



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on October 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nieuwesteeg.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau	✓	
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
Student Trustees		
Ashley McGuire	✓	
Christina Volpini	✓	

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Christine Graham**, Program Officer - Curriculum; **Marcel Jacques**, Program Officer - Student Support Services; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. *Approval of the Agenda*

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of October 28, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

4. *Disclosure of Interest*

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Dekker with Item G7 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. He left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustee Belcastro and Trustee Fera with Item G5.1 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. *Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2008*

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2008, as amended to change Item B1.1 from Lakeshore Catholic High School to Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School.

CARRIED

Chairperson Nieuwesteeg welcomed Jennifer Pellegrini to the position of Communications Officer with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. *St. Michael Catholic Elementary School Choir*

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Brian Palujanskas, Principal of St. Michael Catholic Elementary School who introduced the Choir Leaders as well as the students. The Choir made up of Grade 3 students performed for the Board.

Chairperson Nieuwesteeg and Niagara Falls Trustee Fera presented the Choir with a token of appreciation for their performance.

2. *OFSSA Medalists*

2.1 *Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School*

Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ted Farrell, Principal of Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School, who presented video highlights on the OFSSA Girls' Floorball Champions. Mr. Farrell characterized the sport of floorball, and congratulated the girls for the accomplishments. Coach Shellhorne and Coach Accadia introduced the team members to the Board.

Chairperson Nieuwesteeg, on behalf of the Board, applauded the team on their many success and presented them with a Board token of appreciation.

2.2 Notre Dame College School

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Ralph DeFazio, Principal of Notre Dame College School. Mr. DeFazio gave background on the many accomplishments of student Sharon Michalak, who is a top achiever in academics, athletics and music. Sharon has excelled at volleyball, soccer, swimming and most recently received a OFSSA Bronze Medal in Pole Vaulting.

Chairperson Nieuwesteeg congratulated Sharon on her vast achievements and wished her the best in her future endeavors and presented her with a Board token of appreciation.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2008 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 14, 2008:

1.1 Pupil Accommodation Review Update

Trustee Burtnik inquired about the Board's plan to communicate the timeline and process to the school community. Director Crocco informed Trustees that all pertinent information will be placed on the Board's website, published in the October 28, 2008 issue of Spotlight on Niagara Catholic, as well as shared with ARC Committee Members, and Catholic School Council Chairs through a memo. A letter from the Director of Education will be sent to all families in the identified schools outlining the process.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 be approved.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board that the Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input be approved.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board that for the Pupil Accommodation Review Process for the 2008-2009 school year, in accordance with Board By-Law Section 17 - Rules of Order - Subsections 1 and 2; Board By-Law Section 13 - Delegations, be modified as outlined in the Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines for Public Input.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 3, 2008

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 3, 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. Financial Reports

3.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of September 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at September 30, 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Correspondence

Nil Report

3. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Burtnik relayed some of the positive feedback she received from school communities regarding the recent Catholic School Council's Annual Conference.

4. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

5. Trustee Information

5.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - October 15, 2008

Director Crocco presented the first issue of "Spotlight on Niagara Catholic", pointing out that the publication is being distributed electronically to the various employee groups, Catholic School Councils, parishes, media and e-Community subscribers.

5.2 Dedication of CEC Meeting Rooms

Director Crocco gave a verbal update on the status of the Dedication of CEC Meeting Rooms. He stated that he received positive feedback regarding this initiative. A cross, photograph, and plaque containing the history of the Religious Orders will be displayed in the respective meeting rooms.

The Director informed Trustees that Bishop Wingle has agreed to attend a future Board Meeting to officiate the blessing of the rooms. The Director will be in contact with each of the Religious Orders to inform them of the Board's initiative.

6. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Notice of Motion - Implications of a Phased-in Ban on the Use of Bottled Water

Trustee Fera submitted the following Notice of Motion regarding a phased-in ban on the use of bottled water in the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board. He stated that bottled water contributes to several environmental concerns, and that there is no solid proof that bottled water is safer and healthier than tap water. Drinking water is constantly being tested and proven safe for consumption.

Student Trustee Volpini asked if the intention was to apply the ban to bottled water only or all bottled drinks, such as juice. Mr. Fera stated that the intention of motion applies to bottled water only.

After some discussion it was agreed that a friendly amendment would be made to the motion to change the term "the use of bottled water" to the "the sale of bottled water ". This ban would apply to all groups and organizations who utilize the school's facilities.

A full report will be presented to the Board within the next three to six months.

Moved by Trustee Fera

WHEREBY the use of bottled water is becoming a public issue and whereas a number of municipalities are studying banning bottled water,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct staff to report the implications of a phased-in ban on the sale of bottled water in all schools in the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Carried

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of October 28, 2008.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

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 September 23, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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 October 14, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 September 23, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 October 14, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of October 14, 2008:

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendations as outlined in Item F4 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the amendments to the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Non-Unionized Administrative Support Staff, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5.2.1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the amendments to the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Supervisory Positions, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5.2.2)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the October 28, 2008 amendments to the Terms & Conditions of Employment for Superintendents, as presented.
CARRIED (Item F9.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the October 28, 2008 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on October 28, 2008.

Approved on the 25th day of November 2008.

Ed Nieuwesteeg
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer