Review Presentation
- 3. HIV West Yellowhead Presentation
- 4. Fox Creek Field Trip
- 5. Update on Education Budget

IN-CAMERA ITEMS

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2247-11

Moved by Trustee Maddigan – that the Board go in-camera at 4:17 p.m. and that Kevin Andrea, Michelle Brennick and Michael Gramatovich be invited to remain.

Motion Carried

Trustee Hailes left the meeting at 4:23 p.m. due to a conflict of interest re: CUPE negotiations.

2248-11

Moved by Trustee Turk– that the Board come out of in-camera at 4:34 p.m.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

I. ADJOURNMENT

2249-11

Moved by Trustee Schalm - that the meeting be adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Motion Carried

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer