



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 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 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Huibers

2. Roll Call

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

| Trustee                 | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder      | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Kathy Burtnik           | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Frank Fera              | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Larry Huibers           | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Daniel Moody            | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Leanne Prince           | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Dino Sicoli             | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Paul Turner             | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| <b>Student Trustees</b> |         |                        |        |         |
| Luca DiPietro           | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Sydney Yott             | ✓       |                        |        |         |

The following staff were in attendance:

**Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers, Moody and Fera with Item F9.3 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**

**5.1 September 29, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 October 13, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 13, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Burtnik requested Item F7 be held. This item will be discussed during the In Camera Session of the agenda.

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of October 13, 2020, as presented.

**6.1.1 Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10), as presented.

**6.1.2 Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2)**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration Policy (201.2), as presented.

**6.1.3 Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4)**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Volunteer Recognition Policy (800.4), as presented.

**6.1.4 Revised Secondary School Year Calendar 2020-2021**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Revised Secondary School Year Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

**6.1.5 Welcoming and Supporting International Students During COVID-19**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board maintain its long-standing commitment to its International Education Program by continuing to welcome and support our international students during the COVID-19 pandemic, in compliance with the guidelines outlined by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Federal Government of Canada.

**6.2 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 19, 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 19, 2020, as presented.

**6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of September 9, 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2020, as presented.

**6.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6, F8 & F12.1**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.  
**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Virtual School Update**

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education highlighted the Virtual School Update and introduced Chris Boyer, Principal of the Niagara Catholic Virtual Elementary School and Adel Filice, Principal of the Niagara Catholic Virtual Secondary School.

Mr. Boyer and Ms. Filice presented an update on the Niagara Catholic Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools.

Mr. Boyer and Ms. Filice answered questions of Trustees.

Director Cipriano expressed gratitude to Senior Staff, Mr. Boyer, Ms. Filice and their staff for their dedication and commitment.

**2. 2019-2020 Unaudited Year-End Financial Results**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the 2019-2020 Unaudited Year-End Financial Results for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

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

**1. Correspondence**

Nil

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Student Trustee Luca DiPietro provided highlights of the OSTA-AECO Fall General meeting he and fellow Student Trustee Sydney Yott attended virtually.

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

**3.1 Education Development Charges Public Meeting – November 10, 2020 5:30 p.m.**

Director Cipriano provided information regarding the Education Development Charges Public Meeting taking place on November 10, 2020 at the Catholic Education Centre beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic set aside the requirements for delegation related to Education Development Charges for the November 10, 2020 and November 24, 2020 EDC Public meetings.

**CARRIED**

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Calendar of Events – November 2020**

Director Cipriano highlighted the Calendar of Events for November 2020 and the Policy Committee noted that the November Policy Committee meeting has been cancelled.

**4.2 Draft Letter to Premier Ford and Stephen Lecce**

As requested by the Board on October 13, 2020, Director Cipriano presented the draft letter addressed to Premier Ford and Minister Lecce regarding the issue of declining confidence in publicly funded Catholic education.

Discussion took place and edits were made to the letter.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**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 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**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 29, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**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 13, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

**SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**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 29, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**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 13, 2020, 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 27, 2020:

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F6

**CARRIED (Item F6)**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F12.1

**CARRIED (Item F12.1)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the October 27, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 27, 2020**.

Approved on **November 24, 2020**.

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Frank Fera  
Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer