



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

*FATHER KENNETH BURNS C.S.C. BOARD ROOM
THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE*

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair MacNeil.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee MacNeil

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Demizio, Chloe	✓			
Di Pasquale, Jessica	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Linda Marconi**, Recording Secretary/Executive Assistant – Director of Education.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair MacNeil requested that item 6.2.1 be moved to item C.1 to include all present for the Act of Consecration.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of January 27, 2015, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Burtnik disclosed a direct pecuniary interest with Item 7.1 in the report on Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of December of the Public Agenda, as cheques were paid to her family business. Trustee Burtnik did not take part in the consideration of, or vote on any question with relation to this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings

5.1 December 16, 2014

Under Roll Call, Trustee Pat Vernal was inadvertently excluded from the list of those present. Trustee Burkholder's name to be removed from those in attendance.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 16, 2014, as amended.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 2, 2014.

Chair MacNeil presented the Act of Consecration and asked all to stand to read the consecration together. It was recommended that Senior Staff be included in the Consecration. Chair MacNeil will revise the copy to include Senior Staff and forward a copy to Director Crocco to inform the system of the Consecration of the Board.

1.1 Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Consecration of the Niagara Catholic District School Board to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as amended.

CARRIED

2. School Excellence Program – St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education provided background information about St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School and introduced Roger Demers, Principal of St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Demers showcased St. Christopher Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chair MacNeil thanked Principal Demers and the staff in attendance for the presentation. Trustees Vernal and Burtnik also expressed their appreciation and gratitude.

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of December 3, 2014

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of December 3, 2014 as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. Appointment of Community Representative(s) to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) 2014-2018

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on the appointment of Community Representatives to the Special Education Committee (SEAC) 2014-2018.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board appoint the following local association representatives to serve as Special Education Advisory Committee members for the term of 2014-2018:

Andrew Howcroft – Community Living – Welland Pelham

- Cindy Palumbo – Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)
- Mario Palumbo - Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (Alternate Representative)

CARRIED

5. Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of November 13, 2014

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of November 13, 2014 as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Progress Review 2014-2015

On behalf of Senior Administrative Council, Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities Mid-Year Progress Review 2014-2015 report. The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2014-2015 are designed and approved by the Board to provide the annual focus for the system towards achieving the outcomes of the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Staff highlighted specific points outlined in the Mid-Year Progress Review booklet with regard to the focus and achievement of the system priorities as well as updated targeted progress or completion of the System Priority for 2014-2015.

Senior Administrative Council, administrators and Board staff will collate, analyze and review all data gathered for the 2014-2015 school year and present a final report to the Board at the September 2015 Board Meeting.

Trustees were provided an opportunity to ask questions or make comments regarding the System Priorities Mid-Year Progress Review 2014-2015.

On behalf of the Board, Chair MacNeil congratulated and thanked Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council for the thoroughness of the report the conscience manner it was presented.

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Monthly Banking Transactions – December 2014

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O’Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of December 2014, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014

A change was made to the motion from approved to received.

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at December 31, 2014, as amended for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 2015 OCSTA Catholic Trustees' Professional Development Seminar

Trustee Vernal provided a brief summary of the OCSTA Professional Development Session on January 15, 16, & 17, 2015.

Student Trustees DiPasquale and Demezio thanked the Board for inviting them to this conference and to have been given the opportunity to attend.

Trustee Burtnik reported on the Ministry Professional Development day which was part of the OCSTA PD Seminar.

Trustee O'Leary commented on the conference and thanked Trustee Burtnik on her involvement and contribution to the conference as President of OCSTA.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco reminded the Board that in addition to the preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 February Update Report, Senior Administrative Council is on schedule to bring an In Camera report on Board Properties, Facilities Services and Education Technology at the February 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting for the consideration of Trustees.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight – January 2015

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – January 2015 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – February 2015

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – February 2015 for Trustees information.

4.3 Board Committee Membership 2015

Chair MacNeil presented the 2015 Board Committee form. An additional Trustee was required for the Lakeshore Catholic Attendance Boundary Review Committee Area. Chair MacNeil volunteered for this committee. A recommendation was made to include a note that all Trustees are considered alternates for all committees.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2015 Board Committee Membership as amended.

CARRIED

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Attendance Support Program Policy

In accordance with the Board Bylaws, the Notice of Motion will be presented to the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 pm.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
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 December 16, 2014 as amended.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 January 13, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

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 December 16, 2014 as amended.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of January 13, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.2)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.3)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.4)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.5)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.6)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.7)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.8)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.9)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.10)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.11)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.12)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.13)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.14)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F5.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.15)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the January 27, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **January 27, 2015**.

Approved on **February 24, 2015**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer