



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**May 28, 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, Cheryl Keddy, Barbara Ness, Dale Robinson, Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Mackenzie Ceci (arrived at 7:40 p.m.) and Tara Lundy

**Regrets:** Trustee Ed Fulford

**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 7:30 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 Dale Robinson  
Seconded by Dalton Clark

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by West Park Secondary School Soloist, Samantha Jemison, on video clip.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of A.N. Myer Secondary School student, Joshua Horton. On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves extended condolences to Joshua’s family and friends.

**D. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING**

Student Trustee Tara Lundy opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued:****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 May 14, 2013, be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

Moved by 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 with respect to Board properties.

“That if there is no interest expressed by May 22, 2013 from a preferred agency in purchasing the Niagara Falls Service Centre at 6387 Morrison Street, Niagara Falls, then Board staff be authorized to proceed with issuing a request for proposal (for sale by tender) for the disposal of the Niagara Falls Service Centre;” and

“That staff be directed to re-offer the Humberstone School site to preferred agencies, and if no interest is expressed after the 90 days expires, proceed to offer the property for sale by tender;” and

“That Empire School, located at 20 Duncan Street, Welland, be declared surplus to the Board’s needs effective June 30, 2013 and that Board staff be authorized to dispose of this property in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98;” and

“That F.J. Rutland School located at 8960 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls, be declared surplus to the Board’s needs effective June 30, 2013 and that staff be authorized to dispose of the property in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98;” and

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued:****4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

**“That Crowland Central located at 738 Lyons Creek Road, Welland, be declared surplus to the Board’s needs effective August 31, 2013 and that staff be authorized to dispose of the property in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.”**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Recognition of Teacher Cindy Crosbie, Laura Secord Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Teacher Cindy Crosbie for her 23 years of dedicated service to students and the Board, 14 of which have been at Laura Secord Secondary School where her commitment to students is not only reflected in the classroom and gym, but also in the community where she models true selfless community citizenship. Within the school Cindy coaches and maintains a variety of sports and intramural programs, and organizes student and staff participation in community events such as the Terry Fox Walk and the Rankin Run. Cindy also has a positive impact in the broader community through her involvement with Big Sisters and her support of Community Care. Cindy is known as an incredibly caring individual who inherently understands the need to extend herself to those in need.

Director Hoshizaki presented Cindy Crosbie with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her service to students, staff, parents and the community.

**(b) Recognition of Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer, for his years of service to students and staff as Technical Services Manager, and since 2009, as Chief Information Officer. Dino’s Information Technology career has spanned many years in both the private and public sectors and he is well respected by his peers within the Board and across the Province. Dino has established strong relationships between Information Technology Services and Academic Leaderships by promoting transparent, open communication and collaboration in a cooperative atmosphere, always with the best student outcome in mind. Dino’s significant achievements include initiating and supporting the following programs and events:

- The Software Workshops and Technology Training Team (SWATT)

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(b) Recognition of Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer**

- The Ultimate Gaming Challenge Niagara
- The CONNECT Conference
- The IGNITE March Break 2012 Girls Camp; and recently the Girls Technology Camp during the Ultimate Gaming Challenge event
- The Walker Living Campus at Woodend

Dino is known for developing bold, innovative events and initiatives; for his leadership and passion in everything he does; and how he manages and mentors his staff (always with a joke and a smile). Dino’s vision for Information Technology and how it supports students and staff at the DSNB, the Niagara Region and beyond, is what sets Dino apart from his peers. Director Hoshizaki added that with Dino’s leadership, Information Technology advancements, forward thinking, and progressive practices and innovative initiatives, the DSNB has become a technology leader in the Province.

Director Hoshizaki presented Dino with a token of the Board’s appreciation for his dedication to staff and students.

Trustees commended Cindy Crosbie and Dino Miele and thanked them for their contributions to students and education.

**(c) Sky’s the Limit at James Morden Public School**

Grade 6 students at James Morden Public School, Niagara Falls, were recognized for creating a poster for the front hall of their school to encourage students to think about what “Sky’s the Limit” means to them.

**(d) Canada Wide Science Fair**

Students from across the Board were recognized for their achievements at the recent Canada Wide Science Fair in Lethbridge, Alberta. Their achievements are the result of many long hours of work and careful research. Students earned eight medals, including one Gold, three Silver, and four Bronze. All students represented their schools and the Board with distinction.

Further information is available at [www.dsnb.org](http://www.dsnb.org) (News).

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued:****1. Director’s Report and Recognition****(a) Beamsville District Secondary School Celebrates 125 Years**

Director Hoshizaki reported that Beamsville District Secondary School celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the school on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Director Hoshizaki also noted that E.L. Crossley Secondary School recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**2. Grapeview Public School – Bucket Drumming**

Superintendent John Dickson introduced the showcase.

Principal Therese Grenier and Teacher Ben Pomeroy introduced Grades 7/8 students who gave a bucket drumming performance.

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

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**H. DELEGATIONS**

1. Diane Chase – spoke in support of Port Colborne High School in the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review. Ms. Chase asked that the Trustees consider implementing all of the recommendations of the Accommodation Review Committee in its upcoming deliberations.
2. Karen Beaudin – spoke in support of Port Colborne High School in the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review to ensure that public secondary education has a presence in the community.
3. Darcy Feagan – student, spoke on the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review in support of keeping Port Colborne High School open. She also addressed the challenges of attending a school in another community. Ms. Feagan expressed her support for community schools.
4. Mary Ann Feagan – introduced a video prepared by Port Colborne High School students in support of Port Colborne High School in the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review.

**DELEGATIONS – continued:**

5. Gregg Dame – expressed concern in the Lake Erie Corridor Secondary Schools Accommodation Review with respect to the Board resolving the underutilization and low enrolment issues at Port Colborne High School. Mr. Dame asked that the Board not defer making final decisions that will address declining enrolment at Port Colborne High School and he proposed recommendations for consideration by the Trustees.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Maves thanked the Delegations for their comments.

**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 1185 to 1197 for the month of April 2013, totalling \$15,751,487.77 be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated May 9, 2013, be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel reported that the Committee reviewed 8 cases. Trustee Schaubel commended the Committee, community partners, and staff for supporting students.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****3. 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 May 9, 2013, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

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

**4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dalton Clark  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated May 15, 2013, be received;” and**

**“That Macdonald Zuberec Ensslen Architects Inc. be appointed Architect for the Addition to Forestview Public School;” and**

**“That revised Policy A-04: Trustee Travel and Business Expenses, be approved;” and**

**“That revised Policy A-16: Employee Travel and Business Expenses, be approved;” and**

**“That Policy A-14: Corporate Credit Cards, be rescinded.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Clark provided an overview and summary of the report and the recommended motions. Trustee Clark also reported that the Committee received an update on the 2013-2014 Budget process and analysis of changes to revenue. A preliminary summary shows a loss in revenue due to declining enrolment and additional reductions mandated by the Ministry. Trustee Clark also noted that the preliminary review shows the 2013-2014 transportation budget in deficit regardless of the efficiencies gained in closing schools.

Chair Maves confirmed for Trustees that a letter will be sent to the Ministry of Education requesting an increase to the Board's transportation allocation.



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

Director Hoshizaki reported that the Ministry of Education has approved the construction at the Walker Living Campus at Woodend. Superintendent Weinberg reported for Trustees that the last requirement of the Niagara Escarpment Commission to obtain a survey of the site is underway. Thereafter, the Board will be able to apply for a building permit and proceed with construction.

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

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

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated May 21, 2013, be received;” and**

**“That the report of the Multi-Year Capital Plan – May 21, 2013, be received and staff authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2013-2014 year, subject to confirmation of the necessary Ministry of Education capital funding approvals;” and**

**“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 21, 2013, be received and adopted;” and**

**“That Policy F-02: Accommodation Review Guidelines for the Planning of School Program and Facility Needs, be received and adopted as presented;” and**

**“That the report of the Proposed Minor Variance to the Boundary for Burleigh Hill and Briardale/Oakridge Public Schools – Tremont Drive Area, St. Catharines, be received and adopted with implementation effective May 28, 2013;” and**

**“That the report of the Consolidation of the Central/South St. Catharines and Thorold Elementary French Immersion Program be received and adopted with implementation effective May 28, 2013;” and**

**“That the report for School Support Services Relocation to the Former West Park Secondary School Site, be received and adopted, allowing renovations and relocation of School Support Services during the 2013-2014 school year;” and**

**“That the implementation of the process proceed to relocate Media Services, Renewed Computer Technology and Alternate Education Programs as required, to the former Kernahan Park Secondary School site for the 2013-2014 school year;” and**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued:****5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

“That the recommendation for a Horticulture Technology Program to be located at the former Kernahan Park Secondary School site beginning in the 2014-2015 school year be denied and that a new recommendation be made stating that the report be referred back to Senior Administration for further investigation and a new report regarding the Horticulture Technology Program at Kernahan Park be brought to the next Program and Planning meeting on June 4, 2013.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Ness 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**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Prior to the Board meeting, Trustees participated in an Information Session presented by Principal Kelly McDonnell, and Brandie Lancione, Cultural and Linguistic Diversity Consultant, entitled “What is DSBN Doing to Make our Schools More Equitable and Inclusive?”

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence and communication.

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

- (a) Trustee Barnett commended Mathews Public School and their School Council for organizing Mathews Public School's recent well attended 84<sup>th</sup> Reunion.
- (b) Trustee Barnett noted Glendale Public School's annual trip to Cave Springs on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Barnett extended an invitation to Trustees to attend the campfire at 7:00 p.m.
- (c) Trustee Bradnam recognized the Governor Simcoe Secondary School Special Olympics Team on their recent Ladies Provincial Soccer Championship.
- (d) Trustee Keddy commended the organizers of Beamsville District Secondary Schools' successful 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Trustee Keddy noted that attendance exceeded expectations with approximately 600 attendees at the Hall of Fame induction. Director Hoshizaki noted that the Hall of Fame inductees included Trustee Keddy.

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

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

There was no report.

**6. Future Meetings**

The revised calendar of June 2013 meetings was provided. Trustee Clark encouraged all Trustees to attend the June 10<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting where Budget discussions will take place.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Barbara Ness  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**KEVIN MAVES**, Chair

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