



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
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**THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

June 14, 2011

6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Private Session)

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kevin Maves (Chair), Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

Regrets: Trustee Lora Campbell, Student Trustee James Gillespie

**Student
Trustees:** Clive Velkers

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Carol Germyn, Sue Greer, Cam Hathaway, Marilyn Hyatt, Jim Morgan, John Stainsby, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Peter Doan, Kim Yielding, Rick Werezak, Karen Bellamy

**Recording
Secretary:** Irene Foster

**Technical
Support:** Linda Gonschior

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Kevin Maves called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Welcome to New Student Trustees

Newly elected Student Trustees for the 2011-2012 school year, Joelle Schonberg from Stamford Collegiate and Evan Vassallo from Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, were introduced. Superintendent Cam Hathaway presented a brief biography on each student.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

Moved by Alex Bradnam

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as Rick Young, Vice-Principal at Kernahan Park Secondary School, sang “O Canada.”

D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING

Student Trustee Clive Velkers opened the meeting with a reflective reading which highlighted the importance of education.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy-Scott

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 24, 2011, be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued:**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) was deferred to follow the business of the open meeting (Public Session).

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Governor Simcoe and Westlane Secondary Schools**

Superintendent John Stainsby introduced the showcase which took place in the Atrium. Governor Simcoe and Westlane Secondary Schools showcased their winning robots from the recent World Championships. These schools competed in two types of competition, VEX Robotics and FIRST Robotics. Governor Simcoe won the VEX World Robotics Championship where they emerged victorious from a field of over 3,800 students from 20 different countries. The Westlane Team won first in their division in the FIRST Robotics competition and finished 3rd in the world. Simcoe was semi-finalist in their division and tied for 5th place. The event was held in St. Louis where 2,075 teams from around the world competed.

Superintendent Stainsby commended the students on their achievements. Teachers Ted Clark and Greg Phillips were recognized for their outstanding dedication and commitment to students. On behalf of the Board, Director Hoshizaki and Chair Maves presented the students with Certificates of Recognition for their achievements.

2. Greg Phillips, Teacher at Governor Simcoe Secondary School

Superintendent John Stainsby introduced the showcase which showcased Teacher Greg Phillips being honoured with the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship Award. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is the highest award the Rotary Club offers to those who make significant contributions to their community whether locally, nationally, or internationally.

3. Student Trustee – See the Change Video Contest

Superintendent Cam Hathaway introduced the showcase. Brooke Raven and Danielle Turner, students from E.L. Crossley Secondary School, showcased their winning *See the Change* video entitled "There's A Light In You." The contest sponsored by the Student Trustee Senate promotes awareness and positive

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**3. Student Trustee – See the Change Video Contest**

change that benefits students and their surrounding communities. The students were presented with a cheque for their winning video and the school was presented with \$500 to support a school initiative.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**1. Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)**

Superintendent Carol Germyn presented a report on the Specialist High Skills Major Program. The program allows students to earn credits for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma while exploring their interests and future career path. Superintendent Germyn explained that the program has continued to grow and expand since it was introduced in the Board in the 2005-2006 school year in the Construction sector. Superintendent Germyn summarized the components of a Specialist High Skills Major Program, and the participation rate and success of DSBN students.

Superintendent Germyn clarified for Trustee Alex Bradnam that apprenticeships are promoted within the SHSM Program.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended the staff for their dedication to students and for their role in the success of the program.

H. DELEGATIONS**1. James Van Esch**

James Van Esch addressed the Board and expressed his concerns regarding hiring practices at the District School Board of Niagara.

There were no questions of clarification asked by Trustees.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Moved by Clive Velkers
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated May 25, 2011, be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Clive Velkers presented the report of the Student Trustee Senate which included information sessions on the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, the Woodend Living Campus, and DSBNI.

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Moved by Cheryl Keddy-Scott
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated June 1, 2011, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustees Keddy-Scott and Fulford presented the report of the Parent Involvement Committee which included information on upcoming events and activities of the Committee, and an update on the Fall Conference Planning.

3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Moved by Dalton Clark
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 1, 2011, be received, and

“That the funding requests totaling \$467,400 for

- an Assistant to the Disability Management Coordinator in the amount of \$69,400,
- Accommodation Review costs in the amount of \$80,000,
- Software Fee and Licenses, Planning Department, in the amount of \$18,000,
- Elementary Instructional Coaches, 1.25 FTE, in the amount of \$100,000,
- Release Time for the Secondary Instructional Coaching Project in the amount of \$120,000, and
- Secondary Itinerant ESL Teacher, 1.0 FTE, in the amount of \$80,000 be included in the Board's 2011-2012 Budget.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Dalton Clark presented the report of the Finance Committee dated June 1, 2011, which included increased funding requests to the 2011-2012 budget.

Superintendent Morgan confirmed for Trustee Fulford that the position “Assistant to the Disability Management Coordinator” is a permanent position.

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Cheryl Keddy-Scott

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) dated June 2, 2011, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Alex Bradnam presented the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) which included an update on the 2011-2012 Special Education Budget and a brief update on the newly formed Accessibility Committee. Trustee Bradnam commended the Finance Committee and the Board for supporting the special education needs of students.

4. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Barbara Ness

Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated June 7, 2011, be received;” and,

“That the Program and Planning Committee receive and approve the 2011-2012 District School Board of Niagara List of Recommended Educational Resources;” and

“That the Program and Planning Committee approve the recommendations outlined in the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 25, 2011;” and

“That the Multi-Year Capital Plan – June 7, 2011, be received and staff authorized to proceed with identified projects up to and including the 2011-2012 year, subject to confirmation of necessary Ministry of Education capital funding approvals.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Trustee Barbara Ness presented the report of the Program and Planning Committee which included an update on questions regarding the Facility Planning Report (Enrolment Numbers), and discussion on the recommended motions.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**(a) Membership on Accommodation Review Committees (ARC)**

Superintendent Marilyn Hyatt called for additional Trustee volunteers to sit on the Accommodation Review Committees in accordance with Policy F-2: Accommodation Review Guidelines For The Planning Of School Program And Facility Needs, in each of the Accommodation Review areas. Trustees were asked to confirm their participation with Superintendent Hyatt.

- (b) Trustee Sue Barnett noted a McGill University study which studied the effects of poverty over a 16 year period and she asked that the study be obtained by staff. Superintendent Sue Greer undertook to obtain information on the survey.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports****(a) Director's Report**

Director Hoshizaki highlighted the following:

- Three DSBN students participated in the recent 17th Annual Skills Canada National Competition. Daniel Dressel a SHSM Manufacturing student won a gold medal in the welding challenge; Gurtej Multani a SHSM Energy student won a silver medal in the electrical installations challenge; and Niki Harris had a very strong showing in the hairstyling challenge.
- Over \$12,000 was raised at the recent Ride Hike Run fundraiser for Woodend The Living Campus. Director Hoshizaki commended the organizers, participants, volunteers and financial supporters on the success of the event.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**2. Trustee Information Session**

Prior to the Board meeting Trustees participated in an Information Session on Performance Appraisal Processes.

3. Correspondence and Correspondence

- (a) Letter from S. Charbonneau, Citizenship and Immigration.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- (a) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott commended the organizers and participants of the recent “Relay for Life” at Grimsby Secondary School where \$86,000 was raised in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. The Relay is a moving celebration of the courage that it takes to battle cancer.
- (b) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott commended Vineland Public School on its recent community fun fair where \$3,000 was raised in support of Community Care.
- (c) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott congratulated Teacher Brian Cretney on his recent book signing at Chapters.
- (d) Trustee Sue Barnett noted that Centennial Secondary School Science Teacher, Sarah Casella, was featured in the June 2011 edition of *Professionally Speaking* (publication of the Ontario College of Teachers) for incorporating “One Life..Many Gifts” materials in her Science classes. The materials address the issue of organ donation.
- (e) Trustee Sue Barnett reported that she attended the recent wrap up session of the *Give Where You Live Niagara* project at Brock University. Trustee Barnett suggested that the Board recognize the students’ volunteerism with non-profit organizations across the Region.
- (f) Trustee Sue Barnett commended students from Glendale Public School for raising over \$1,000 in support of the *Make Change For Children* initiative. Trustee Barnett noted that she will recognize the students for their support by presenting the school with a plaque. Trustee Barnett issued a challenge to all Trustees to promote and support the initiative and recognize students in their community schools.
- (g) Trustee Dave Schaubel reported that he recently observed a unique and moving pilot project at Garrison Road Public School. Students who have suffered a loss participated in grief counseling and shared their experiences and mentored their peers who have experienced similar losses. Trustee Schaubel suggested that the project should be implemented in every school. Chair Maves added that the project is funded through the Education Foundation of Niagara and there has been discussion to expand the program.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (h) Trustee Alex Bradnam reported that he and Trustee Jonathan Fast attended the Colonel John Butler's recent official closing ceremony. Trustee Bradnam noted that it was a joyful experience and the community is excited and united about the opening of the new Crossroads Public School in September 2011.
- (i) Vice-Chair Dale Robinson reported that she visited staff and a number of amazing students at Centennial Secondary School on June 13th where the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Education, announced that the French Immersion program will be extended to the Applied program.
- (j) Chair Kevin Maves commended the organizers of the recent ETFO retirement dinner on a successful and enjoyable event.
- (k) Chair Kevin Maves reported that he attended Prince Philip's (Niagara Falls) recent 50th anniversary. Chair Maves commended the organizers and participants for hosting a nice ceremony.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**(a) Summary of OPSBA Initiatives and Events**

Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott informed Trustees on recent and upcoming OPSBA events and initiatives. Copies of information are available in the Trustees Lounge.

Trustee Keddy-Scott reported that Carl Pitman, Chair of the Hastings and Prince Edward DSB, former Vice-President of OPSBA's Eastern Region, and a member of the OPSBA Board of Directors, recently passed away.

6. Future Meetings**Schedule of Meetings for June 2011**

June 15 Finance Committee – changed to 5:00 p.m.

**Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

CARRIED

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole (Private Session) at 9:50 p.m.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:

Moved by Jonathan Fast

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)

Moved by Dale Robinson

Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the business conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer