



**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**  
**Achieving Success Together**

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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**March 22, 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, Lora Campbell, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Barbara Ness, Dave Schaubel, Cheryl Scott

**Student**

**Trustees:** James Gillespie, Clive Velkers

**Regrets:** Dale Robinson

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

**Recording**

**Secretary:** Irene Foster

**Technical**

**Support:** Ezeldin Ebadalla

**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 7:30 p.m.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dalton Clark

“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**

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood and sang “O Canada” accompanied on tape by students from Burleigh Hill Public School, St. Catharines.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Jonathan Fast opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Cheryl Scott

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 22, 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)**

Moved by Dalton Clark

Seconded by Barbara Ness

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

**CARRIED**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Supporting Understanding in Mathematics (SUM)**

Superintendent John Dickson introduced the showcase.

Principal Andrea Grieve introduced teachers Julie Sommers, Nicole Wallace and Julie Cromwell from Senator Gibson Public School in Beamsville who were recognized in the Ministry Newsletter “*The Lexicon*” for their outstanding work in changing their school culture concerning mathematics. Principal Grieve commended the teachers for their contributions to student learning.

Teachers Nicole Wallace, Julie Sommers and Julie Cromwell shared their experiences in mathematics professional learning through the SUM program and on implementing teaching strategies in the classroom to enhance student learning in mathematics.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the teachers for their contributions to student learning. Director Hoshizaki presented the teachers with certificates in recognition of their dedication to students.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****2. Eco Schools**

Superintendent Carol Germyn introduced the showcase and recognized the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for its partnership with the Board in support of student learning.

Kerry Royer, Restoration Project Lead - Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, recognized DSBN schools for their environmental efforts. Ms. Royer explained that over the past five years, the successful Eco Schools Program has created naturalized areas in school yards. The program has engaged students in outdoor activities and provided opportunities to learn about native plants in Niagara. Ms. Royer added that this year a shade tree program called “Canopies for Kids” was implemented.

Representatives from the following schools were presented with a plaque in recognition of their participation in the Eco Schools Program.

College Street Public School, Edith Cavell Public School, Forestview Public School, General Vanier Public School, Kate S. Durdan Public School, Parnall Public School, Prince Philip Public School, Richmond Street Public School, Ridgeway Public School, Stamford Collegiate, Woodland Public School

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for its continued partnership with the Board. Chair Maves commended the schools for their participation in the program.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS****1. Verbal Report on DSBN Academy**

Superintendent John Stainsby provided a verbal report on the DSBN Academy. Superintendent Stainsby acknowledged the parents, teachers and Principals from across the system for their support of the DSBN Academy. Superintendent Stainsby commended the Principals and teachers for working closely with families to assist them in deciding if the DSBN Academy is the right fit for their needs. Superintendent Stainsby reported that as of March 10<sup>th</sup> 104 student applications have been confirmed for September 2011 and that staffing needs are being reviewed. Superintendent Stainsby added that the London office of the Ministry of Education has been kept fully apprised of the progress of the DSBN Academy. Further updates will be posted on the DSBN Academy website and the Board’s website.

Trustee Ed Fulford commended staff for their efforts in promoting the DSBN Academy.

**H. DELEGATIONS****1. Phil Leboudic - Achieving Success Together**

Mr. Leboudic addressed the issue of “Achieving Success Together.” Mr. Leboudic expressed concerns that implementation of the DSBN Academy does not reflect “Achieving Success Together.” Mr. Leboudic also expressed concerns that the Board has not engaged the community in open dialogue and consultation with all stakeholders in the implementation process. Mr. Leboudic suggested that a commitment to “Achieving Success Together” requires the Board to identify existing obstacles to meeting the needs of students rather than attempting to succeed through segregation. Mr. Leboudic commended the Board for recognizing that reforms are needed to meet the needs of students and he suggested that whole school solutions supported by the entire community are needed. Mr. Leboudic expressed support for the Pathways program.

Superintendent Jim Morgan clarified that the Pathways program is not considered a competing strategy with any strategies being implemented by the Board and it also reflects the model of achieving success together. Superintendent Morgan added that if any community partners are willing to implement the Pathways program the Board would be willing to review the Board’s participation.

Chair Maves thanked the speaker for his comments.

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board Recess.

**J. OLD BUSINESS****1. ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Sue Barnett

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 0794 to 0799, for the month of February, 2011, totalling \$15,249,350.98 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****2. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**Moved by James Gillespie  
Seconded by Clive Velkers**

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated February 23, 2011, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees James Gillespie and Clive Velkers presented the report of the Student Trustee Senate. Student Trustee Velkers noted that discussion took place on Spring fundraisers. Funds raised at the schools will be combined and donated to support the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Student Trustee Gillespie added that the “See *The Change*” video contest will be open to all secondary schools. The theme will be social justice, global citizenship and leadership.

**3. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Barbara Ness  
Seconded by Ed Fulford**

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated March 1, 2011 be received;” and**

**Educational Research Committee**

**“That the recommendations outlined in the report of the Educational Research Committee of February 14, 2011 be approved;” and**

**Renaming of Niagara District Secondary School**

**“That Niagara District Secondary School be renamed to ‘School Support Services Niagara-on-the-Lake Resource Centre’ and that the Library be named the Don Reilly Library;” and**

**Closure of F.J. Rutland Public School**

**“That the Board amend the timing of the closure of F.J. Rutland Public School for instructional purposes to close effective August 31, 2012 or earlier (pending construction), and upon its amended closure date redirect the students of F. J. Rutland Public School to River View Public School making it a Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 school.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Barbara Ness provided a summary of the report and recommendations of the Program and Planning Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:**

**4. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)**

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Cheryl Scott

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) dated March 2, 2011 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Scott presented the report of the Parent Involvement Committee.

**5. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE (SAL)**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee dated March 7, 2011 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dave Schaubel presented the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee.

**6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated March 16, 2011, be received and the following recommendations adopted.”

Pine Grove Public School Renovations

“That the low tender received from Merit Contractors, in the amount of \$889,700 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Pine Grove Public School Open Concept Renovation Project;” and

Broader Public Sector Procurement Directives

“That the information report on the new Broader Public Sector Procurement Directives be received;” and

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE****Interim Financial Report**

**“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2011, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dalton Clark provided a summary of the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee.

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

No questions were asked.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

Director Hoshizaki highlighted the following:

- Grimsby Secondary School student Aurora McLaughlin is a recipient of the Provincial OSSTF Student Achievement Award. Aurora was nominated by her teacher Karly Straitton for her short story, *The Cold Shoulder*.
- Education Week 2011 takes place April 11-15. The Kick Off Breakfast will be held on April 11 at Club Italia. The theme of Education Week, “*Celebrating Community Partners*,” will provide an opportunity to recognize community partners who support and enhance student learning and success.
- Grimsby Secondary School and Welland Centennial Secondary School were honoured with awards for their outstanding productions at the recent 2011 Niagara District Sears Drama Festival. The schools will be competing in Hamilton at the Regional Sears Drama Festival in April.
- The Robotics team of Westlane Secondary School and Governor Simcoe Secondary School won at the recent competition in Pittsburg. The team will be heading to Waterloo this weekend.



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****Staff Reports****Director's Report**

- The *Down to Earth Challenge* will take place from March 25 to April 21, 2011. Schools and work sites are invited to organize and participate in a variety of environmental activities.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Prior to the Board meeting, Trustees toured the new School Support Services site in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Chair Maves noted that the new site will provide a venue to accommodate a variety of events and activities.

Students were commended for their demonstration of Lego Robotics during the tour.

**3. Correspondence and Correspondence**

There was no correspondence and communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (a) Trustee Scott reported that she was honoured to participate in Central Public School's recent Honour Awards Breakfast for Grades 7 and 8 students.
- (b) Trustee Bradnam reported that Governor Simcoe Secondary School will be celebrating its 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 16/17, 2011. Trustee Bradnam noted that the anniversary is creatively being advertised on business card sized cards on display at local businesses.
- (c) Chair Maves reported that there will be many opportunities for Trustees to attend school functions and events throughout the upcoming Education Week.

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

Trustee Cheryl Scott provided Trustees with a written summary of recent OPSBA initiatives and events.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Scott noted that OPSBA conducted a recent survey of students across the province regarding a start time for the instructional day. The survey results indicate that the majority of boys prefer a later start and the majority of girls prefer an earlier start.

- (b) At the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting on February 26, 2011, a report was provided on the Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health. The OPSBA Board of Directors is asking each Board to pass a motion in support of this provincial coalition.

**Moved by Cheryl Scott  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“That the District School Board of Niagara approve in principle the Statement of Intent and formally join the Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health.”**

**CARRIED**

**6. Future Meetings**

There were no changes to the Schedule of Meetings for April 2011.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**, Director of Education  
and Secretary/Treasurer