



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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**October 11, 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, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Joelle Schonberg and Evan Vassallo (present for Public Session)

**Regrets:** Ed Fulford

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Carol Germyn, Cam Hathaway, Marilyn Hyatt, Sue Mark, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, John Stainsby, Peter Doan, 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 7:30 p.m.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

Moved Dave Schaubel

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting (Public Session) at 7:15 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood and sang “O Canada” accompanied on tape by Beamsville District Secondary School teacher Betsy Tauro.

Chair Maves welcomed students from Brock’s Faculty of Education who were in the gallery.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Lora Campbell opened the meeting with a prayer.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued:****2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 27, 2011, be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**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 Dale Robinson  
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board;” and

“That KPMG be appointed external auditors for the year ended August 31, 2011, at the estimated fee of \$48,200, as set out in the Engagement Letter dated June 6, 2011.”

**CARRIED**

Chair Maves reported that in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) the Board also accepted the retirements of Elementary Principals Janet Goodfellow, Candace McMillan, and Joni Romano, effective December 31, 2011. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves extended best wishes to the Administrators.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****(a) Summer Program for Secondary Students**

Superintendent John Stainsby introduced the presentation which showcased summer programs that were offered to secondary school students.

Fred Louws, Student Achievement Leader; and Helena Tritchew, Principal, presented an overview of the programs that were offered for the benefit and support of students. Programs included:

- John Howard Summer Jobs for Youth;
- Summer School for new and remedial credits;
- Grade 8 in 8;

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Summer Program for Secondary Students**

- High School Head Start;
- E-Learning credit opportunities;
- English as a Second Language;
- Summer Impact (funded by John Howard Society);
- Summer Catch

The Board viewed a slide show presentation which reflected the success of the Fort Erie Secondary School Summer Catch 2011 program. Fred Louws thanked the Board for their continued support of student success initiatives.

On behalf of the Board Chair Maves thanked staff for their dedication to students.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

Superintendent Helen McGregor provided an overview of the role of the Student Success School Support Initiative (SSSSI). Superintendent McGregor explained that the initiative, which is supported by funding through the Ministry of Education, was introduced in 2008-2009 in three School Boards. This year the initiative has been expanded to seventeen School Boards, including the District School Board of Niagara. Five schools within the District School Board of Niagara were identified to participate in the Student Success School Support Initiative (Eastdale Secondary, Fort Erie Secondary, St. Catharines Collegiate, Stamford Collegiate, and Westlane Secondary). Superintendent McGregor explained that the goals of the initiative are to raise the level of student achievement and success, build the capacity of the Principal as instructional leader, and to enhance classroom instructional practices. Superintendent McGregor outlined how the initiative is implemented. Superintendent McGregor added that the role of the Superintendent of Student Success Initiatives is to support Principals to build their capacity as instructional leaders and to share learning outcomes with other schools across the system. Superintendent McGregor noted that the strategies and initiatives align with existing school improvement plans and with the work currently being done in schools.

Trustees will be provided with periodic updates on the Student Success School Support Initiative.

**H. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

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

**Moved by Joelle Schonberg  
Seconded by Evan Vassallo**

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 28, 2011, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Vassallo provided highlights of the report which focused on the September 28, 2011, retreat held at the Woodend Environmental Centre. Student Trustee Schonberg added that a Facebook group was created to encourage discussion between members of the Student Trustee Senate.

Trustee Alex Bradnam commended the students for their energy and enthusiasm. Student Trustee Vassallo explained for Trustee Barnett that Principals will be contacted to encourage all members of the Student Trustee Senate to attend meetings.

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

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy-Scott**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee dated October 3, 2011, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dave Schaubel provided a summary of the report. Trustee Schaubel thanked Superintendent Stainsby for his past support and commitment to the Committee.

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

There were no questions asked of and by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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

Director Hoshizaki highlighted the following:

- Crossroads Public School will host a SMART conference on Saturday, October 15 for DSBN staff and teachers across the province. Trustees are welcome to attend.
- The DSBN in collaboration with the Early Childhood Community Development Centre, Family and Children's Services Niagara, Pathstones, and the Niagara Catholic District School Board will be hosting the Circle of Care Conference on October 20. The focus of the conference is Mental Health.
- The DSBN STAT (Students Taking Action Today) Character Education Conference will be held on October 26 and 27 at Welland Centennial Secondary School.
- The DSBN in conjunction with the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the Early Childhood Community Development Centre is hosting a workshop titled, "*Preparing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Children for a Global World*," on October 26 at the Holiday Inn and Suites (formerly Quality Inn), St. Catharines.
- Submissions were made last school year on behalf of Woodend and E.L. Crossley Secondary School for access to funding through the Aviva Community Fund Competition.

Trustee Lora Campbell added that Lincoln Centennial Public School and Fort Erie Secondary School have submitted projects in the Aviva Community Fund Competition. Trustee Campbell noted that Lincoln Centennial Public School is seeking funding to support their "Give our Lions a Place to Roar with Pride" project. Trustee Campbell encouraged Trustees and staff to cast their votes on the Aviva website.

Trustee Campbell noted that Trustees will be attending the OPSBA Central West Region meeting being held at the DSBN on October 15. Director Hoshizaki will deliver regrets on behalf of the Trustees at the October 15<sup>th</sup> SMART Conference at Crossroads Public School.

**(b) Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide**

Superintendent Jim Morgan reported that the Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide is the work of the Board's Emergency Preparedness Committee which has been active for a number of years planning such things as pandemic planning, and responding to bomb threats, severe weather, and critical injuries and most recently police reports on the lockdown process. The guide addresses a range of components to consider when responding to emergency situations. All schools, Senior Staff, and Administrative Assistants have been provided with copies of the guide. Superintendent Morgan thanked the members

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****Staff Reports****Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide**

of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for their many hours of work in creating the resource guide. Superintendent Morgan will confirm whether or not an emergency response can be requested on a system telephone by dialing “911” without dialing “905” or “9” for an outside line.

Director Hoshizaki commended Lorraine Randell, Communications Department, for developing the design of the guide.

Trustees commended everyone involved in creating the valuable and informative guide.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Prior to the Board meeting Superintendent Carol Germyn provided Trustees with an overview of her role as Superintendent of School Support Services.

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

Trustee Dale Robinson reported that at the request of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, she and Chair Maves have agreed to meet with the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, and CAO to strengthen communication between the Board and the Town.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (a) Trustee Sue Barnett reported that on September 30<sup>th</sup> she attended the DSBN Academy's “*Academy Awards*.” Trustee Barnett commended the students, parents and staff for an amazing beginning to this new opportunity for students. Trustee Barnett encouraged Trustees to contact the school to arrange a tour of the facility.
- (b) Trustee Dalton Clark reported that he also attended the DSBN Academy's “*Academy Awards*” and that the Board and staff should be proud of supporting this program.
- (c) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott reported that she and Trustee Bradnam are looking forward to their upcoming visit to the DSBN Academy.
- (d) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott reported that she attended Beamsville District Secondary School's recent graduation ceremony. Trustee Keddy-Scott commended the school and students on the number of Ontario Scholars and award winners. Trustee Keddy-Scott noted that Superintendent Stainsby was recognized for his support of the school.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (e) Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott commended Vineland and Lakeview Public Schools on their recent participation and achievement in boys and girls soccer.
- (f) Trustee Barbara Ness reported that registration is open for the upcoming Parent Involvement Committee Conference on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trustee Ness noted that a variety of technology based workshops will be presented at the conference and many Consultants from the Board will be leading the workshops. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- (g) Trustee Alex Bradnam reported that he attended Prince Philip Public School's (St. Catharines) recent meet the teacher night. Trustee Bradnam commended staff for organizing a wonderful evening for the community.
- (h) Trustee Alex Bradnam reported that the Lifetime Learning Centre recently hosted an International Buffet. The event was an excellent venue to meet the staff and adult students who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to continue their education.
- (i) Trustee Alex Bradnam reported that he will participate on the Fundraising Committee for the revitalization of Woodend. A notice of upcoming fundraising events will be provided, which will include a February 2012 gala.
- (j) Trustee Alex Bradnam reported that he was invited to bring greetings from the Board at Laura Secord Secondary School's recent Honours Breakfast but due to a timing issue he was unable to be attend.

**5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott reminded Trustees of the Central West Region meeting being held at the Board on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was invited to attend.

**6. Future Meetings****Calendar of Meetings for October 2011**

October 18	Policy Advisory Committee cancelled
October 19	Finance Committee tentatively cancelled (to be confirmed)



**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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