



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Scalzi.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of June 16, 2009.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Excused
John Belcastro	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Maurice Charbonneau		✓
Gary Crole	✓	
John Dekker	✓	
Frank Fera	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Tony Scalzi	✓	
<b>Student Trustees</b>		
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; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 16, 2009, 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 May 26, 2009**

Moved by Trustee

Seconded by Trustee

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships**

Students from Eight Niagara Catholic rowing crews earned several Silver, Bronze and Gold medals in the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Championships. The students were introduced and congratulated on their achievements.

Trustees presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” Arts” pins.

**2. OFSSA Medalists**

Students winning OFSSA medals in the areas of Lacrosse, Tennis and Track & Field were introduced to the Board and commended for their dedication, hard work and many successes.

Trustees presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Athletics” Arts” pins.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Kids Helping Kids...Celebrating 11 Years of Contributions**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Jim Marino, Director of Development and Community Relations for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Mr. Marino thanked the Board for its support over the past 11 years. He also thanked the students and staff of the Niagara Catholic District School Board for their contributions to the Centre.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board presented the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre with a cheque in the amount of \$44,574.50, the amount raised by Niagara Catholic's students this year in the Kids Helping Kids initiative.

**2. Cappies Niagara 2009**

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on Cappies Niagara 2009. The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theater and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers.

Students from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School performed a portion of their rendition of Little Shop of Horrors.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked the students for their performance and along with the Trustees presented the students Niagara Catholic "Excellence in the Arts" pins.

**3. School Excellence Program - Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School**

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forstyh-Sells, Superintendent of Education, introduced Joe Zaroda, Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

Principal Zaroda, with the assistance of students and staff, showcased Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Zaroda, the staff and students for their presentation.

**4. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations**

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Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009.

**4.1 Establishment of Attendance Area Ad Hoc Review Committees**

- **Niagara Falls - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools**
- **St. Catharines - Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools**
- **St. George & St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Fera

1. **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board, through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.
2. **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board, through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.
3. **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of the St. George and St. Joseph (Snyder) Catholic Elementary Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee and that a final report be presented to the Board through the Committee of the Whole, no later than January 2010.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Report on Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2009-2010**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$8,500.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards at \$500.00 per eligible student, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Policy Committee**

Policy Committee Chairperson Tony Scalzi presented the Policy coming forward from the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009.

**5.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of June 16, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Approval of Policies**

**5.2.1 Admission of Students Policy (#301.1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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

**CARRIED**

**5.2.2 Attendance Areas (#301.3)**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Attendance Areas Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.3 Volunteer Drivers (#302.4)**

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Volunteer Drivers Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.4 Student Suspension - Safe Schools (#302.5.4)**

Moved by Trustee Scalzi  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Suspension Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.5 Student Expulsion - Safe Schools (#302.5.5)**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Expulsion Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.6 Code of Conduct - Safe Schools (#302.6.2)**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Code of Conduct Policy - Safe Schools, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2.7 Nutrition Policy (#302.7)**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Nutrition Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations**

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Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 2, 2009.

**6.1 Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Plan "Building Bridges to Services – 2009 and Beyond"**

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Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic District School Board Special Education Plan - "Building Bridges to Services – 2009 and Beyond", as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Appointment of John Howard Society to the  
Special Education Advisory Committee as a Community Partner**

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the John Howard Society to the Special Education Advisory Committee as a Community Partner.  
**CARRIED**

**7. Minutes of the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Meeting of June 2, 2009**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive Minutes of the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils Meeting of June 2, 2009, as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**8. Financial Reports**

**8.1 Monthly Banking Transactions**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of May 2009, as presented for information.  
**CARRIED**

**8.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at May 31, 2009, as presented for information.  
**CARRIED**

**9. Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010**

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010. He stated that following extensive deliberations with staff, input from Principals; presentations to Catholic School Councils/SEAC/Regional CSC/PIC and to the Committee of the Whole, that the budget submitted is a balanced budget which continues to allocate the necessary funding to implement and deliver the excellence in distinctive programs and services to our students and staff as approved in the Board Priorities for 2009-2010.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Annual Budget 2009-2010, which amounts to a total of \$228,706,574, as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**10. Executive Council Power**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature, recommended by the Director of Education, if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2009.

**CARRIED**

**11. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2009**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test 2009 and highlighted the Niagara Catholic results relative to the Provincial results in which Niagara Catholic excelled.

**12. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2008-2009**

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

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

**1. Correspondence**

Nil Report

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

**2.1 OCSTA Conference - May 7 - 9, 2009**

Chairperson Burtnik and Vice-Chairperson Fera provided information on the OCSTA Conference which took place May 7 - 9, 2009.

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

Nil Report

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - June 2, 2009**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - June 2, 2009 issue for Trustees' information.

**4.2 Elementary Principal & Vice-Principal Appointments and Transfers 2009-2010**

Director Crocco presented the Elementary Principal & Vice-Principal Appointments and Transfers 2009-2010 for Trustees' information.

**4.3 Calendar of Events - June 2009**

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events - June 2009 for Trustees' information.

#### **4.4 L'Aquila Earthquake Fundraiser**

Director Crocco presented information on the L' Aquila Earthquake Fundraiser for Trustees' information.

#### **4.5 Ground Breaking Ceremonies**

- June 23, 2009 - 9:15 a.m. - Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School
- June 26, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby)
- June 26, 2009 - 10:45 a.m. - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby)

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Groundbreaking Ceremonies dates and times.

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

None Submitted

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

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

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**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 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 16,2009.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**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 May 26, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED** (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**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 June 2, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED** (Item F2)



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

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**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 May 26, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED** (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

**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 June 2, 2009, as presented.

**CARRIED** (Item F5)

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

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

### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee  
Seconded by Trustee

**THAT** the June 16, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 16, 2009**.

Approved on the **29th** day of **September 2009**.

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Kathy Burtnik  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer