



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**April 23, 2013**

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, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Mackenzie Ceci and Tara Lundy

**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, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Joe Weinberg, Peter Doan, 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 7:34 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 7:34 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed on video clip by the Choir from Pelham Central Public School.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Cheryl Keddy opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 9, 2013, 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 Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dalton Clark

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

**CARRIED**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Showcase****(a) Westmount Public School – Bullying Awareness**

Superintendent Hahn introduced the showcase.

Principal Mary Zwolak and Teacher Kyle Kitchen along with Westmount Public School students presented their video, “Student Voice – Bullying Awareness Week.” The students addressed the Board and highlighted their *Speak Up* Grant initiative which focused on bullying awareness and the positive impact students can have when they are empowered to make a difference.

Trustee Robinson recognized Westmount as an amazing school community and for giving students a voice on the issue of bullying. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the students for sharing their initiative.

**2. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Recognition of Lori Powell, Executive Director – Niagara Student Transportation Services**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Lori Powell, who has been the Executive Director of Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) since its inception six years ago. Lori’s role is to lead the Consortium of local School Boards toward the efficient and cost effective operation of student

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director’s Report and Recognition****Recognition of Lori Powell, Executive Director – Niagara Student Transportation Services**

transportation service for schools across Niagara, and she has done so with exemplary skill and diplomacy. Lori is a well respected colleague amongst her peers locally and provincially, and she has a reputation for providing thoughtful and comprehensive advice, with a dash of humour. Director Hoshizaki added that recently, Lori presented a business case to the Ministry of Education and its auditors which required demonstration that NSTS has exhibited solid stewardship of Ministry funds while providing a “Class A” service in an efficient and cost effective manner. Director Hoshizaki commended Lori for an outstanding Efficiency and Effectiveness Review rating of “high” which results in the Ministry providing additional transportation funds to narrow the 2012-2013 transportation funding gap for our Board. Lori also drew accolades from Ministry officials and NSTS has been recommended as “best practice” for other Transportation Consortiums across the province. Director Hoshizaki noted that Lori has been invited by Premier Wynne to sit on an Expert Panel to review a competitive procurement process for transportation. Director Hoshizaki presented Lori with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her service to students, communities, and staff.

Trustees thanked Lori for her leadership and contributions to the success of NSTS. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves congratulated Lori Powell on her success and service to students across Niagara.

**(b) Education Week Breakfast**

Director Hoshizaki reported that at this morning’s Education Week Breakfast, Grades JK-12 students from across the region were featured in the “*Sky’s the Limit*” music video. The video is reflective of how education within the District School Board of Niagara embodies character education while moving student learning forward in a variety of ways. The project was an opportunity for teachers and students from a number of schools to work together through technology, art, music and video production. Director Hoshizaki commended all the students and staff for their participation through dance, sports, arts, and academics. Director Hoshizaki also recognized the following alumni for their involvement in the production of the video.

- Singer/Songwriter: Michael Wainwright (Lakeport Secondary)
- Cinematographer: Mark Klassen (Eden High)
- Director: Nick Mirka (Laura Secord Secondary)
- Sound/Recording: Drew Williams (Eden High)

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director's Report and Recognition****Education Week Breakfast**

Director Hoshizaki commended Superintendent Sue Greer, Gerda Klassen, Cheryl Mancuso, and Jennifer Tye for their support and leadership in this production.

Director Hoshizaki recognized students, William (Billy) Sadler and Emily Ham for their significant role in the production of the video.

**(b) Recognition of Student William (Billy) Sadler**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Billy Sadler, a Grade 11 student at Laura Secord Secondary School, for his role as lead singer in the video. Billy is described by his teachers as a fine young man with the right kind of attitude and who is quiet, quick-witted, and very comfortable on stage. Diligent and self-disciplined, Billy is respectful and, in turn, respected by his peers and teachers. Billy is also industrious in that he is managing his own band. Billy's work in recording the video embodied what this song, music video, and DSBN character education is all about and he makes us all believe that the sky really is the limit!

Director Hoshizaki presented Billy with a token of the Board's appreciation for his participation in the video.

**(c) Recognition of Student Emily Ham**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Emily Ham, a Grade 12 student at Eden High School, for her role as the artist in the video. Emily created her artwork in an incredibly tight timeline and her vision, skill and perseverance provided an incredible piece of art. Emily is described by her teachers as a quiet leader amongst her peers. Emily is an honour roll student who excels in all her subjects and she has been a strong Art student throughout her years at Eden High School. Her works have been exhibited at the *Off the Wall Show* at the Board Office and have been published in the DSBN Anthologies. This year Emily submitted a work for consideration for the *Marion Drysdale Visual Art Award*.

Director Hoshizaki presented Emily with a token of the Board's appreciation for her participation in the video.

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Trustee Barnett acknowledged the talent and depth of greatness of all the students and commended them for their ability to come together and work as a team in the production of the video.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked everyone involved in organizing the Education Week Breakfast event, and in particular all of the students who participated.

**(d) Update on the Walker Living Campus @ Woodend**

Director Hoshizaki recognized members of the Woodend Curriculum Writing Team for their outstanding work of writing programs for elementary and secondary students of the Walker Living Campus @ Woodend. The Writing Team, comprised of elementary and secondary teachers, has developed a series of world class programs which will engage students in inquiry based exploration of the environment, utilizing the diversity, beauty and uniqueness of the Woodend setting.

**(e) Beamsville District Secondary School Student Takes Silver**

Director Hoshizaki recognized student Will Preston for placing Silver in the Intermediate Division at the recent Regional Science Fair. Will travels to Lethridge, Alberta in May to represent the Board and the Niagara Region.

**(f) Character Education in Action at Glendale Public School**

Director Hoshizaki reported on the recent actions of a student which demonstrate that one student can make a difference to others. The student raised \$300 by doing chores/babysitting/etc, and donated it to send some classmates on the year end class trip.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There were no 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 1170 to 1184 for the month of March 2013, totalling \$17,508,487.95 be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) dated April 11, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Cheryl Keddy provided a summary and highlights of the report.

**3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated April 17, 2013, be received;” and

“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2013, be received;” and

“That the Report on the 2013-2014 Provincial GSN Announcement be received;” and

“That the revised Policy B-03 *Financial Accountability of School Generated Funds* be approved;” and

“That the low bid received from Bromac Construction, in the amount of \$2,785,777 (plus HST) be accepted and a contract awarded for the Curtain Wall Replacement project at E.L. Crossley Secondary School;” and

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

**“That the Board be authorized to enter into a Client-Supplier Agreement with Dell Canada Inc. for the purchase of Desktop Technology Products and Services, under the terms of the OECM Master Agreement starting September 1, 2013;” and**

**“That the Report on the Community Use of Schools Permit Booking Process be received and approved.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Clark provided an overview and summary of the report and the recommended motions. Trustee Clark expressed the Board’s concern that the Ministry still has made no adjustments to Special Education Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding for our Board. Trustee Clark noted that the E.L. Crossley Secondary School Curtain Wall Replacement project is expected to be approximately \$1 million over the estimated budget due to the extensive work needed to complete the project in an energy efficient manner.

In response to Trustee Robinson’s questions regarding the proposed Community Use of Schools Permit Booking Process, Superintendent Weinberg explained that previously the renewal process did not provide for a limit on priority renewals and the proposed process is intended to recognize the needs of groups of current permit holders while creating an opportunity for new group bookings to access Board facilities.

Superintendent Weinberg expressed confidence that all groups will be satisfied by the proposed renewal process. Trustee Keddy added that the Working Group discussed all possible scenarios to ensure access to Board facilities by community users, including trying to limit block bookings.

Trustee Bradnam and Chair Maves expressed their concern regarding the underfunding of Special Education for the past ten years. Chair Maves added that the Board will continue to advocate to the Ministry on behalf of our students who are being negatively impacted by the level of funding.

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

No questions were asked of and by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.



**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports****(a) Central St. Catharines Elementary School Accommodation Review**

Superintendent Hathaway provided a verbal report on the DSNB and City of St. Catharines discussions on alternate site locations for the proposed new central St. Catharines elementary school build. Superintendent Hathaway provided a verbal summary of the meetings which began on March 19, 2013, to review three potential building sites. Superintendent Hathaway reported that following discussions to date, City of St. Catharines officials propose that the Board consider building the new elementary school on the present Alexandra Public School site and that the Board use the lands at the Catherine Street Park to address the Board's concern that the existing Alexandra Public School site is unsuitable due to its small size of 2.85 acres. Superintendent Hathaway summarized the rationale, estimated costs, and timelines of the City's proposed alternate site for construction of the new school. A fourth meeting is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That Senior staff will continue to meet with City of St. Catharines officials and will provide a full report with recommendations at the May 14, 2013, Board meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Hathaway clarified for Trustee Fulford that it is anticipated deliberations in the Central St. Catharines Elementary School Accommodation Review will take place at the May 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, as scheduled. Superintendent Hathaway also clarified that environmental issues have been discussed with the City with respect to the Catherine Street Park site to ensure that the property meets environmental standards.

**(b) Deliberations on the East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools Accommodation Review**

Superintendent Hathaway reminded the Board that at its meeting of June 25, 2012, the Board received a Facilities Planning Report and passed a motion to conduct an Accommodation Review of the area comprised of boundary districts for Campden Public School, Jordan Public School, Maple Grove Public School, and Vineland Public School. Superintendent Hathaway also reminded the Board that at the February 12, 2013, Board meeting, Trustees received the reports of the Accommodation Review Committee and the Senior Administration on the

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2012-2013 Accommodation Review of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools for their review.

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

**“That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate four hundred and twenty-five (425) students be built on the Vineland Public School site for completion September 2015;” and**

**“That Jordan Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2013, and that students be redirected to Vineland Public School;” and**

**“That Campden Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2013, and that students be redirected to Vineland Public School;” and**

**“That Maple Grove Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2013, and that students be redirected to Vineland Public School;” and**

**“That the new boundary for Vineland Public School become effective as of September 1, 2013.”**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT (to be added to the main motion)**

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

**“That any existing families residing in Jordan whose children currently attend Jordan Public School and who will be in Grade 7 and Grade 8 for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years be given the option of attending Woodland Public School, in accordance with Board Administrative Procedure 2-9 on Alternate School Requests, and if approved these students will receive transportation until the completion of the new Vineland School for September 2015.”**

**CARRIED**

At Chair Maves' direction the proposed amendment was discussed and decided prior to the original motion. Chair Maves provided each Trustee

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:**

**Staff Reports**

**Deliberations on the East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools Accommodation Review**

with an opportunity to speak to the recommended amendment. The Trustees each expressed their position on the recommended amendment and also provided their rationale and reasons in support of their position.

In response to Trustee Campbell’s request for approximate transportation costs, Superintendent Hathaway replied that under the Senior Administration’s proposed model, the cost of transporting all Jordan Public School students to Vineland is approximately \$80,500 annually, or \$904 per pupil. The projected cost of transporting approximately 22 eligible students from Jordan to Woodland Public School is \$124,500, or \$5,659 per pupil. Superintendent Hathaway clarified that the cost of \$5,659 per pupil reflects the impact boundary and eligibility factors have on bus capacity and the number of buses required to ensure that bus time does not exceed the 60 minute ride time for students.

Trustee Ness questioned whether the wording “*in accordance with Board Administrative Procedure 2-9 on Alternate School Requests,*” should be deleted to ensure there is no precedent setting future expectation that students who are approved for alternate school placement will be provided with transportation by the Board. Brenda Stokes Verworn, Board Lawyer, explained that the proposed amendment recognizes that Vineland will be the new home school for Jordan students and that students would be given the option of attending Woodland Public School as an alternate school request. Brenda Stokes Verworn added that the wording in the proposed amendment is intended to be a transportation exception in this scenario only pending completion of the new school in Vineland. Trustee Clark added concerns on the potential impact of providing interim transportation as it relates to cost, the Transportation Consortium’s recent Efficiency and Effectiveness Review rating, and reliance as a precedent in future Accommodation Reviews.

Trustee Fulford requested a recorded vote. Chair Maves stated that if the amendment carries, it will be added to the original motion and debated. Chair Maves called the question, *all those in favour of the proposed amendment?*

Sue Barnett	In Favour	Cheryl Keddy	In Favour
Alex Bradnam	In Favour	Kevin Maves	In Favour
Lora Campbell	In Favour	Barbara Ness	Opposed
Dalton Clark	Opposed	Dale Robinson	Opposed
Jonathan Fast	In Favour	Dave Schaubel	In Favour
Ed Fulford	In Favour		

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Accommodation Review**

Chair Maves provided each Trustee with an opportunity to speak to the recommended motion, as amended. The Trustees each expressed their position on the recommended motion, as amended, and also provided their rationale and reasons in support of their position.

Superintendent Hathaway clarified for Trustee Ness that alternative options for a Vineland school would be reviewed in the event the Ministry of Education does not approve funding for the new school construction.

Trustee Bradnam requested a recorded vote. Chair Maves called the question, *all those in favour of the motion, as amended?*

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**CARRIED**

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Sue Barnett	In Favour	Cheryl Keddy	In Favour
Alex Bradnam	Opposed	Kevin Maves	In Favour
Lora Campbell	In Favour	Barbara Ness	In Favour
Dalton Clark	In Favour	Dale Robinson	In Favour
Jonathan Fast	In Favour	Dave Schaubel	In Favour
Ed Fulford	In Favour		

Chair Maves commended the Board for ensuring that students in East and South Lincoln elementary schools will be provided with the best educational facilities as possible in September 2015. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked everyone involved throughout the Accommodation Review. Chair Maves also commended the affected parents and communities for their participation, eloquence and passion throughout the process.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee Information Session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication****(a) Letter from the Minister of Education to Director Warren Hoshizaki and copied to Chair Kevin Maves**

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended Director Hoshizaki on the Ministry's recognition of his participation, personal creativity, and perseverance in recent discussions with the Ministry of Education, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (a) Trustee Barnett recognized reporter Shane Leonard and the Welland Tribune for their recent reporting and showcasing of student activities and achievement.
- (b) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder that on Friday, April 26, 2013, at 1:15 p.m. Laura Secord's auditorium will be renamed the James H. Smith Performing Arts Centre in honour of the former Administrator and Superintendent.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:**

**Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (c) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk Run for Miracles at Laura Secord Secondary School in support of the Niagara Peninsula Children’s Centre.
- (d) Chair Maves gave a reminder of this weekend’s Annual DSBN Fun Run from the Education Centre in support of the Education Foundation of Niagara and Nutrition Partners Niagara.
- (e) Chair Maves gave a reminder of the upcoming CONNECT and Gaming Conference.

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

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

There was no report.

**6. Future Meetings**

The revised calendar of May 2013 meetings was provided.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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