



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Crole.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010.

**CARRIED**

| Trustee                 | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| John Belcastro          | ✓       |        |         |
| Kathy Burtnik           | ✓       |        |         |
| Maurice Charbonneau     |         |        | ✓       |
| Gary Crole              | ✓       |        |         |
| John Dekker             | ✓       |        |         |
| Frank Fera              | ✓       |        |         |
| Ed Nieuwesteeg          | ✓       |        |         |
| Tony Scalzi             | ✓       |        |         |
| <b>Student Trustees</b> |         |        |         |
| Juliana Ciccarelli      |         |        | ✓       |
| Megan Grocholsky        | ✓       |        |         |

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 30, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 30, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Denis Morris Catholic High School Athletic Champions**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Mike Sheahan, Physical and Health Education Consultant, who presented brief background information of the accomplishments of the athletic teams and athletes from Denis Morris Catholic High School.

Tony Bozza, Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School, introduced the Denis Morris Boys' Hockey Team who won a Gold Medal at OFSAA; the Girls' Wrestling Team who competed at All-Ontario (OFSAA) level resulting in a Gold Medal and a 4<sup>th</sup> overall win as a team; as well as a Denis Morris Para-Swimmer who won a Gold and a Silver Medal.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program  
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Ciarlo introduced Marilyn Burcsik, Principal of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines.

Principal Burcsik with the assistance of school staff showcased Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines, as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Burcsik and the school staff for their presentation.

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010 and Consideration of Recommendations**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 13, 2010:

**2.1 Approval of Policies**

**2.1.1 The Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Establishment and Cyclical Review of Policies Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.1.2 Admission of Students Policy**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Admission of Students Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.1.3 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (Safe Schools Policy)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (Safe Schools Policy), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.1.4 Progressive Student Discipline Policy (Safe Schools Policy)**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Progressive Student Discipline Policy (Safe Schools Policy), as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **2.2 Financial Reports**

### **2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi  
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of March 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

### **2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi  
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at March 31, 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 3, 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

## **4. Catholic Education Week**

Director Crocco presented the information on Catholic Education Week, and distributed the Catholic Education Week Schedule of Events and A Child's Book of Prayers, written by Niagara Catholic Elementary School Students.

Superintendent Baldasaro presented further background information on the distributed materials as well as a brief overview of the activities taking place in the schools.

## **5. Town of Grimsby - Niagara Catholic Community Auditorium Partnership**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the report on the Town of Grimsby - Niagara Catholic Community Auditorium Partnership, which refers to the twenty three (23) classroom addition to the school building to replace the portables at Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, and the potential partnership between the Town of Grimsby and the Board to add to the project an 422 seat auditorium for community and Board.

## **6. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management**

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

**7. Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School Addition and Alterations Proposed Budget**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the report on the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School Addition and Alterations Proposed Budget.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget of \$5,700,000 funded from the sources as presented, for the addition and alterations to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School.

**CARRIED**

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Correspondence**

Nil Report

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

**3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

Nil Report

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 13, 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – April 13, 2010.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 2010.

**4.3 International Education Business Partnership Presentation – April 26, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on International Education Business Partnership Presentation – April 26, 2010, at which the Niagara Catholic District School Board had a booth showcasing Niagara Catholic's Programs and Services.

Niagara Catholic participated in a panel presentation, which resulted in invitations to visit Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as being asked to share information with the Prime Minister's office and presenting the Board's innovative programs and concepts in Ottawa as part of a National Discussion on Education.

#### **4.4 Global Best Award 2010 – April 27, 2010**

Director Crocco presented information on the Global Best Award 2010 – April 27, 2010.

Niagara Catholic is the only school board in the Americas to receive a Global Best Award, and as a result have been invited to make a presentation at the next conference in two years in South Africa.

#### **4.5 Catch the Spirit – May 3, 2010 – Denis Morris Catholic High School**

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Catch the Spirit Celebration – May 3, 2010 – Denis Morris Catholic High School, and asked that they respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

#### **4.6 Staff Excellence – May 4, 2010 – Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre**

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Staff Excellence Celebration – May 4, 2010 – Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, and asked that they respond if they are attending to Sherry Morena, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department.

#### **4.7 Director's Information to Trustees**

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the following:

- The Vision 2020 Summit which took place recently, with seventy-six (76) participants in attendance, along with Senior Staff and the Niagara Catholic Alliance Committee, resulted in very positive comments on the process the Board has engaged in by the parents in attendance.
- All flags will be flown at half mast April 28, 2010 at all Board Sites and the day will begin in prayer in recognition of the National Day of Mourning.
- Niagara Catholic's Marco Magazzeni, Consultant – Technology/Specialist High Skills Major, was selected as a recipient of a 2010 Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence.

#### **5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

### **E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010.

**CARRIED**

## **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of March 30, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION A: Student Trustees Present of April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

## **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 30, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of April 13, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the April 27, 2010 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held **April 27, 2010**.

Approved on the **25th** day of **May 2010**.

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Kathy Burtnik  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer