



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**June 11, 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:** 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 7:45 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 Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“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 7:36 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

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

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Jonathan Fast opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Ed Fulford  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 28, 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 Dale Robinson

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

**CARRIED**

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

“That Board staff be authorized to respond to the City of St. Catharines’ April 9 and 11, 2013, letters indicating that the Board would not agree to release the City of St. Catharines from any responsibility for the building and contents.”

And

“That the District School Board of Niagara does not object to the City of St. Catharines subletting the pool facility located at West Park Secondary School, that is currently situated on Board property, to West Park Aquatic Centre provided that on or before November 30, 2013, the City renews a mutually agreeable Lease Agreement with the Board and the City obtains the Board’s consent as to the terms of any sublet agreement which must include the provision that the City maintains the ultimate responsibility for the facility and the removal of the facility should it be vacated.”

“That Marian Reimer Friesen be appointed as Superintendent of Education for the District School Board of Niagara, effective September 1, 2013, with the understanding that Marian will work towards fulfilling the requirements listed in Section 55 of Ontario Regulation 184/97 for obtaining an additional qualification as a Supervisory Officer.”

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director's Report and Recognition****(a) Stamford Collegiate Music Video**

Principal Ann Harrison introduced student members of Stamford Collegiate's Senior Music Class, led by Teacher Stephen Goode, who produced Stamford's version of the Education Week music video, *Sky's the Limit*. Principal Harrison commended the students for their work to produce the video. The Board viewed the video.

Trustee Barnett commended the students for producing an amazing video.

**(b) Recognition of Julie Hoeg, Guidance Program Leader at Beamsville District Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Julie Hoeg for her 30 years of service to students and the Board, most of which have been at Beamsville District Secondary School. Julie is known as the face, heart and soul of BDSS and she has become the "go-to" staff member for getting things done and for taking the lead in the many events that support students and student success initiatives. Julie is also known for her work within the community through events which also support students and the broader community. Julie has a fierce commitment and compassion for her students and she is always available to them with an open door.

Director Hoshizaki presented Julie Hoeg with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary service to students and the community.

Trustee Keddy thanked Julie Hoeg for her commitment to students and the broader community.

**(c) Recognition of Superintendent Sue Mark**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Superintendent Sue Mark for her 37 years of service to public education. Sue Mark began her career with the Waterloo Region DSB in 1976 where she served in a variety of teaching and administrative roles until she was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools with the District School Board of Niagara in September 2009. Director Hoshizaki recognized Sue's commitment to student learning, which has permeated everything she has done. Director Hoshizaki also commended Sue for her ability to establish respectful and harmonious relationships and for her contributions to the Senior Team. Director Hoshizaki noted that under Sue's leadership, she consistently encouraged and supported professional development and focused on strategies that encourage Principals and teachers to learn from and with each other.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director's Report and Recognition****(c) Recognition of Superintendent Sue Mark**

Director Hoshizaki shared comments from the Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) who recognized Sue for her tireless support and dedication to engaging parents in student achievement, and for empowering the Committee's dream of increasing attendance at the annual Parent Conference. Under Sue's leadership all members of PIC have been encouraged to believe in their abilities to be more effective leaders. Diane Chase, PIC Chair, presented Sue Mark with a token of the Committee's appreciation for her commitment to parent engagement.

Director Hoshizaki presented Sue Mark with a token of the Board's appreciation for her commitment to student learning and the Board.

**(d) Recognition of Superintendent Cam Hathaway**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Superintendent Cam Hathaway for his service to public education. Cam Hathaway began his career in 1981 with the former Niagara South Board of Education, serving in a variety of teaching and administrative roles until being appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools in September 2007. Director Hoshizaki commended Cam for his contributions to student learning and for his support of school Administrators through the implementation of many significant initiatives which enhanced the Principals' understanding of learning strategies. Director Hoshizaki recognized Cam for his instrumental role in the implementation and renewal of the Board's Strategic Plan and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement, and for his outstanding leadership in conducting Accommodation Reviews this past year, always keeping the best interests of students at the forefront. Director Hoshizaki also commended Cam for his contributions to the Senior Team.

Director Hoshizaki presented Cam Hathaway with a token of the Board's appreciation for his commitment to student learning and the Board.

**(e) Recognition of Superintendent Sue Greer**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Superintendent Sue Greer for her service to public education. Sue Greer began her career with the Regional Municipality of Niagara Social Services Department as a Case/Welfare Worker. Subsequently, Sue made a career change and she began her teaching career in September 1991 with the former Niagara South Board of Education, serving in a variety of teaching and administrative roles until she was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Schools in 2004.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(e) Recognition of Superintendent Sue Greer**

Director Hoshizaki commended Sue for her focus of “what’s in the best interests of schools and students” and “what’s right for children.” Director Hoshizaki also commended Sue for her accomplishments in leading the DSBN learning agenda forward, most recently in her portfolio in School Support Services. Director Hoshizaki recognized Sue for her persistence and integrity, and for her ability to make tough decisions and to display principled leadership. Director Hoshizaki also recognized Sue for her contributions to the Senior Team.

Director Hoshizaki presented Sue Greer with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her commitment to student learning and the Board.

Director Hoshizaki concluded by recognizing Superintendents Sue Mark, Cam Hathaway, and Sue Greer for their passion for education, and for their integrity, experience and leadership in moving innovative programs and initiatives forward to enhance the educational opportunities for our students. Director Hoshizaki wished Sue, Cam and Sue all the best in their retirement.

Trustees thanked Superintendents Sue Mark, Cam Hathaway and Sue Greer for their contributions to students and the significant impact they have made on public education.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked Superintendents Mark, Hathaway and Greer for their years of service in public education and wished them well in their retirement.

**(f) Senator Gibson Public School – Mental Health Strategy**

The District School Board of Niagara was 1 of 4 Boards from across the Province selected by the Ministry of Education to highlight ways the Mental Health Strategy is being embedded into daily curriculum. The DSBN was selected for its work in the Early Learning Program, specifically for its work in promoting self regulation, exploring empathy and explicitly teaching social skills to enable success in early learning. Recently, a film crew spent the day at Senator Gibson Public School filming students and interviewing staff and students. The Board viewed a video clip of the day at Senator Gibson.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director's Report and Recognition****(g) DSBN Fishing Clubs Reel in Some Catches**

Four DSBN students finished in the Top 10 at the recent *Educast High School Fishing Tournament* at Pleasant Valley Trout Farm in St. Thomas. Over 500 students from across Ontario participated in the event which also provided students with the opportunity to learn about conservation. The four students have qualified to compete in the *Educast Pro Am* being held at Turkey Point later this month.

**(h) Lori Synes-Taraba – National Recognition for Cancer Society Volunteer**

Elementary Occasional Teacher Lori Synes-Taraba has been recognized for her long standing service as a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society. Recently, Lori received the 2013 Canadian Cancer Society's National Medal of Courage for her tireless support, her courage in coping with cancer, and for making a difference to her family and community.

Further information on events and activities taking place within the Board is available at [www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org) (News).

**2. Sir Winston Churchill Boys OFSAA Curling Champions**

Superintendent John Stainsby introduced Coach Melanie Bourque and team members Bryan Freve, Ben Sayliss, Gregor Sayliss, Ben Hughes, and Jahred Warkentin, who are the 2013 OFSAA Gold Medal Curling Champions. Superintendent Stainsby commended the students for their dedicated work and congratulated the students and their Coach on this accomplishment.

Director Hoshizaki presented the team with a Certificate in recognition of their achievement.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended the students on their accomplishment.

**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 STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Moved by Mackenzie Ceci  
Seconded by Tara Lundy

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated May 22, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Ceci and Lundy provided highlights of the report.

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 3, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam reported that the Committee reviewed 20 cases and approved 6 renewals. Trustee Bradnam commended the Committee for their work in supporting students.

**Trustee Jonathan Fast left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**



**OLD BUSINESS – continued:**

**3. REPORT OF THE POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Dale Robinson**

**“That the report of the Policy Advisory Committee dated June 3, 2013, be received;” and**

**“That Policy A-07: Expense Allowance for Members of Board Advisory Committees, be approved as presented and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy D-13: Applied Behaviour Analysis, be approved as presented and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy G-15: Student Medical Information, be approved as amended and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy D-05: Home Schooling, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy A-19: Accessibility Standards – Policy Statement, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy E-18: Accessibility Standards for Employment, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy G-34: Accessibility Standards for Information and Communication, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy J-02: Accessibility Standards for School Transportation, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy I-04: Teacher Exchange – Within the District School Board of Niagara, be approved as received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy G-33: School Logos, be approved as amended and adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Keddy provided a brief summary of the report and the recommended motions.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****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 June 4, 2013, be received;” and

“That the Horticulture Program continue at St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School with opportunity to utilize the Kernahan Park Greenhouse as a work station, as needed, beginning September 2013;” and

“That the report of Specialized High Skills Major Program in Green Industries- ‘Horticulture’ be approved and the implementation of the process proceed;” and

“That the Board direct Senior Administration to move forward with the following Accommodation Reviews, in addition to the Meadowvale and Sheridan Park Public Schools Accommodation Review, with implementation during the 2013-2014 school year:

- Niagara-on-the-Lake: subsection of Elementary Planning Area 07 – Crossroads Public School and Parliament Oak Public School;
- West Fort Erie: subsection of Elementary Planning Area 17A – Bertie Public School, Crystal Beach Public School and Ridgeway Public School; and
- That if time and resources permit, Senior Administration look at doing additional ARC(s) for the 2013-2014 school year.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Fulford commended Superintendent of Planning, Cam Hathaway, and his staff for doing an outstanding job in supporting the Program and Planning Committee.

**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) Deliberations on the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review**

Superintendent Hathaway provided a brief overview of the Accommodation Review process and timelines. Superintendent Hathaway reminded the Trustees that at the April 9, 2013, Board meeting, Trustees received the report of the Senior Administration on the 2012-2013 Accommodation Review of Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools.

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

**“That, subject to Ministry funding, a new seven hundred and fifty (750) pupil place secondary school be constructed within the Town of Fort Erie, at a location to be determined, for September 1, 2017. The new school will house the combined populations of Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School;” and**

**“That students at Fort Erie Secondary and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School continue to attend their respective schools during the construction of the new school;” and**

**“That Port Colborne High School remain at 211 Elgin Street, Port Colborne.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Trustee Schaubel spoke to the recommended motions. Trustee Schaubel thanked everyone involved in the Accommodation Review process and commended them for their focus on what is best for students. Trustee Schaubel expressed his support for the new build in Fort Erie which, if approved, will create innovative and long term opportunities for students and the community. Trustee Schaubel also expressed confidence that the Board will support Port Colborne Secondary School in its growth and to become a stronger force in the community.

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

Superintendent Weinberg clarified for Trustee Ness that the September 1, 2017, timeline for the new build is reflective of the complexity and process involved in building a new secondary school.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****1. Staff Reports****(a) Deliberations on the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review**

Chair Maves called for a vote on the motions and the motions carried unanimously. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked everyone involved for their work and input throughout the Accommodation Review process.

**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) Trustee Barnett gave a reminder of the June 12<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics being held at West Park Secondary School. Opening ceremonies are at 9:45 a.m.
- (b) Trustee Robinson reported that the communities of Thorold and Pelham were recently awarded Bronze and Silver Medals respectively through the Bicycle Friendly Community Awards Program in recognition of their efforts to be bicycle-friendly communities. Trustee Robinson commended the students from Thorold Secondary School for their hard work painting, building bicycle racks, and for supporting the recent “Dust Off Your Bikes” community event. Trustee Robinson added that students and community schools are a valuable asset to their local communities.
- (c) Trustee Keddy reported that she attended recent Open Houses at Jordan and Campden Public Schools with Superintendent Dickson and that she also attended Maple Grove Public School’s Open House where over 300 people were in attendance.

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

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued:****5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Keddy noted the passing of Trustee Robert (Bob) Barlow. Trustee Keddy reported that at the recent Annual General Meeting of OPSBA Michael Barrett was acclaimed as President, Mark Bailey was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and Laurie French will take on the role as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be sent to Trustees. Trustee Keddy added that OPSBA will continue to gather input and communication from Boards on a number of issues.

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

**6. Future Meetings**

There were no amendments or additions to the revised calendar of June 2013 meetings.

**MOTIONS**

**Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dalton Clark**

**“That the Board do now return to Committee of the Whole.”**

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to Committee of the Whole at 8:55 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 9:27 p.m.

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**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 in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) the following motions were carried:

**“That Board staff be authorized to respond to the City of St. Catharines’ April 9 and 11, 2013, letters indicating that the Board would not agree to release the City of St. Catharines from any responsibility for the building and contents.”**

**“That Staff be authorized to obtain an updated appraisal of the Niagara District Secondary School site, Highway 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario; an estimate of the demolition costs; and investigate the Ministry of Education’s assistance in financing the demolition and then provide a report to Trustees on options for consideration in the Fall of 2013.”**

Chair Maves also reported that the Board accepted the retirement of Elementary Principal Norrine Hardyman, effective June 30, 2013. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked Principal Hardyman for her service to students and the Board.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford**

**“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