



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 11, 2012

6:45 – 7:30 p.m. (Private Session)

7:30 – 11:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kevin Maves (Chair), Sue Barnett, Alex Bradnam, Lora Campbell, Dalton Clark, Jonathan Fast, Ed Fulford, Cheryl Keddy-Scott, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

Student

Trustees: Mackenzie Ceci and Mackenzie Wiens (present for Public Session)

Officials:

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), John Dickson, Sue Greer, Wesley Hahn, Cam Hathaway, Sue Mark, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, John Stainsby, Joe Weinberg, Peter Doan, Brett Sweeney, Marian Lamb, Karen Bellamy

Recording

Secretary: Irene Foster

Technical

Support: Linda Gonschior and Wendy Coit

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 7:55 p.m.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves welcomed Brock University Faculty of Education students who were observing the Board meeting.

Chair Maves also welcomed newly appointed Assistant Superintendent JoAnna Roberto and Assistant Superintendent Kelly Pisek. Chair Maves welcomed Student Trustees Mackenzie Ceci and Mackenzie Wiens.

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 Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

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

CARRIED

Moved by Sue Barnett
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was sung by the Westlane Secondary School choir, on video tape.

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 Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Ed Fulford
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 25, 2012, 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 (Private Session) be now ratified by the Board.”

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**(a) Overview of 2012 DSBN Special Olympics**

Assistant Superintendent Kelly Pisek introduced the showcase.

Andy Dermatas, Power Glen Public School Teacher and Chair of the Special Needs Olympics Committee, and Kim Bartlett, Central Educational Assistant, explained that 500 students from 50 elementary and secondary schools within the DSBN participated in the June 2012 event. The event partnered with Ontario Special Olympics to enable students to qualify in events at the Ontario Special Olympics Provincial level. This event is an exemplar for other Boards across the Province in support of Special Education students. Our Board looks forward to its continued partnership with Ontario Special Olympics. Andy and Kim commended all the volunteers, Committee members made up of staff at all levels, parents and community organizations for making the event a success. The 2013 event will take place on June 12 (rain date June 14).

The Board viewed a video presentation of the highlights of the DSBN Special Olympics which was prepared by Linda Gonschior, Media Technician.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:**Overview of 2012 DSBN Special Olympics**

Trustees commended the organizers of the event, the volunteers, and this Board for supporting all students.

Warren Hoshizaki added that the event was a highlight of his visits to schools and events last school year.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**1. Director's Report****(a) Recognition of Peter Davies**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Peter Davies, Information Technology Department, for his 12 years of extraordinary contributions and exemplary service to the Board in his role with the Information Technology Department. Peter has demonstrated excellence, commitment, optimism and vision in his day-to-day work, and also when faced with the challenges of larger project work.

Director Hoshizaki presented Peter Davies with a token of the Board's appreciation for his service to the Board and to students.

(b) ETFO Writer's Award (Published)

Director Hoshizaki recognized the following teachers on receiving the ETFO Writer's Award (Published) for their contributions to teachers and students in Mathematics.

Susan DiTeodoro	Applewood Public School
Sharon Donders	Alexandra Public School
Joy Kemp-Davidson	E.W. Farr Public School
Peggy Robertson	Park Public School
Lori Schuyler	School Support Services

(c) Terry Fox National School Run Day

Director Hoshizaki commended schools across the Board for the participation in the 2011 Annual Terry Fox National School Run Day. Students raised \$84,804 for cancer research. Over 45 schools have signed up for the 2012 Terry Fox National School Run Day.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS – continued:**Director’s Report****(d) Welcome Centre**

Director Hoshizaki reported that between July 2011 and July 20, 2012, the Welcome Centre welcomed 300 students to DSBN schools from a variety of countries. The 2012-2013 school year has had an excellent start with many new Canadians making their way to the Welcome Centre. Director Hoshizaki commended Brandi Lancione for her excellent work and support in this important function.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended the students and staff on their accomplishments.

2. Report on Summer H.E.A.T. Program

This report was deferred to a future Board meeting.

3. Report on Summer School Programs

Superintendents Helen McGregor and John Stainsby provided an overview of the 2012 summer programs offered at District School Board of Niagara schools. This summer 1250 students participated in a variety of programs for Grade 7 to 12 students, including:

- Summer School New Credit Programs
- Cooperative Education Programs
- E-Learning New Credit Program
- Summer Jobs for Youth Cooperative Education Program
- “GR8 IN 8” Program
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead Credit Program
- Summer CATCH at Fort Erie Secondary School

Superintendent Stainsby confirmed for Trustees that teachers are available to provide support to students in the E-Learning Programs.

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 1024 to 1063 for the months of June and July 2012 totalling \$34,740,528.59 be received.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee dated June 22, 2012, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel reported that four cases were reviewed and strategies were developed to support the students' success. The Committee also reviewed twenty-four cases for renewal for the 2012-2013 school year.

3. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC)

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Dale Robinson

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) dated September 5, 2012, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Alex Bradnam provided a summary of the report which included an update on the planning for the Fall Conference to be held at Eden High School on Wednesday, November 7th. The Committee was also provided with an update on contract negotiations by Superintendent Morgan. In addition, the Committee reviewed its objectives for the school year and received the Ministry of Education's newly developed fundraising guidelines. Information on the upcoming Fall Conference is available at www.dsbns.org/pic.

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

Moved by Dalton Clark
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated September 11, 2012, be received;” and

“That the report on the award of contracts for projects funded by Good Places to Learn (GPL) at schools involved in the 2011-2012 Accommodation Reviews be received;” and

“That Raimondo & Associates Architects be appointed for the renovations at Garrison Road Public School;” and

“That Panici Architect be appointed for the renovations at St. Catharines Collegiate;” and

“That Walterfedy be appointed for the renovations at Thorold Secondary School;” and

“That Panici Architect be appointed for the renovations at E.L. Crossley Secondary School;” and

“That the Report on Education Development Charges be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Dalton Clark reported that the Committee received information on projects at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and Thorold Secondary School which were approved and awarded under the Good Places to Learn Program. The Good Places to Learn projects came in under budget. Trustee Clark provided an overview of the recommended architect appointments for projects at Garrison Road Public School, St. Catharines Collegiate, Thorold Secondary School, and E.L. Crossley Secondary School. Trustee Clark added that the Committee received a report on Education Development Charges.

Trustee Bradnam commended Superintendent Weinberg; Doug Durant, Manager of Projects and Maintenance; and their staff who worked on a variety of projects over the summer. Trustee Fulford thanked Brenda Stokes Verworn for preparing the Report on Education Development Charges. Trustee Fast suggested that signage be placed at E.L. Crossley Secondary School acknowledging the school's 50th Anniversary in 2013.

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****Summer Facilities Update**

Superintendent Joe Weinberg recognized Doug Durant, Manager of Projects and Maintenance; Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer; and Colin Munro, Manager of Operations, for their role in moving an unprecedented amount of facilities work forward during the summer to ensure that students and staff returned to class in September in facilities that were exemplary for teaching and learning.

Superintendent Weinberg provided a verbal summary of the facilities projects that took place during the summer at numerous sites. Superintendent Weinberg added that Phase 1 of the Video Surveillance and Electronic Access project has been completed at 65 elementary and 6 secondary schools. Phase 2 of the project is underway and will be complete by September 2013. Superintendent Weinberg noted that the construction of the new Welland elementary school, Diamond Trail Public School, is well under way. Construction at the site can be viewed on the Diamond Trail Construction Cam at www.dsbm.org/diamond.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves expressed appreciation to all the staff who worked to prepare the schools for September opening.

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

- (a) The following Trustees have volunteered to sit on the Committee in the upcoming Accommodation Reviews:

South Lincoln Elementary – Trustees Keddy-Scott and Fulford
St. Catharines Elementary – Trustees Clark and Bradnam
Lake Erie Corridor – Trustees Schaubel and Barnett

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- (b) Trustee Sue Barnett reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara is hosting a “DSBN Beat the Brainiacs Trivia Night” on Friday, October 12th at the St. Catharines Collegiate. Trustee Barnett challenged others to put together a team. Proceeds from the event will help support an anti-bullying presentation to parents, staff and community members. Trustee Keddy-Scott challenged the Trustees to put together a team. Online registration is available at www.efnonline.ca/
- (c) Trustee Barnett reported that Ross Public School is hosting a Meet the Teacher barbeque at the school on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.
- (d) Trustee Barnett reported that Princess Elizabeth Public School is hosting a Fun Fair on Friday, September 14, 2012.
- (e) Trustee Keddy-Scott reported that West Niagara schools will be hosting Meet the Teacher events on Thursday, September 13, 2012. Trustees were invited to drop by.
- (f) Trustee Ness commended Board staff for the informative content of the recent publication, “Make It Epic – 2012-213 at DSBN.”
- (g) Trustee Ness noted that in mid-August a local Niagara Falls free paper published graduation information for secondary students in Niagara Falls.
- (h) Trustee Bradnam reported that he and Trustee Fast attended the recent breakfast for Habitat for Humanity where the attendees heard encouraging and hopeful stories about the organization’s efforts. Students from our Board will be involved in the upcoming build on Tasker Street in St. Catharines.
- (i) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of the United Way campaign kick off breakfast on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.
- (j) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of The Niagara Peninsula Children’s Centre Annual Benefit Dinner and Dance to be held on Friday, September 28, 2012. The DSBN is sponsoring a table.
- (k) Trustee Bradnam reported that he will participate in Passport Niagara’s “A Journey Through the War of 1812” on September 27, 2012.
- (l) Trustee Bradnam reported that fundraising efforts in support of The Walker Living Campus at Woodend have reached \$1,347,452. The project goal is \$1.750 million. Fundraising events will continue, including the December 13/14, 2012, International Summit on Concussions to be held at the Hilton Fallsview in Niagara Falls. Events scheduled in 2013 include the Woodend Gala on February 28, 2013, the annual Ride Hike or Run event, the SMART Technologies Conference, Ultimate Gaming, the

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CONNECT Technology Conference, and others. In addition, the Parliament Oak Public School School Council is selling tickets for a Caribbean Cruise. Further information on Woodend and upcoming events is available at www.dsbno.org/woodend

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

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

Trustee Cheryl Keddy-Scott reported that following the election of Catherine Fife in the recent Provincial by-election in Kitchener Waterloo, an election to fill her position with OPSBA will take place at the September 21/22, 2012, OPSBA Directors Meeting.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of events for September 2012 was provided. A draft calendar of October 2012 meetings was provided. The following revisions were made:
Policy Advisory Committee - September 18
Finance Committee – changed from October 17th to October 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Fulford noted that he will be absent from the September 25th Board meeting.

Director Hoshizaki informed the Trustees that he will be available to meet with individual Trustees prior to the first Board meeting of each month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

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 9:00 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary/Treasurer