



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 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, Lora Campbell, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Nick Molkoski, Vinay Sharma

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

Recording Secretary: Irene Foster

Technical Support: Wendy Coit

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 Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

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

CARRIED

**Moved by Barbara Ness
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:38 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Lakeview Public School Choir, on video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Simo Bjelan, Caretaker at Central Public School, who passed away this week.

D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Dalton Clark opened the meeting with a reflection on achieving success together and working as a team.

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 Lora Campbell
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 9, 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 Dalton Clark

“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 Shirley Jeffery, Alumni Student Volunteer – Lifetime Learning Centre**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Shirley Jeffery for her work as an Alumni Student Volunteer at the Lifetime Learning Centre. Ms. Jeffery started as an adult student in 2006, winning the Excellence in Education Award and she has been a steadfast Volunteer ever since. On a daily basis Ms. Jeffery is active with the Nutritional Breakfast Program and Coffee Club for students. In addition, she is active in organizing and promoting major school events, organizing school fundraising activities that benefit Community Care and other charities, and she promotes the benefits of adult education to the students. Ms. Jeffery is also actively involved in her community. Ms. Jeffery’s contributions have markedly raised the spirit and involvement of the students of the Lifetime Learning Centre.

Director Hoshizaki presented Shirley Jeffery with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her service to students and the Board.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director's Report and Recognition****(b) Director's Update to Trustees****i. Support for iHub**

The Economic Development Division for the Niagara Region has provided financial support of The Educational Research and Innovation Hub (iHub) partnership between the District School Board of Niagara and Brock University in the amount of \$5,000 towards this first of its kind initiative.

Also, a new collaboration between the District School Board of Niagara and Innovate Niagara will provide start-up companies working out of the new iHub in St. Catharines with more support in bringing their products to market. Having the support of Innovate Niagara will give companies access to mentorship and resources to move from product development to commercialization. The collaborative atmosphere of the iHub promotes discussion, idea sharing and creativity amongst educators, researchers, graduate students, entrepreneurs and education technology companies.

ii. World Class Athlete at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

Congratulations to Christian Pereira, a Grade 9 student, on winning the Gold medal at the Canadian Kickboxing Championship held in May 2014. Christian earned a spot on Team Canada and competed at the World Junior Kickboxing Championships in Italy earlier this September where she won Bronze at this world class event.

Trustee Bradnam commended and thanked Shirley Jeffery for her dedication to adult learners and for the positive impact she has on students at the Lifetime Learning Centre.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended Shirley Jeffery for her contributions to students.

2. Educational Showcase**(a) DSBN Special Olympics**

Superintendent Dickson introduced the presentation which showcased the National Special Olympics Games held in Vancouver in July 2014.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**2. Educational Showcase****(a) DSBN Special Olympics**

Kim Bartlett, Central Educational Assistant and DSBN Special Olympics Coach, introduced students Grant Flagg and Josie Guilbeault who shared their experiences with Special Olympics and the Vancouver National Special Olympics Track and Field events. Grant thanked the Board and the coaches for their support.

Director Hoshizaki presented Josie and Grant with plaques in recognition of their accomplishments.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked Josie and Grant for sharing their experiences and commended them on their achievements.

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 1400 to 1423 for the months of June and July 2014, totalling \$30,179,595.41, be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dale Robinson
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) dated September 3, 2014, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam highlighted the upcoming 2014 PIC Conference noting that 16 informative workshops on a variety of topics will be offered.

Trustee Ness added that online registration is available at www.dsbm.org/pic.

3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated September 11, 2014, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of the report noting that the 2014-2015 Special Education report was presented. Trustee Bradnam commended Special Olympians for sharing their experiences at the Special Olympics National Games held from July 7-13 in Vancouver.

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated September 17, 2014, be received;” and

“That the report on the projects approved under the 2014 Delegation of Authority be received;” and

“That Venerino V.P. Panici Architects Inc. be appointed Architects to the New West Fort Erie Elementary School Project;” and

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

“That Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2014-01, authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$46,373,924 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved;” and

“That Board Policy B-02: *Mileage Reimbursement Rate* be approved as presented;” and

“That Board Policy A-06: *Trustee Honorarium* be approved as presented;” and

“That the District School Board of Niagara approve the appointment of Allan Andrews, John Bald, David Barrett, James A. Cringan, Robert Hidebrandt, Yasir Nouri and Margo Pinder to the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.”

CARRIED

Trustee Clark provided a summary of the report and the recommended motions, which included a report on two contracts that were awarded during July and August under the 2014 Delegation of Authority, in particular the appointment of architect for the Laura Secord Secondary School Cafeteria Addition and Renovation Project and a contract for the Employee & Family Assistance Program. Trustee Clark also provided a summary of the report with respect to the following:

- Architect Appointment - New West Fort Erie Elementary School;
- Short-Term Financing of Ministry Funded Capital Projects;
- Review of Board Policies B-02: *Mileage Reimbursement Rate*; and A-06: *Trustee Honorarium*;
- Trustee Election 2014 – Membership of Compliance Audit Committee regarding a candidate’s campaign expenses.

Trustee Clark clarified for Trustee Keddy Scott that Policies dealing with Board business that affect Board members only come directly to the Board and are not required to be vetted through the Policy Advisory 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**

There were no Staff Reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee Information Session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

- (a) Letter from CUPE asking the Board to endorse a day of recognition for Child Care Workers and Early Childhood Educators

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the DSBN recognize Wednesday, October 29, 2014, as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.”

CARRIED

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- (a) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that she attended several Open Houses and she commended Board staff for making the facilities look amazing, clean and fresh. Trustee Keddy Scott added that the students' work posted in hallways is appreciated by students and parents.
- (b) Trustee Keddy Scott recognized Park Public School's Parent Council for organizing a recent barbeque to raise funds for the Grade 8 Year End trip.
- (c) Trustee Keddy Scott commended all the schools that participated in the recent Terry Fox Run and noted that Twenty Valley Public School had 485 participants who raised over \$1500. Trustee Keddy Scott also recognized Twenty Valley for participating in the Ice Bucket Challenge in support of the ALS Association.
- (d) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of Cherrywood Acres Public School's upcoming 50th Anniversary Open House and Fun Fair on September 25th.
- (e) Trustee Bradnam reported that Laura Secord Secondary School's Honour Awards celebration will be held at Club Roma on September 30th.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (f) Trustee Bradnam reported that he and Trustee Campbell attended an assembly at Alexandra Public School which highlighted the new build of Harriet Tubman Public School. Students from all four schools were presented with T-Shirts with the Harriet Tubman logo. Parents from the four schools that will merge into Harriet Tubman Public School will be kept updated with a newsletter. Trustee Bradnam added that students are invited to enter the competition to name the new school's North Stars mascot.

A construction cam to view the progress of the construction can be accessed through <http://harriettubman.dsbm.org/>.

- (g) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre Annual Dinner and Dance at Club Roma on October 3rd.
- (h) Trustee Robinson reported that graduates of the former Pelham High School are raising funds to repair the 1969 time capsule. The repaired time capsule will be situated on the A.K. Wigg Public School site.
- (i) Trustee Robinson commended schools for participating in the recent Terry Fox Run, noting that Thorold Secondary School and Prince of Wales (Thorold) had over 500 student participants.
- (j) Vice-Chair Barnett reported that she recently attended Welland Centennial Secondary School's recent Parent Night and appreciation was expressed by the school community for the upgrades at the school over the summer.

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

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

Vice-Chair Barnett reported that she and Trustee Keddy Scott attended the recent Board of Directors meeting where information was presented on Civics and the Student Vote, Legislative requirements for Board of Directors, Labour Relations and Conflict of Interest. Vice-Chair Barnett added that the Public Education Symposium is scheduled for January 29-31, 2015, in Toronto.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of October 2014 meetings was provided and revised as follows.

Finance Committee – October 15th cancelled and rescheduled to October 28th prior to the Board meeting (time to be announced).

Education Foundation of Niagara – September 24th at 5:30 p.m.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ed Fulford

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer