



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

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**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**May 14, 2013**

6:15 – 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, 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 7:30 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 Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:08 p.m.

**The meeting moved to the Board’s Atrium at 7:30 p.m. for the singing of “O Canada” and Educational Showcasing.**

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by Student Nikki Blais, Welland Centennial Secondary School.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Power Glen Public School Anti-Bullying Message**

Superintendent John Dickson introduced the showcase.

Principal Candi Sitko and Teacher Sandie Heckel introduced students who shared their creative anti-bullying messages.

The Girls Kups Krew, with students Hannah Appel, Treanne Musseau, Nicole Breadman, Camryn Meffe, Becca Matthews, and Evy McCormack, performed their arrangement of the song, “When I’m Gone.”

The Boys Beat Boxing/Movement Crew, with students Mohamed Mohamed, Samuel Barrios, Spencer Katzman, and Sam Rabian, performed their dance and arrangement of the song, “As Long As You Love Me.”

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the students for sharing their talent and messages.

**The meeting returned to the Board Room at 7:50 p.m.**

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Student Trustee Mackenzie Ceci opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD****1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 23, 2013, be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes****Verbal Update on Discussions Regarding Alternative Site Location for New St. Catharines Elementary School Build**

Superintendent Hathaway provided an update at *Item M(1)(b) – Information and Proposals / Staff Reports*.

**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**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****2. Director's Report and Recognition****(a) Recognition of Pauline Creechan, Head Caretaker – Jacob Beam Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Pauline Creechan, Head Caretaker, who has consistently exceeded expectations to serve the Jacob Beam Public School community. Mrs. Creechan is known for her love of children and she demonstrates her love and support in many ways, including volunteering as a mentor, involving students in some way so they feel a sense of belonging, and by promoting a fundraising program which supports the School Improvement Plan. Director Hoshizaki also recognized Mrs. Creechan for her high standard and commitment to excellence in everything she does. Mrs. Creechan is also known for her wonderful sense of humour that endears her to students, staff and parents.

Director Hoshizaki presented Mrs. Creechan with a token of the Board's appreciation for her service to students, staff and parents.

**(b) Recognition of Pat Milot, Math Consultant, K-12, School Support Services**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Pat Milot, Math Consultant, K-12, School Support Services, for the significant impact she has had on Mathematics instruction in the DSBN for over 20 years. One example of Pat's impact on increased student and teacher efficacy is through the Supporting Understanding in Mathematics (SUM) initiative. Her passion for children has helped the Board reflect on what good Math instruction is best for students. Pat is also a very well respected voice in the larger Mathematics community, as evidenced by her many conference presentations and Associations that she has been involved in. Director Hoshizaki noted that Pat is known for her dedication and devotion to Mathematics, and for the integrity of her work.

Director Hoshizaki presented Pat with a token of the Board's appreciation for her dedication to student learning.

**(c) DSBN Runs for Terry Fox**

Director Hoshizaki reported that DSBN schools raised over \$76,392 to support the Terry Fox Foundation. Director Hoshizaki commended students and staff for the organization, enthusiasm and commitment in achieving their outstanding accomplishment. We look forward to another successful Terry Fox Run this September.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****Director's Report and Recognition****(d) Ontario Technological Skills Competition**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Team DSBN on their success at the recent 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) held at RIM Park in Waterloo, Ontario. OTSC is the single largest Provincial Technological Skills Competition held in Canada, hosting 1900 competitors. Team DSBN had one of its best showings ever, bringing home 10 Provincial Medals, with 26 students competing in 21 challenges. The students' success is a testament to their effort and determination, as well as the outstanding Technology Program at the DSBN and the dedicated mentorship of their teachers and industry partners.

<b><u>Competition/Ranking</u></b>	<b><u>Student</u></b>	<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Electrical Wiring / Gold	Jon Louws	Marc Demers	EL Crossley
Hairstyling / Gold	Joann Vu	Liz DiGaetano	Stamford
Mechanical CADD / Silver	Cameron Principi	Scott Miller	Grimsby
Computer Aided Design	Luke Dick	Dave Hunter	Eden
Computer Aided Manufacturing / Silver			
Job Skill Demonstration / Bronze	Chase Griffin	Vic Barker	Port Colborne
Web Site Development / Bronze	George Liu	Jason Babony	Westlane
Refrigeration / Bronze	Cory Porter	Chip Morningstar	Westlane
Architectural Technology And Design / Bronze	Rob Kuehnen	Scott Miller	Grimsby
Team Carpentry (Team of 2) / Bronze	Isaac Grist	Vic Barker	Port Colborne
Team Carpentry (Team of 2) / Bronze	Ryan Grist	Vic Barker	Port Colborne

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves commended everyone on their recognition and thanked the staff for all they do for students.

**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 SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE (SAL)**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Ed Fulford

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 16, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel reported that the Committee reviewed 11 cases. Trustee Schaubel commended the Committee for developing innovative strategies to support student success.

**2. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Moved by Mackenzie Ceci  
Seconded by Tara Lundy

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 24, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Student Trustees Ceci and Lundy provided a summary and highlights of the report. Student Trustee Lundy reported that she and Courtney Steingart (E.L. Crossley Secondary School) were elected as DSBN Student Trustees for the 2013-2014 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 dated May 1, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary and highlights of the report. Trustee Bradnam noted that planning for the November 2013 PIC Conference entitled, “*Plugged in Parents – Be Informed, Be Empowered,*” is well under way.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:**

**4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (handout at the meeting)**

Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Barbara Ness

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated May 14, 2013, be received;” and

“That the low bid received from Aldor Builders, in the amount of \$1,016,599 (plus HST) be accepted and a contract awarded for the Science Lab Updating Project at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School;” and

“That the low bid received from Aldor Builders, in the amount of \$483,669 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the renovations to Thorold Secondary School;” and

“That the low bid received from Duomax Developments Ltd., in the amount of \$227,250 (plus HST), be accepted and a contract awarded for the Year 4 FDK Renovations at Jacob Beam Public School;” and

“That a contract for Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Services for the marketing and sale of the Don Reilly Resource Centre, located at 13227 Lundy’s Lane, Thorold, be awarded to DTZ Barnicke.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Clark provided an overview and summary of the report and the recommended motions.

**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) Accessibility Plan Status Report 2011-2012**

**Moved by Cheryl Keddy  
Seconded by Barbara Ness**

**“That the Board receive the Accessibility Plan Status Report 2011-2012, dated May 14, 2013.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Morgan provided a verbal summary of the Accessibility Plan Status Report 2011-2012, including background information on the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, and regulations under the Act which require both public and private sector organizations to develop and implement Accessibility Standards in five areas. In accordance with the Act, the District School Board of Niagara is required to provide a yearly report on the steps it has taken to comply with the relevant legislation. Superintendent Morgan provided an overview of the steps taken by the Board, including:

- The Accessibility Committee meets up to three times a year.
- Customer Service on-line training was completed by Board staff in 2011-2012 and will be scheduled every other year on an ongoing basis.
- The DSBN website was updated to ensure the requirements of the relevant legislation are met.
- Accessibility improvements were made in accordance with the DSBN Multi-Year Capital Plan.

**(b) Report on Catherine Street Collaboration between City of St. Catharines and DSBN to Complement New School Build at the Alexandra Public School Site**

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

**“That the Chair of the Board sign the Memorandum of Understanding should the Board opt to pursue the build of a two storey new 550-pupil place elementary school at the Alexandra Public School site utilizing the City owned Catherine Street Park property as a playground.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Hathaway provided a verbal update and report on the DSBN and City of St. Catharines discussions with respect to the City of



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:****Staff Reports****(b) Report on Catherine Street Collaboration between City of St. Catharines and DSBN to Complement New School Build at the Alexandra Public School Site**

St. Catharines' proposal that the Board consider building the new elementary school on the present Alexandra Public School site and that the Board also use the lands at the Catherine Street Park.

Superintendent Hathaway outlined the proposed steps for constructing the new school directly behind the existing school, and for connecting the existing Alexandra site and the Catherine Street Park in accordance with terms of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the City. Superintendent Hathaway outlined the recent steps taken by the Board to carry out a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment of the Catherine Street Park, which included retaining AMEC Environment & Infrastructure to carry out a third party assessment of the property.

Superintendent Hathaway also outlined the measures previously undertaken by the City of St. Catharines to address environmental issues at the site. Superintendent Hathaway added that based on the findings of AMEC, Senior Administration is confident that the Catherine Street Park can continue to be used as recreational land and would be an excellent location for a playground to complement a new school build on the existing Alexandra Public School property. Superintendent Hathaway reported on the walkability to the Alexandra/Catherine Street Park concept, the estimated costs and the financial benefit of locating a new 550 pupil school on the Alexandra Public School / Catherine Street Park site. Superintendent Hathaway also reported on the zoning implications of the Alexandra Public School site, and, in accordance with a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the City, the timeline for the City to pass a resolution for the closure of a section of George Street is September 30, 2013, to provide the Board with sufficient time to meet the target completion date of September 1, 2015, for a new build.

Superintendent Hathaway noted that at last night's St. Catharines City Council meeting, City Councillors voted to endorse a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board which would permit the Board to construct a new elementary school at the Alexandra Public School site, using the City owned Catherine Street Park as the playground.

Brenda Stokes Verworn, Board Lawyer, explained that Trustees were not previously provided with a copy of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding as it was in development and brought to City Council in principle at last night's meeting.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:****Staff Reports****(c) Deliberations on the Central St. Catharines 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 Alexandra Public School, Maywood Public School, and Memorial Public School. Superintendent Hathaway outlined the Accommodation Review timelines and process. Superintendent Hathaway also reminded the Board that at its meeting of February 12, 2013, Trustees received the reports of the Accommodation Review Committee and the Senior Administration on the 2012-2013 Accommodation Review of Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools for review prior to deliberations.

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

**“That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate five hundred and fifty (550) students be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and**

**“That Memorial Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school to be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and**

**“That Maywood Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school to be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and**

**“That Alexandra Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school site to be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and**

**“That the new boundary for the elementary school built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, become effective as of September 1, 2015.”**

Trustee Clark spoke to the recommended motion and the positive outcomes of participating in an Accommodation Review process, particularly providing the community with opportunities for input. Trustee Clark suggested that the Ministry of Education review its guidelines for school closures in order to streamline the process. Trustee Clark expressed confidence that a new build, if approved, will best serve the educational needs of the Central St. Catharines community for

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:****Staff Reports****(c) Deliberations on the Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools Accommodation Review**

generations to come. Trustee Clark proposed amendments to the recommended motion, as follows:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

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

“That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate five hundred and fifty (550) students be built ~~at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines~~ **on the Alexandra School site at 84 Henry Street provided that, a Memorandum of Agreement and a long term Joint Use and Operating Agreement is created between the City of St. Catharines and the District School Board of Niagara that allows for the joint usage of Catherine Street Park by the School Board as a playground area and the closure of George Street between Pleasant Avenue and Dufferin Street East to provide access to the Park. The Agreement is to be signed by the City and the School Board no later than September 30, 2013, failing which, “That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate five hundred and fifty (550) students be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines.”**,” and

“That Memorial Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school to be built at **84 Henry Street, St. Catharines, or** 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and

“That Maywood Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school to be built at **84 Henry Street, St. Catharines, or** 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and

“That Alexandra Public School be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2015, and that students be redirected to the new school ~~site~~ to be built at **84 Henry Street, St. Catharines, or** 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines;” and

“That the new boundary for the elementary school built at **either 84 Henry Street, St. Catharines, or** 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines, become effective as of September 1, 2015.”

**CARRIED**

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:****Staff Reports****(c) Deliberations on the Central St. Catharines Elementary Schools Accommodation Review**

At Chair Maves' direction the proposed amendments were discussed and decided prior to the original motion. Chair Maves provided each Trustee with an opportunity to speak to the recommended amendments. The Trustees each expressed their position on the recommended amendments and also provided their rationale and reasons in support of their position.

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

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	Opposed		

The proposed amendments having carried it was:

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

**“That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate five hundred and fifty (550) students be built on the Alexandra School site at 84 Henry Street provided that, a Memorandum of Agreement and a long term Joint Use and Operating Agreement is created between the City of St. Catharines and the District School Board of Niagara that allows for the joint usage of Catherine Street Park by the School Board as a playground area and the closure of George Street between Pleasant Avenue and Dufferin Street East to provide access to the Park. The Agreement is to be signed by the City and the School Board no later than September 30, 2013, failing which, “That a new JK-Grade 8 school to accommodate five hundred and fifty (550) students be built at 185 Carlton Street, St. Catharines.”;” and**

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**CARRIED**

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.

Chair Maves commended the Board for ensuring that elementary students in Central St. Catharines will be provided with the best educational facility as possible in September 2015 which will also be a flagship state of the art school that everyone can be proud of. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked everyone involved throughout the Accommodation Review process. Chair Maves also commended the affected parents and communities for their participation, commitment and passion throughout the 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 Keddy gave a reminder of Grimsby Secondary School’s “Relay for Life” where they anticipate raising \$100,000.

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

- (b) Trustee Keddy reported that over 275 students received prom wear and accessories which were distributed at the recent Prom Project Niagara event at Beamsville District Secondary School.
- (c) Trustee Keddy gave a reminder of Beamsville District Secondary School's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this coming weekend.
- (d) Trustee Barnett commended the Welland Centennial Secondary School Cheerleading Team for recently being named Canadian champions.
- (e) Trustee Barnett reported that she attended the recent Heritage Fair organized by staff from School Support Services. Trustee Barnett commended all the students who participated in the event.
- (f) Trustee Barnett reported that she attended DSBN's recent Ultimate Gaming Conference and CONNECT 2013 Conference. Trustee Barnett commended all the organizers of these excellent events, particularly Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer, and his team. Director Hoshizaki added that CONNECT 2013 raised over \$100,000.
- (g) Trustee Barnett gave a reminder of Mathews Public School's Reunion on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (h) Trustee Barnett reported that on June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Education Foundation of Niagara will be hosting a Cruise Night at Welland Centennial Secondary School.
- (i) At Trustee Keddy's request, Superintendent Dickson noted that Campden and Jordan Public Schools will be hosting Open Houses on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and Maple Grove Public School will be hosting an Open House on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- (j) Trustee Bradnam gave a reminder of Kernahan Park's public Open House on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (k) Chair Maves commended the Communications Department for their work in having photo posters placed on the Board Room windows.

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

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

Trustee Cheryl Keddy reported that a package of information on the recent Directors' meeting is available in the Trustees Lounge. Trustee Keddy noted that a number of cost saving measures, specifically paperless and remote meetings, will be implemented. Trustee Keddy added that the Directors also discussed Conflict of Interest and educator training on Accessibility.

Chair Maves congratulated Trustee Keddy on being elected Vice-Chair of the Central West Region.

**6. Future Meetings**

The revised calendar of May 2013 meetings was provided. A draft calendar of June 2013 meetings was provided.

Superintendent Greer noted that School Support Services is hosting a "Night Under the Stars" at Club Italia on June 13<sup>th</sup> in support The Walker Living Campus @ Woodend. Tickets are available from Colleen Fast.

Chair Maves noted that a recent "Breakfast with Marcel Dionne" organized by Kevin Graham raised over \$5,000 in support of Woodend.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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