



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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**January 24, 2012**

6:00 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, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Student Trustee Evan Vassallo

**Regrets:** Trustee Barbara Ness and Student Trustee Joelle Schonberg

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Carol Germyn, Sue Greer, Cam Hathaway, Marilyn Hyatt, Sue Mark, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, John Stainsby, Joe Weinberg, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Marian Lamb, 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.

Chair Maves welcomed visitors who were in the gallery, including the students from Brock's Faculty of Education.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Sue Barnett

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Jonathan Fast

“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 and sang “O Canada” accompanied by students from the DSBN Academy, Welland. The students from the DSBN Academy also performed the school’s song.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Dave Schaubel opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Ed Fulford  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy-Scott

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 10, 2012, 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 Dale Robinson  
Seconded by Dalton Clark

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

**CARRIED**

Chair Maves reported that in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) the Board approved the appointment of Wesley Hahn to the position of Superintendent of Schools, effective February 1, 2012. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves welcomed Mr. Hahn to the District School Board of Niagara.

Director Hoshizaki introduced Mr. Hahn and provided a brief biography and summary of his experiences and qualifications.

Director Hoshizaki introduced Anna Pignol who was recently appointed to the position of School Mental Health Leader/Supervisor. Ms. Pignol's position is responsible for implementing a mental health strategy within our Board. Director Hoshizaki provided a brief summary of Ms. Pignol's past experiences and qualifications for the position.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director's Report and Recognition****(a) DSBN School Winners at the 57<sup>th</sup> Welland Tribune Basketball Tournament**

Students and coaches of Welland Centennial Secondary School were recognized for winning the recent 57<sup>th</sup> Welland Tribune Basketball Tournament. This was the school's second championship, the first championship being 39 years ago. Students, coaches, and supporters of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, E.L. Crossley Secondary School, A.N. Myer Secondary School, and Welland Centennial Secondary School were commended for making it to the finals.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director's Report and Recognition****(b) Recognition of James Morden Public School Fundraising**

The community of James Morden Public School (Niagara Falls), students and staff were recognized for their significant contribution to Project Share's 2011 Christmas Program. Principal Piazza, students and staff gave highlights of their fundraising efforts over the past four years which supported families in the community.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves and Director Hoshizaki presented representatives from James Morden Public School with a plaque in recognition of the school's contributions to the Niagara Falls community.

**(c) Staff Recognition – Applewood Public School**

Linda McBride was recognized for her 25 years of service and dedication as a lunch hour supervisor at Applewood Public School.

On behalf of the Board, Director Hoshizaki presented Ms. McBride with a plaque in recognition of her service and contributions to students and staff of the District School Board of Niagara.

Trustee Bradnam commended all the students and staff of James Morden Public School for their contributions to the community.

**2. Teachers Learning Together – The Math Journey**

Superintendent Carol Germyn introduced the presentation which recognized the "Teachers Learning Together" program and the contributions of the DSBN team in promoting Mathematics education. Superintendent Germyn explained that the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) supported teams of teachers across the province who conducted action based research for the purpose of improving teacher practice and student learning.

DSBN teachers Susan Di Teodoro, Sharon Donders, Joy Kemp-Davidson, Peggy Robertson and Lori Schuyler, and Consultants Glynnis Fleming and Pat Milot, were recognized for their work entitled *"Asking Good Questions: Promoting Greater Understanding of Mathematics Through Purposeful Teacher and Student Questioning."*

Director Hoshizaki presented the teachers with plaques in recognition of their outstanding contributions to students and Mathematics education.

Trustees commended the teachers for their service and dedication to students.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS****(i) Report on International Education****Moved by Ed Fulford****Seconded by Dalton Clark**

**“That the Board authorize staff to continue to pursue International Education opportunities that benefit the District School Board of Niagara and to provide periodic updates to the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Carol Germyn provided a report on International Education which included a summary of the rationale and importance of providing students with opportunities to build global awareness and knowledge to enhance their future success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Superintendent Germyn added that the District School Board of Niagara places great value in cultivating international relationships that will enrich both parties through opportunities and experiences. As well, international relationships provide an opportunity for the Board to offset declining enrolment and gain new revenue sources by accepting larger numbers of tuition-based visa students. Superintendent Germyn provided highlights of the Board's current International Education initiatives, which include:

- CIS Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City, where the Board has provided consulting services since 2009; staff are also working on a number of initiatives for CIS Vietnam beyond the scope of the Consulting Agreement, that have been requested by the CIS Vietnam Board of Directors.
- The Bilingual Canadian International School (BCIS) recently opened by the Board of Directors of CIS Vietnam, which will provide graduating grade 8 students with the choice of attending CIS Vietnam to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma or continue at BCIS to graduate with a Vietnamese Diploma.
- The District School Board of Niagara recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CIS Vietnam to pursue a Consulting Agreement for a second Canadian International School in Vietnam – CIS Hanoi.

Superintendent Germyn also provided highlights of initiatives in the next areas of focus, which include:

- Educational and cultural programming opportunities for elementary and secondary school students from Korea within District School Board of Niagara schools;
- A 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom pilot project which electronically connects DSBNI intermediate students with students from Gohyun Middle School, Korea;
- Providing a teacher recruitment service to the Canada School in Geoje, South Korea, a private school offering English as a Second language program to Korean students;

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS – continued:****Report on International Education**

- A Memorandum of Understanding with the investors of a proposed Canadian International School in Anshan, China.

Superintendent Morgan confirmed for Trustee Fulford that currently there are 53 Ontario certified teachers at CIS Vietnam, which includes a number of DSBN contract teachers, Occasional teachers and/or teachers on the Board's Recommend to Hire List. Superintendent Morgan added that the DSBN teachers who return to the Board return with a global perspective and new experiences. There are no DSBN teachers in Korea.

Superintendent Germyn confirmed for Trustee Keddy-Scott that the twenty-one CIS Vietnam students who will be coming to the DSBN to complete their grade 12 year to graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma will stay with homestay families and attend five appropriate secondary schools, based on their level of English.

**H. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

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

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 0919 to 0937 for the month of December 2011 totally \$15,771,915.33 be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated January 10, 2012, be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

Chair Maves reminded the Board that a verbal report of the Program and Planning Committee dated January 10, 2012, was received and the following recommendations were adopted by the Board at its meeting of January 10, 2012. Trustee Sue Barnett provided an update on the expansion of the French Immersion program.

**French Immersion**

“That the Program and Planning Committee direct the Senior Team to have an information session to investigate interest for Grade 4 entry for French Immersion at College Street School. A report is to be brought back to Program and Planning in February.”

And

“That the Program and Planning Committee expand the Grade 1 French Immersion Pilot Program to include Princess Elizabeth should the number of registered students be 23 or greater.”

And

“That the Program and Planning Committee receive the French Immersion Program Expansion Report dated January 10, 2012.”

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

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy-Scott**

**Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) dated January 12, 2012, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott presented the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) which included an informative presentation on the LEAP Program (Leading Educators Around the Planet) and a presentation on Sensory Rooms and the specialized equipment used by students with special needs. Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder that February is “Inclusive Education Month.”

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****4. REPORT OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dale Robinson

Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Policy Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2012, be received;” and

“That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 15, 2011, be received as amended;” and

“That Policy E-2 Sexual Harassment be approved as presented and adopted;” and

“That Policy I-1: Guidelines for Retirement/Resignation Dates for Teachers be approved as amended and adopted;” and

“That Policy G-8: Code of Student Behaviour be approved as amended and adopted.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dale Robinson gave a brief summary of the recommended Policy revisions.

**5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dalton Clark

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 18, 2012, be received;” and

“That the 2011-12 Revised Estimates, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2011 and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, as submitted to the Ministry of Education, be approved;” and

“That the 2011-12 Interim Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2011, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dalton Clark presented the report of the Finance Committee which included information and discussion on the 2011-2012 Revised Estimates and an interim financial report. Subsequent interim reports will be brought forward in March and May 2012. Trustee Clark explained that the Revised Estimates and interim forecast are based on the actual October 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 enrolment and projected March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 enrolment and they reflect revisions attributed to an increase in the previously projected enrolment. Trustee Clark noted that although the enrolment for 2011-2012 is higher than originally projected, the Board is still experiencing an on-going overall decline in enrolment.



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

Trustee Clark also reported that the Board will receive approximately \$2.9 million to address the 2013-2014 Year 4 capital needs at eleven elementary schools throughout the Region for implementation of full day learning.

Trustee Fulford commended the Finance Committee and staff for doing an excellent job.

**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) Board-Funded Full Day Senior Kindergarten**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

**“That the Board approve the implementation of full day senior kindergarten at General Vanier, Westmount, Jordan, Power Glen, Prince of Wales, and St. Davids Public Schools for September 2012.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Carol Germyn presented a report on the proposed implementation of Board-funded full day senior kindergarten for September 2012. Superintendent Germyn's report included background information on the Ministry of Education's implementation of the Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program. Superintendent Germyn added that the Ministry has approved the implementation of Board-funded full day senior kindergarten for the 2012-2013 year and Senior staff are proposing six schools for implementation. Superintendent Germyn indicated that there will be implementation costs to the Board, however, there is potential for increasing market share of students in subsequent years.

Trustee Fulford expressed his support for the recommended motion on the basis of its potential impact on market share in schools.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****Staff Reports****Board-Funded Full Day Senior Kindergarten**

Superintendent Sue Mark explained for Student Trustee Vassallo that full day kindergarten provides more opportunities than half day kindergarten for increased learning in literacy and numeracy.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Information Session scheduled.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence and communication

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (a) Trustee Alex Bradnam provided an update on fundraising efforts and upcoming events in support of Woodend The Living Campus. Trustee Bradnam commended the fundraising committee for raising over \$500,000 to date. More detailed information on Woodend and fundraising events is available on the website at [www.dsbn.org/woodend](http://www.dsbn.org/woodend)

- February 2, 2012 – Woodend Gala and Silent Auction
- February 10, 2012 – Annual Trivia Night at the Quality Inn, Ontario Street.
- May 6, 2012 – Ride, Run or Walk event
- April 30 – May 6, 2012 – Woodend week where every school will participate in activities in support of Woodend

- (b) Trustee Sue Barnett reminded Trustees of the Education Foundation of Niagara's February 2012 "*Make Change for Children*" challenge. A variety of fundraising events and activities will be highlighted throughout schools during the week of February 21-24. Trustee Barnett explained that funds that are raised support a wide variety of school activities and student needs. Trustee Clark suggested that the Board members support and promote the challenge.

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

- (c) Trustee Dale Robinson reported that she attended the recent Strategic Leadership Conference in Toronto with Chair Maves, Director Hoshizaki, and Superintendent Hathaway. Trustee Robinson explained that the conference provided strategies and steps in developing a mission statement, goals and values statements that align with the organization's Strategic plan. Trustee Robinson commended our Board for being well on track with strategic planning.
- (d) Trustee Dale Robinson reported that she attended Vineland Public School's recent Citizenship and Patriotism Winter Fair where she also acted as a judge in the "most great Canadian" event, which included the most patriotic cookie and the most Canadian brownie. Trustee Robinson commended Principal Gretsinger, Vice-Principal Willms, students and staff for organizing and presenting an excellent event.

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

Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott reminded Trustees of the upcoming Public Education Symposium on January 26-28, 2012.

**6. Future Meetings**

Trustees were provided with the calendar of February 2012 events.

Superintendent Sue Greer gave a reminder of the Skills Challenge Banquet on April 4, 2012. More details will be provided at a later date.

Chair Maves noted that this is Superintendent Carol Germyn's last Board meeting prior to her retirement. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked Superintendent Germyn for her years of service and contributions to education and wished her well in her upcoming retirement.

**N.     ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 .m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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