



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 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 Trustee O'Leary.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Burtnik noted that Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau asked to be excused and that Trustee Nieuwesteeg will take his seat for the Board meeting.

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of November 22, 2011.

CARRIED

| Trustee | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓ | | |
| Kathy Burtnik | ✓ | | |
| Maurice Charbonneau | | | ✓ |
| Frank Fera | ✓ | | |
| Fr. Paul MacNeil | ✓ | | |
| Ed Nieuwesteeg | ✓ | | |
| Ted O'Leary | ✓ | | |
| Dino Sicoli | ✓ | | |
| Student Trustees | | | |
| Ryan Creelman | ✓ | | |
| Patrick Morris | ✓ | | |

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, 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 Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of November 22, 2011, 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 Meetings

5.1 Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 25, 2011

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 25, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 15, 2011

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 15, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Mario Ciccarelli, Superintendent of Education introduced Ken Czaplicki, Principal of St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Czaplicki, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

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

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2011 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2011:

2.1 Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on the May 2009 Board Approved Motions of the Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary Schools

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board directs Senior Administrative Council:

1. To continue to implement the May 2009 motions categorized under Action, Monitor and Establish;
2. To design and implement a plan to reduce surplus space usage in all facilities and report to the Board on the specific strategies utilized;
3. To design and implement a plan to reduce cost associated with surplus space in all facilities and report to the Board on the cost reductions;
4. To continue the review of all potential boundary adjustments to minimize specific enrolment pressures in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines and present options and recommendations to the standing Ad Hoc Attendance Committees of the Board;
5. To continue to research all potential school organizational options for the consideration of the Board; and,
6. To defer the report timelines within the May 2009 Board motions categorized under Report until no later than December 2012 and that within the report to the Board submit recommendations on the implementation of the May 2009 Board motions as required.

CARRIED

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 8, 2011

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 8, 2011, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. Unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting Notre Dame College and Associated Elementary Schools Area, and Port Robinson of November 8, 2011

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Unapproved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee Meeting - Notre Dame College and Associated Elementary Schools Area, and Port Robinson of November 8, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minister of Education Laurel Broten's Visit to Niagara Catholic

Director Crocco presented information on **the** Honorable Laurel Broten's, Ontario's new Minister of Education, visit to Saint Paul Catholic High School in Niagara Falls on November 10, 2011. He stated that it was Minister Broten's first major public event since being named Education Minister following the provincial election in Ontario, and her first visit to Niagara Catholic. Minister Broten's visit also marked the first time Saint Paul Catholic High School has hosted a Minister of Education.

Minister Broten was joined by local elected officials, Board Chairperson Burtnik, Trustees, Director Crocco and members of Senior Staff for the visit.

6. Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee

The Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information was presented for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 OCSTA Labour Relations Seminar

Trustee Burkholder presented information on the OCSTA Labour Relations Seminar, which she recently attended along with Chairperson Burkholder and Director Crocco.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 8, 2011

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 8, 2011 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2011

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – December 2011 for Trustees' information

**4.3 Niagara Catholic 2nd Annual Spelling Bee – November 30, 2011
Notre Dame College School**

Director Crocco presented information on Niagara Catholic's 2nd Annual Spelling Bee being held November 30, 2011 at Notre Dame College School.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

4.4 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School Blessing – December 8, 2011

Director Crocco informed Trustees of the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School's Blessing being celebrated on December 8, 2011.

Trustees were asked to inform Sherry Morena - Administrative Assistance, Corporate Services & Communications, if they will be in attendance at the Blessing.

4.5 Annual Administrators, Trustees, and Priest Faith Formation – December 15, 2011

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the Annual Administrators, Trustees, and Priest Faith Formation being held on December 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

4.6 Business Education Council (BEC) Breakfast – December 15, 2011

Director Crocco invited Trustees to attend the BEC Breakfast held on December 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Sherry Morena.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Notice of Motion

Trustee MacNeil presented the following Notice of Motion for presentation and discussion at the December 20, 2011 Board Meeting.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board request the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) to petition the Minister of Education to more adequately fund the reality of the true expenditures of Occasional / Supply Teachers which impacts the ability of school boards to direct greater portions of Ministry of Education funding directly to programs and services which impact student achievement.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of November 22, 2011.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
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 October 25, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
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 November 8, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

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 October 25, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

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 November 8, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Audit Committee Meeting (In Camera) of September 20, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Annual Report of the Niagara Catholic Audit Committee for the Fiscal Year ended August 31, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6.2)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the report on the Duties of the Audit Committee for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

CARRIED (Item F6.3)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 1. Organizational Meeting of the Board – December 6, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Committee of the Whole Meeting – December 6, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.***

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board is being held December 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the December 22, 2011 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 22, 2011.**

Approved on **31st** day **January 2012.**

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer