



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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**June 23, 2014**

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kevin Maves (Chair), Sue Barnett (Vice-Chair), Alex Bradnam (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), Lora Campbell, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Regrets:** Trustee Cheryl Keddy Scott and Student Trustees Tara Lundy and Courtney Steingart

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, John Stainsby, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

**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 Maves called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

**Moved by Ed Fulford**

**Seconded by Lora Campbell**

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

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam**

**Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:52 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Prince Philip Public School (Niagara Falls) Choir, on video.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Barbara Ness opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves wished Superintendent John Stainsby all the best in his upcoming retirement.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Ed Fulford**

**Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

**“That the Agenda be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 10, 2014, 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 Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dale Robinson

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

**CARRIED**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Recognition of Stephanie Plue, Teacher – Westdale Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Stephanie Plue for her 22 years with the District School Board of Niagara in a variety of teaching assignments. This year, in addition to her responsibilities teaching Junior Music, Stephanie is implementing the Levelled Literacy Intervention Program, and supporting the full time Learning Resource Teacher. Stephanie also runs the school talent show, helps run the breakfast program, and runs the responsibility room every morning recess to assist children with their homework completion. While working full time at Westdale, Stephanie also volunteers all of her afternoons and she has made a difference in the lives of many students. Westdale is a diverse community and Stephanie is known for being familiar with all of the families and their histories, and for the beautiful manner in which she communicates with students, staff and parents.

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Director Hoshizaki presented Stephanie Plue with a token of the Board's appreciation for her dedication to the Board.

**(b) Recognition of Jovan Griffiths, Student – DSBN Academy**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Jovan Griffiths, a Grade 9 student, for his work and commitment which enabled him to reach his goal of qualifying and competing at OFSAA where, with two personal bests, he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100M and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200M as the first athlete from the DSBN Academy's first year of secondary. Jovan began training for Track & Field this past spring through the school's after school program known as ENCORE where he was supported by his Coach Marianne Borich. Craig Preece, a community volunteer from Speed Unlimited, also helped Jovan with his technique and Craig has continued to mentor and coach throughout the season. Director Hoshizaki also recognized Jovan for being driven, focused and modest and for putting his academics first as he works towards his post-secondary education. Director Hoshizaki commended Jovan for helping to put athletics at DSBN Academy on the map, and for inspiring many of his younger peers to focus on their "Personal Bests." Jovan's family is incredibly proud of his commitment and passion for running and his school community is also proud and appreciative that they were able to participate in Jovan's journey to OFSAA.

Director Hoshizaki presented Jovan Griffiths with a token of the Board's recognition of his accomplishments.

**(c) Recognition of Grace Tennant, Student – South Lincoln High School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Grace Tennant, a Grade 9 student, for her extraordinary achievements at OFSAA in Track and Field, where her specialties are shot put, javelin and discus. Grace's tireless training did not disappoint. Grace is believed to be only the second athlete in 50 years to win three Gold Medals at OFSAA. She attained a new OFSAA record in Midget Girls shot put and she just missed the record for Midget Girls discus set in 1979 by a mere 10 cm. Grace is now readying herself for the Legion District competitions which lead into Provincials and Nationals. Director Hoshizaki added that Grace not only excels in athletics, but in the classroom as well where she maintains an average of

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over 90 %. Tim Jabs was impressed to have not only witnessed Grace's amazing athletic talents, but is equally as impressed by Grace's humility while pursuing and attaining her goals. The staff and students are proud of Grace's accomplishments and look forward to her future successes: not only on the field of play, but in the classroom as well. Her persistence, perseverance, work ethic and integrity are an inspiration to not only the students of South Lincoln, but all students of the DSBN.

Director Hoshizaki presented Grace Tennant with a token of the Board's recognition of her accomplishments.

**(d) Recognition of John Stainsby, Superintendent of Secondary Schools, Planning & Transportation**

Director Hoshizaki recognized John Stainsby for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Board and students in a variety of teaching and administrative roles, most recently as Superintendent of Schools for the past 9 years, and Superintendent of Planning & Transportation. John is known for his integrity and values, his sense of humour, and most of all for his commitment to education and doing what is right for students, staff and communities. John's focus on building relationships with staff and promoting a culture of collaborative work has enabled him to see great success in his schools and portfolio. This year, John's patience, calm demeanour and ability to listen and respond to issues allowed him to move through three Accommodation Reviews in a thoughtful and empathetic manner, yet always keeping the best interests of students at the forefront. John is also known for his grace under pressure in all circumstances, for his depth of questioning and for his unique and thought provoking ways of looking at various issues. On behalf of the Board, Director Hoshizaki extended good wishes to John in his upcoming retirement.

Director Hoshizaki presented Superintendent Stainsby with a token of the Board's appreciation for his significant and never ending support of the DSBN.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director's Report and Recognition****(e) Director's Update to Trustees****i. Special Olympics a Special Day for Students**

On Tuesday, June 17, 2014, DSBN students with special needs came together to display their talents and celebrate success at the annual DSBN Special Olympics. Over 400 elementary and secondary athletes took part in different events with each student attempting to obtain a personal best. Thanks to the incredible amount of support from over 100 students, teachers, and parent volunteers, the event was a huge success! It was a fun and meaningful day that celebrated our special education students' strengths and abilities.

**ii. The Power of Being a Girl!**

In February 2014, the YMCA Life Skills Program held the "Power of Being a Girl;" a one day conference that invited girls from different high schools in the Region to participate in workshops that would leave them feeling empowered. Students from Beamsville District Secondary School attended and participated in one workshop that had them create a video which centred around issues that affect them.

The Board viewed the Public Service Announcement which is now being broadcasted by TV Cogeco.

Further information is available at  
[www.facebook.com/YWCANiagaraRegion](http://www.facebook.com/YWCANiagaraRegion)

**iii. Heritage Fair and Young Citizens Video Contest**

Congratulations to eight DSBN students who attended the OHFA provincial fair in Toronto recently to showcase their research projects on Canadian Heroes, legends and key events in Canadian history. Five of those students were chosen to participate in the Young Citizens program where they can share their passion for history with their school and community via video. Participants in the Young Citizens program are asked to make a short video about their heritage fair topic with the goal of making the audience as excited as possible about their history project. The student videos are posted online and a public vote takes place

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from June 17 – July 11. Everyone is encouraged to vote for their favourite video! Six videos will be selected nationally and winners will travel to Ottawa in the fall to attend the Canada's History Forum and show their video.

The Board viewed Mickey Kiss' (student at Stevensville Public School) video entitled, *Great Canadian: Neil Young*.

**Provincial Fair Winners and Young Citizens**

Josh Neal - Lacrosse (Applewood School, Grade 5)  
Julia McNeaney - Ridley (Applewood School, Grade 6)  
Turner Clarke - Wainfleet Bog (Oakwood School, Grade 5)  
Shelby Robertson - Halifax Riots (Westmount, Grade 8)  
Mickey Kiss - Neil Young (Stevensville School, Grade 8)

**Provincial Fair Winners**

Bronte Detenbeck - James Fitzgibbon (Stevensville, Grade 7)  
Grace Leonard - Tom Longboat (Applewood, Grade 5)  
Cassie Kikkert - Trapping (Stevensville, Grade 7)

For more information, please visit

[www.canadashistory.ca/Kids/YoungCitizens](http://www.canadashistory.ca/Kids/YoungCitizens)

Trustee Bradnam commended Teacher Stephanie Plue and Superintendent Stainsby for their dedication to students. Trustee Bradnam also commended students Jovan and Grace on their accomplishments and dedication.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves congratulated all the showcase recipients and commended them on their success and achievements.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****2. Educational Showcase****(a) Presentation of Joan Crowe Award**

Superintendent Dickson introduced the showcase which recognized the 2013-2014 recipient of the Joan Crowe Award.

Jacklyn Rocco, Vice-President - CUPE Local 4156, added that the Joan Crowe Award is given annually to an Educational Assistant or Child Care Worker at the DSBN who demonstrates outstanding commitment to their profession and the students they serve and who exemplifies the qualities of Joan Crowe, a former Educational Assistant with the District School Board of Niagara.

Deb Dennis, daughter of Joan Crowe, reported that 21 nominations were submitted for the Award this year and she commended all the nominees for their dedication to students.

Deb Dennis introduced Tizanna Passero and presented her with the 2013-2014 Joan Crowe Award. Tizanna Passero thanked the Joan Crowe Committee and her colleagues for the honour.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves congratulated Tizanna Passero and he thanked all the Educational Assistants and Child Care Workers for all their work to support students.

Trustee Robinson thanked everyone in the gallery for attending the Board meeting and for supporting the showcase recipients. Trustee Robinson added her appreciation to the dedicated staff who support students every day.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There were no student achievement reports.

**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 1381 to 1399 for the month of May 2014, totalling \$16,855,567.97, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

**“That the Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated June 12, 2014, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam thanked all the Trustees for supporting students by attending the recent Special Olympics event. Trustee Bradnam commended the organizing Committee under the leadership of Andy Dermatas, Superintendent Dickson for his support, and all the volunteers for making the event a success. Superintendent Dickson reported that following a 20 minute weather delay, the students had a great day.

**3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

**“That the Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 17, 2014, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel reported that 8 new cases and 71 renewals were reviewed by the Committee. Trustee Schaubel added that this school year 70% of the students supported through the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee achieved one or more credits.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:**

**4. REPORT OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dale Robinson  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“That the Report of the Policy Advisory Committee dated June 17, 2014, be received;” and**

**“That Policy B-08: Records Management be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy E-03: Health and Safety be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy E-15: Workplace Violence and Harassment Prevention be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy G-36: Concussions be approved with modifications and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy E-13: Attendance Support Program be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy J-01: Transportation Eligibility and Service be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy i-01: Policy – General be approved as received and adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Robinson reported that the recommended revisions are primarily housekeeping changes. Trustee Robinson added that this year 14 Policies were reviewed by the Committee and that 16 Policies are scheduled for review in the 2014-2015 school year.

**5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 23, 2014, be received and the recommendations adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Clark reported that the Committee reviewed the Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2014, and discussed a recommendation to delegate authority to approve the awards of contract and property matters in July and August.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Clark noted that 2014-2015 enrolment is currently 548 students over the projected enrolment.

Director Hoshizaki commended the Public Relations and Printing Departments for producing the outstanding 2014-2015 Budget document.

**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**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee Information Session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence and communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

There were no Trustee communications.

Further information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at <http://www.dsbn.org> and/or on the schools' websites.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**

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

Vice-Chair Barnett gave a reminder of OPSBA's upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at <http://www.opsba.org>.

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendars of August and September 2014 meetings were provided.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning, Chair Maves commended the Trustees and Senior Team for all their work throughout the school year and for their mutual respect in making decisions in the best interests of students.

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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