



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 24, 2019

6:15 – 7:11 p.m. (Private Session)

7:19 – 8:26 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

**Student
Trustee:** Keylee Smith and Karina Tavernese

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

**Recording
Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical
Support:** Wendy Coit

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Chair Barnett opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:19 p.m. and welcomed guests in the gallery.

Chair Barnett welcomed Student Trustee Karina Tavernese to her first official Board meeting.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole.”

CARRIED

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:11 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by River View Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Mitchell shared 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 Doug Newton
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued

“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated June 24, 2019 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 Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. Director’s Report and Recognition

a) Director’s Update to Trustees

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Rowan’s Law Day – Wednesday, September 25
- Promoting Healthy Living
- Outdoor Education Updates
- Naming the New West Niagara Secondary School
- Birch Bark Canoe Build
- Rotary International Paul Harris Award
- Wm. Wales Award 2019

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki advised that students will not be academically penalized for participating in Climate Strike Day on September 27, 2019.

2. Educational Showcases

a) The Great Peace by artist Raymond Skye

Director Hoshizaki introduced Raymond Skye, Iroquois Artist, and spoke to the piece being presented. Director Hoshizaki explained that Raymond Skye’s piece, The Great Peace, represents the Haudenosaunee people – the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**a) The Great Peace by artist Raymond Skye**

Raymond Skye provided an overview of the painting that was inspired by a dream that he had over 20 years ago. At the time he didn't know the significance of what he was creating or why, but during his journey he learned a great deal. The Great Peace represents the five nations of Iroquois, all of which were in a dark and troubled time. Today our world is still troubled, and nations are trying to find and maintain peace. Raymond Skye's hope is that the journey that this artwork is on reaches out to people.

b) Landscape of Nations 360° Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Roberto introduced Michele-Elise Burnett, President of Kakeakalanicks, an Indigenous consultancy company which helps educate and promote Indigenous art and artists.

Superintendent Roberto explained that Michele-Elise Burnett will provide highlights of her work with Tim Johnson on the Landscape of Nations 360° initiative and then sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Director Hoshizaki. The Memorandum of Understanding supports the Landscape of Nations 360° Pilot Teacher Training Institute where DSBN educators will continue to explore, design, and gain Indigenous perspectives aligned with the curriculum and framed around the 10 essential understandings of Indigenous Peoples' history in the region.

Michele-Elise Burnett thanked DSBN for their support and spoke to the importance of the partnership and transforming how and what students are taught about Indigenous Peoples and history. With workshops and roundtable discussions we will emerge with a dynamic, authentic, inclusive teaching program.

Michele-Elise Burnett and Director Hoshizaki signed the Memorandum of Understanding Agreement.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There was no student achievement report.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS**1. ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of June and July 2019, totaling \$42,455,935.90 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated September 9, 2019 be received as information.”

“That the Regional Internal Audit Team Status Report be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Veld provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting, which included the election of a Chair and a presentation of a report from the Internal Regional Audit Manager.

3. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated September 10, 2019 be received.”

“That the report of the Landscape of Nations 360° initiative and the District School Board of Niagara founding partnership with the Woodland Cultural Centre and the Landscape of Nations 360° be received.”

“That the September 2019 DSBN Promoting Positive School Climate Education Report be received.”

“That the New Specialist High Skills Majors program report be received.”

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

“That the information report regarding Exemptions from Instruction in relation to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in the Ontario Curriculum: Grade 1-8, 2019 be received.”

“That the new Career Studies curriculum report be received.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Landscape of Nations 360° partnership report, the DSBN Promoting Positive School Education report, and the New Specialist High Skills Majors Programs report.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent Roberto outlined the types of community outreach DSBN will be doing to educate parents about the Exemptions from Instruction in relation to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in the Ontario Curriculum.

4. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

**Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated September 11, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included PIC Conference planning. This year’s PIC Conference will take place on November 6, 2019. Registration is electronic and is now open.

5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated September 12, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a brief overview and orientation of the committee, system updates, and a review of board policies to be vetted on the DSBN website.

OLD BUSINESS – continued

6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

Moved by Keylee Smith
Seconded by Karina Tavernese

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 17, 2019 be received.”

“That the Board approve the addition of an Indigenous Student Trustee.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Tavernese reported that the first Student Trustee Senate meeting of the year included a re-cap of the work from last year, as well as discussions about the goals for the upcoming school year.

Student Trustee Smith added that senators had the opportunity to meet the new Education Foundation of Niagara representative. The idea of a new Indigenous Student Trustee was taken favorably.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

a) Establish and Ad Hoc Governance Committee

In response to the Board’s decision to adopt DSBN’s Student Trustee Senate recommendation to appoint an Indigenous Student Trustee, Chair Barnett requested that an Ad Hoc Governance Committee be struck to address this change and to take the opportunity to address some other housekeeping items.

Chair Barnett requested that interested Trustees submit their names to her by September 27, 2019. Once the committee is struck, the Ad Hoc Governance Committee will come together to make recommendations on the areas to be reviewed. The committee’s mandate will come back to the Board for approval at that time.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports****a) DSBN Staffing 2019-2020 Report**

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the DSBN Staffing 2019-2020 report dated September 24, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Courtois advised Trustees that the 2019-2020 staffing process resulted in no lay-offs for any employee group. Factors such as retirements, projected enrolment increases, and reallocation of resources have led to an increased complement of elementary and secondary teaching staff for this school year.

The projected elementary enrolment for the 2019-2020 school year is 25,883 and this year's projected secondary enrolment is 11,898. DSBN was able to provide continuity to secondary programming despite the reduction in secondary funding through the reallocation of central resource staff to classroom teaching positions.

DSBN will continue to ensure all classrooms are staffed appropriately throughout the year.

2. Trustee Information Session

There was no Trustee Information Session.

3. Correspondence and Communication**a) Correspondence to Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education**

Correspondence to Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education can be found in the Board package.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

a) Trustee Mitchell reported attending a ceremony with Niagara Falls Community Health Centre, where Simcoe Street Public School Principal, Jennifer Moore was recognized for her work with the community.

b) Trustee Campbell provided Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) updates:

- EFN and VonMar Floral Boutique will host an Autumn Workshop on October 8, 2019.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- EFN's Beat the Brainiacs Trivia Night will be held on November 7, 2019 at Niagara Falls Optimist Club.
- EFN's Be the Champion campaign is running at all Niagara Starbucks locations until the end of September.

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

There was no Ontario Public School Board's Association report.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of October 2019 meetings was provided.

Cancel – Program and Planning meeting.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Kevin Maves

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on September 24, 2019 be now ratified by the Board.”

“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”

CARRIED

O. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT – continued

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary