



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

May 12, 2015

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Sue Barnett (Chair), Dale Robinson (Vice-Chair), Jennifer Ajandi, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves (*arrived at 6:30 p.m.*), Dave Schaubel

Student Trustees: Nick Molkoski and Vinay Sharma

Regrets: Trustee Linda Crouch

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

Recording Secretary: Irene Foster

Technical Support: Wendy Coit and Linda Gonschior

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:12 p.m.
Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Linda Crouch.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued:

2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Conflict of Interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:54 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Kevin Maves opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Kevin Maves

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 28, 2015, 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 Jennifer Ajandi

“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 Katherine Latcham, Resource Teacher – School Support Services**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Katherine Latcham for her 16 years of dedicated service to the Board, currently as a Resource Teacher with the Deaf, Hard of Hearing Team at School Support Services. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Latcham volunteers to assist students and families at many varied events including organizing and promoting fundraising and charitable initiatives that support students and the community . Ms. Latcham is known for her passion for the children she works with daily.

Director Hoshizaki presented Katherine Latcham with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(b) Recognition of Heather Lailey, English Program Leader – Eden High School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Heather Lailey for her 21 years of dedicated service to the Board, currently as English Program Leader. In addition to her teaching duties, Ms. Lailey’s involvement in school is varied, including organizing a successful school-wide spirit initiative. Ms. Lailey is known for her enthusiasm, youthful energy and “yes, I can do that” attitude. In recognition of her dedication to students, Eden staff have nominated Ms. Lailey for the OTIP (Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan) Teaching Award.

The Board viewed Eden High School’s school spirit video.

Director Hoshizaki presented Heather Lailey with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

Trustee Fast commended Eden on its production of the school spirit video.

(c) Director’s Update to Trustees**i. Hockey Legend Supports Bertie Public School Students**

Bertie Public School will be hosting an “Invention Convention” in which students can create and present their inventions. Two Grade 7 students have invented a light-up hockey stick and they took the initiative to contact hockey legend Marcel Dionne to endorse their product in a promotional video. Mr. Dionne obliged with the request and visited Bertie Public School for the taping.

ii. Greater Fort Erie Secondary School

Recently, the logo and colours for the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School were revealed to students, staff and community members. Each of the school’s four colours (grey, red, a slightly darker red, and yellow) were chosen to represent a specific piece of the Town’s history. The decision to select the Griffin as mascot came after more than 750 votes from the student body.

iii. Greendale Public School Supports Children with Cancer

Congratulations to the Greendale students and staff who participated in the recent Stair Climb for Children’s Cancer event and for being the top elementary school, raising \$670. In total, the event raised \$50,000.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**(c) Director’s Update to Trustees****iv. Eden High School - French Public Speaking Event**

Congratulations to Eva Wan Yu Ren, a student at Eden High School, for placing first at the recent 31st Annual *Concours d’art oratoire*. This is an annual French public-speaking event for students from Grades 4 through 12 who are studying French as a Second Language in Ontario Schools. The annual event organized by Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) and the Ontario Modern Language Teachers’ Association took place at York University’s bilingual campus, Glendon College, Toronto.

v. CONNECT 2015

Thank you to Dino Miele, DSBN’s Chief Information Officer, and his team for their outstanding efforts in putting the recent CONNECT 2015 Conference together. Thank you to the many community and industry partners who contributed to CONNECT 2015’s success. The conference which attracted over 1500 attendees from around the world provided opportunities to develop partnerships, showcase products and to make connections between education and technology leaders. Most of all, it supports and encourages innovative technology solutions for the classroom that enhance student learning.

2. Educational Showcases**(a) McKay Public School**

Superintendent Hahn introduced the showcase which featured students from McKay Public School performing on guitars. Superintendent Hahn introduced Steve Tempest, Music Teacher, who teaches guitar to students in Grades 2 to 8. Superintendent Hahn added that under the leadership of Principal Grenier the school was able to fundraise and budget for class sets of guitars. McKay Public School entered three classes of guitar players in the Port Colborne Music Festival, all of which received Gold and Silver standing.

Supported by Teacher Brady Mitchell the Intermediate and Junior students performed three numbers for the Board.

Trustee Schaubel thanked the students for sharing their talents.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Barnett commended the staff and parents for supporting the students.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**2. Educational Showcases****(b) Richmond Street Public School – “Annie”**

Superintendent Hahn introduced the showcase which featured students from Richmond Street Public School performing numbers from their recent musical production of “Annie.” Superintendent Hahn noted that Richmond Street Public School recently presented its first musical with a cast of more than 75 Junior and Intermediate students. Congratulations to the students and staff for their outstanding work.

Vice-Principal Gerda Klassen commended the students for their dedication to the musical and she thanked everyone who supported the production.

The students performed two numbers from their production.

Vice-Chair Robinson thanked the staff and students for presenting the showcase and for sharing their talents.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Barnett thanked the parents, staff and community for supporting the students.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There was no report.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated May 5, 2015, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Keddy Scott reported that 14 cases were reviewed by the Committee and strategies were developed for the students' success. Trustee Keddy Scott commended the Committee members and community partners for their continued dedication to student engagement and success.

2. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Diane Chase

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated May 5, 2015, be received;” and

“That the Program and Planning Committee approve the draft Accommodation Review Policy for public consultation;” and

“That the Program and Planning Committee receive the report of the Educational Research Committee of April 16, 2015;” and

“That the Multi-Year Capital Plan dated May 5, 2015, be received and staff authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2015-16 year, subject to confirmation of necessary Ministry of Education capital funding approvals.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the report and the recommended motions. Trustee Schaubel commended the work of Facilities Services staff to ensure that Board sites are well maintained.

Trustee Fast left the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS – continued:**3. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dale Robinson
Seconded by Kevin Maves

“That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated May 5, 2015, be received.”

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Robinson provided a summary of the report.

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. Chair Barnett noted the DSBN Graduate Art Show with works of art currently on display at the Education Centre.

3. Correspondence and Communication**(a) OPSBA Board of Directors (Ontario Public School Boards' Association)**

Chair Barnett reported that OPSBA has requested the names of the two Trustees appointed to serve as OPSBA Director and Alternate Director to serve on the OPSBA Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 term, and as well, the name of the two Trustees appointed to hold the position of Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the 2015-2016 term.

Trustees Jennifer Ajandi and Linda Crouch let their names stand.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:**3. Correspondence and Communication****(a) OPSBA Board of Directors (Ontario Public School Boards' Association)**

**Moved by Diane Chase
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

“That Trustee Jennifer Ajandi be appointed to serve as OPSBA Director for the 2015-2016 term;” and

“That Trustee Linda Crouch be appointed to serve as OPSBA Alternate Director for the 2015-2016 term;” and

“That Trustee Jennifer Ajandi be appointed to hold the position of Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the 2015-2016 term;” and

“That Trustee Linda Crouch be appointed to hold the position of Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the 2015-2016 term.”

CARRIED

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- (a) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that the May 3rd celebration of Vineland Public School was well attended and well received by the community. Trustee Keddy Scott presented a photograph of the wall which is being erected at Twenty Valley Public School.
- (b) Trustee Keddy Scott reported that students from Central Public School participated in a recent cross country singing event.
- (c) Trustee Helga Campbell commended A.N. Myer Secondary School, Stamford Collegiate, and Westlane Secondary School for presenting recent productions which captured the important issues around Mental Health. Trustee Helga Campbell commended the students for their insight. Trustee Helga Campbell also commended the Board for providing opportunities for students to express themselves.
- (d) Vice-Chair Robinson reported that she attended a recent Education Week Breakfast where students released a lip dub which was performed by every student in the school.
- (e) Vice-Chair Robinson gave a reminder of the June 10th DSNB Special Olympics event being held at the Niagara Olympic Club located behind the DSNB Academy.

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

- (f) Vice-Chair Robinson reported that she attended the recent well organized and informative SEAC Conference in Toronto (the first Conference in 30 years). Vice-Chair Robinson commended Superintendent Dickson for his outstanding participation on the panel. Vice-Chair Robinson delivered a Certificate of Recognition issued by the Province in recognition of the District School Board of Niagara's commitment to providing Special Education programs.
- (g) Trustee Ajandi congratulated the students and staff for their art on display at the Education Centre as part of the DSBN Graduate Art Show. Trustee Ajandi commended the students for their commitment to environmental issues.
- (h) Trustee Ajandi commended the staff, students and parents of Governor Simcoe Secondary School on the success of their recent musical production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.
- (i) Chair Barnett commended the organizers and participants of the recent 12th Annual DSBN Heritage Fair held at the Niagara Falls History Museum for presenting a diverse range of local and Canadian history.
- (j) Chair Barnett commended the team of DSBN staff for their role in organizing and supporting the recent successful CONNECT 2015 Conference. Chair Barnett noted that in addition to the CONNECT 2015 Conference the team also supported the recent IGNITE Girls Technology event, the International Concussions Summit, and the Ultimate Gaming Conference.
- (k) Chair Barnett commended the DSBN teaching staff who promoted and supported over 600 elementary students at the recent annual Silver Birch Celebration of Literacy Conference.
- (l) Student Trustee Nick Molkoski reported that he will participate in the May 13th 4th Annual DSBN DECA Business Competition being held at Niagara College, where 120 DSBN secondary school students will compete. Student Trustee Molkoski thanked the Board for making this event available for students and he asked the Board to continue to promote DECA, an organization which provides guidance to students about careers in business.

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

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:

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

Trustee Ajandi gave a reminder of OPSBA’s Annual Meeting being held from June 10-14th.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association is available at www.opsba.org

6. Future Meetings

The calendars of May and June 2015 meetings were provided.

N. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Helga Campbell
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer