



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**February 12, 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, Carol Purcer, JoAnna Roberto, John Stainsby, 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 7:30 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 Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Ed Fulford  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed on video clip by the Ridgeway Public School choir.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Dale Robinson opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Barbara Ness  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Ed Fulford  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 22, 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**

Chair Maves reported that the following motions carried in Committee of the Whole (Private Session):

**“That the Niagara Falls Service Centre located at 6387 Morrison Street, Niagara Falls, be declared surplus to the Board’s needs effective February 13, 2013, and that Board staff be authorized to dispose of this administrative property in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.”**

**“That Board staff be authorized to proceed with the Request for Proposal for the selection of a realtor for the marketing and sale of the Don Reilly Resource Centre, located at 13227 Lundy’s Lane, Thorold.”**

Chair Maves also reported that the Board accepted the resignation for retirement purposes of Doug Durant, Manager of Projects and Maintenance, effective July 31, 2013. Chair Maves commended Doug Durant for his 29 years of excellence and service to the Board.

Chair Maves commended Trustee Lora Campbell on being honoured recently by the Ontario Public School Trustees’ Association for her 25 years of service as a Public School Trustee.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Director’s Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions - Maria Carfagnini**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Burleigh Hill Public School teacher Maria Carfagnini for her long serving dedication to students and her community. Maria teaches all grades throughout the school with a specialty in French and a love for the library. Director Hoshizaki commended Maria for her

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director's Report and Recognition****Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions - Maria Carfagnini**

passion for supporting Community Care. For 14 years, Maria has organized the staff, students and parents to collect donations and Canadian Tire Money in support of Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold. Over the past 13 years, her hard work and organization has collected \$39,700 worth of donations to Community Care! Maria believes strongly in giving to her community and she demonstrates "character education in action." Maria is known for her dedication to the teaching profession and to the individual students she teaches.

Director Hoshizaki and Superintendent Mark presented Maria with a token of the Board's appreciation of her long serving dedication to the Board and to students.

**(b) A Day of Technology for DSBN Educational Assistants**

Director Hoshizaki reported that on January 18<sup>th</sup> Special Education and the IT for Learning Team facilitated a full day in-service dedicated to providing training to approximately 300 Educational Assistants for the use of assistive technologies available in all DSBN schools. Sessions for SMART Notebook, Web 2.0, and Portable Ipad Technology for Students were all part of the interactive agenda. The program was well received and appreciated by the Educational Assistants.

**(c) Aspiring Leaders Program**

Director Hoshizaki reported that, as part of the Board's Leadership Pathways and succession planning initiative, an Aspiring Leaders Program is offered. The focus is to introduce teachers, who are within two years of taking the Principal's Qualification Program or considering applying for a system role, to the responsibilities and expectations of leadership in the DSBN. The program offers five formal sessions which includes presentations, discussions, group activities and a full day of job shadowing a Principal, Vice-Principal or system leader. Typically the program runs from November to April with four of the sessions being run after school hours. This year there are twenty participants in the program and they are supported by five current Administrators who act as syndicate leaders.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director’s Report and Recognition****(d) Eastdale Secondary School Hosts International Visitors**

Director Hoshizaki reported that on Wednesday, January 30th, Eastdale Secondary School hosted a team of international journalists who came to Canada, and Niagara, to look at "*Secondary Education: Why Canada is Top of the Class.*" Eastdale was the only Ontario secondary school on the itinerary for the week-long trip and one of the main reasons for choosing Eastdale was the school's Spark program. The program which began in 2011 in partnership with the Niagara Regional Public Health is a physical fitness initiative that makes activity an integral part of a student's day to stimulate the body and brain to improve student capacity for success. The visitors also learned about the Specialist High Skills Major programs and other alternative programs that may benefit students around the globe.

**(e) Transition Events for Fort Erie, General Vanier, Rose Seaton & Garrison Road.**

Director Hoshizaki reported that a number of events are planned for students and families of Fort Erie, General Vanier, Rose Seaton and Garrison Road Public Schools to support the students with the transition process in September 2013. Events include a practice walk on February 16<sup>th</sup> as part of the School Travel Plan (STP) Program for families from Rose Seaton and Fort Erie Public Schools. On Thursday February 28th, General Vanier Public School will host "Positive Social Skills for All;" an evening for the children and parents of General Vanier, Rose Seaton and Fort Erie schools. As part of the Board's commitment to the families of the amalgamated schools, the three Principals will be meeting with the many social agencies that have provided services to our schools in the past, with an eye towards planning for their continued delivery in the Fall of 2013.

**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. 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 January 17, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Keddy provided a verbal summary of the report.

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee dated January 23, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Dave Schaubel reported that the Committee reviewed 9 cases. Trustee Schaubel commended the Committee for its continued dedication to develop strategies that provide students with opportunities for success.

**4. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Ed Fulford  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated February 5, 2013, be received;” and

“That the Report from the Educational Research Committee be received;” and

“That the Report for Aboriginal Education 2012-2013 be received;” and

“That the Report for Briardale/Oakridge English and French Immersion Plan be received;” and

“That the Report for the Location of Design and Technology Class to West Park for 2013-2014 be received;” and

“That the Report for the Boundary Change – Lincoln Square Subdivision, Beamsville be received;” and

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

“That the Report for Elementary School Boundary Changes – South Welland be received;” and

“That the Report for English-as-a-Second Language – Elementary and Secondary Boundary Changes be received;” and

“That the report for Implementation of Specialized School-to-Work program boundaries be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

There were no questions asked of and by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) **Report of the Accommodation Review Committee of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013 (distributed at the Board meeting)**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the Final Report of the East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee and its attachments, be received by the Board.”

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Hathaway reminded the Board that the Trustees are only receiving the reports this evening and that Trustees will have an opportunity to review the reports and to ask questions during the next 60 days. Superintendent Hathaway commended all the members of the Review Committee for participating in the Accommodation Review process.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued:****Report of the Accommodation Review Committee of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013**

Superintendent Hathaway presented background information on the East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools accommodation review and he reminded the Board that at its meeting of June 19, 2012, the Board 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 proceeded with a detailed overview of the final report which included information on the accommodation review process, school program, school facilities, demographics and housing, ARC meeting highlights, guiding principles, Public meeting highlights, the findings and recommendations of the Accommodation Review Committee, and the school valuation based on the recommendations.

- (b) **Report of Senior Administration on the 2012/2013 Accommodation Review of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013 (distributed at the Board meeting)**

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Ed Fulford**

**“That the Board receive the report of Senior Administration on the Accommodation Review of the East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Mark noted that according to Board Policy F-2: Accommodation Review Guidelines for the Planning of School Program and Facility Needs, Senior Administration must provide the Accommodation Review Committee with accommodation options for the review area together with detailed information outlining the implications.

Superintendent Mark presented a detailed overview of the Report of Senior Administration and recommendations, which included background information on declining enrolment, capacity and utilization, aging facilities, provincial funding, optimal school size, and programming. Superintendent Mark also presented a summary of the rationale / implications for the recommended motions in the Senior Administration options on the 2012-2013 East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools Accommodation Review.

Superintendent Mark commended everyone who participated in the Accommodation Review process.



**NEW BUSINESS – continued:****Report of Senior Administration on the 2012/13 Accommodation Review of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013**

Superintendent Hathaway responded to the Trustees' clarifying questions, as follows:

- With respect to recommendations (a) and (b), Superintendent Hathaway clarified that the Accommodation Review Committee recommended a September 2016 school opening. However, in discussion with Senior staff, Senior Administration is optimistic that a new school could be ready for a September 2015 opening.
- The discrepancy in declining enrolment in the two reports reflects that the Senior Administration rounded out projected enrolment figures.

At the Trustees' request, Superintendent Hathaway will provide available research on optimal school size in rural vs. urban schools, and research documentation which addresses the issues of optimal school size within the 300-500 enrolment range.

Trustee Bradnam expressed concern that the Woodland scenario is being raised at this time in the Senior Administration Report on the 2012/2013 Accommodation Review of East and South Lincoln Elementary Schools.

**BOARD RECESS**

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

**“That the Board recess.”**

**CARRIED**

The Board recessed at 8:50 p.m.

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

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued:**

- (c) **Report of the Accommodation Review Committee of Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013 (distributed at the Board meeting)**

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

**“That the Final Report of the Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee and its attachments, be received by the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Hathaway commended the members of the Accommodation Review Committee for participating in the process. Superintendent Hathaway presented background information on the Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools accommodation review and he reminded the Board that at its meeting of June 19, 2012, the Board passed a motion to conduct an Accommodation Review of the area comprised of boundary districts for Alexandra Public School, Maywood Public School, and Memorial Public School. Superintendent Hathaway proceeded with a detailed overview of the final report which included information on the accommodation review process, school program, demographics and housing, school facilities, ARC meeting highlights, Public meeting highlights, the findings and recommendations of the Accommodation Review Committee, and the school valuation based on the recommendation.

Superintendent Hathaway responded to the Trustees' clarifying questions, as follows:

- That the Accommodation Review Committee recognizes that the City has responsibility for the safety provisions contained in the recommendation and that the Committee requests the Board to pursue these provisions with the City in the event a new school is built on Carlton Street.
- That the reference in the recommendation to fundraising monies for a double-sized gym reflects the Committee's understanding that the Board will not fund a double-sized gym.
- That there is available land on the Memorial Public School site for construction of a proposed addition (shown in yellow on the Concept Plan, Appendix E). The area shown in green on the Concept Plan is proposed retrofitting / refurbishing within the existing building.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued:**

- (d) **Report of Senior Administration on the 2012/13 Accommodation Review of Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools dated February 12, 2013 (distributed at the Board meeting)**

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

**“That the Board receive the report of Senior Administration on the 2012/13 Accommodation Review of Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Hahn read the recommendations and asked that the recommendation be considered in its entirety. Superintendent Hahn presented a detailed overview of the Report of Senior Administration and recommendations, which included background information on declining enrolment, capacity and utilization, aging facilities, provincial funding, optimal school size, and programming. Superintendent Hahn also presented a summary of the rationale / implications for the recommended motions in the Senior Administration options on the 2012-2013 Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools Accommodation Review.

Superintendent Hathaway responded to the Trustees' clarifying questions, as follows:

- That the estimated increase in transportation costs is \$82,000 and it is anticipated students will be transported by yellow school bus.
- That the projected enrolment is reported in both the current model of Grades JK-6 and, based on the recommendations, the consolidated Grades JK-8 model after the new school is built.
- The recommendations will result in the Queen Mary students transitioning to the new school.

Chair Maves reminded the Board that there is a 60 day period for the Trustees to review the reports prior to deliberating on the recommended motions. There will also be opportunities for Delegations to address the Board. Chair Maves thanked the audience for being respectful while the reports were presented.

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Information Session.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****3. Correspondence and Communication**

- (a) Correspondence from Durham District School Board
- (b) Correspondence from Peel District School Board

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- (a) Trustee Barnett gave a reminder of the upcoming *Make Change for Children* campaign from February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Barnett encouraged all schools to participate.
- (b) Trustee Campbell reported that she attended Pine Grove Public School's pasta dinner and fundraiser for SMART Boards on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Campbell noted the event was well attended despite the weather and she thanked everyone for their support.
- (c) Trustee Keddy reported that she attended Vineland Public School's recent *Chocolate Bingo*. Trustee Keddy commended the parents for their involvement.
- (d) Trustee Keddy reported that Vineland Public School is hosting a *Cupcake Day* on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Keddy thanked the team of mothers who will be baking cupcakes for the students to decorate.
- (e) Trustee Keddy commended Vineland Public School for hosting its successful Winter Fair last week. The event had great participation and informative guest speakers.
- (f) Trustee Barnett reported that she, together with Chair Maves, Director Hoshizaki, and Superintendent Greer, attended the Business Education Council's Annual Partners Breakfast on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Barnett commended Welland Centennial Secondary School Teacher, Kevin Krasnay, who received the Lincoln Fabrics Ltd. Annual Teacher Award. DSBN Academy Principal Tom Reynolds was recognized for being selected as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals. Trustee Barnett added that the DSBN Academy students will make a presentation to Principal Reynolds on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate his achievement.
- (g) Trustee Robinson reported that she attended a recent presentation by The Acoustic Opera at the DSBN Academy. The event which was organized by Kelly McDonnell, Student Achievement Leader, focused on bullying prevention and completely engaged the students.
- (h) Trustee Robinson reported that she attended this morning's pancake breakfast at Ontario Public school. Trustee Robinson commended the School Council and staff for organizing the event for students.

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

- (i) Chair Maves reported that he recently visited the DSBN home build in Fonthill. The project, in collaboration with Losani Homes, provided the Specialist High Skills Major students with an opportunity to participate in a high end build. Losani Homes was complimentary of the students' work ethic. Chair Maves also reported that the Specialist High Skills Major students also participated in their 16<sup>th</sup> build in Niagara Falls with Habitat.

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

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

Trustee Keddy commended Trustee Campbell on being recognized at the recent Public Education Symposium for her 25 years of service as a Trustee. Trustee Keddy noted that information on the Symposium has been sent to the Trustees electronically.

**6. Future Meetings**

A revised calendar of February 2013 meetings was provided. The draft calendar of March meetings was provided. The following revisions were made to the February calendar:

February 25 Audit Committee – cancelled  
February 25 Finance Committee – 5:30 p.m. (rescheduled from February 20<sup>th</sup>)

Superintendent Hathaway noted that it is anticipated a report on the Lake Erie Corridor Accommodation Review will be finalized in April.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.