



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Trustee Fera.

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; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Board Services and Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 26, 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 April 28, 2009

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2009 as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. National and Provincial Academic Medalists

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, presented information on the National and Provincial Academic Medalists and welcomed Sherri Bassett, Junior Consultant, who introduced the award winners.

Chairperson Burtnik and Director Crocco presented the students with their awards.

- 1.1 - *Niagara Catholic Nation Fair Representative - Ottawa July 7 - 13, 2009*
 - *Jordan Politi, Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School*
- 1.2 - *Niagara Catholic District School Board Award*
 - *Madyson Sylvester, St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School*
- 1.3 - *Sabrina Waller, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Stevensville*
 - *Hannah McLeod, St. Mary Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls*
 - *Cara Lozano, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby*
 - *Connor Moffat, St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School*
 - *Cody Van der Kooi, Assumption Catholic Elementary School*
 - *Katherine Cornelius, Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School, St. Catharines*

2. Elli Kubarakos, St. Francis Catholic Secondary School

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, welcomed student Elli Kubarakos from St. Francis Catholic Secondary School, who presented her french speech to the Board.

Trustee Charbonneau presented Elli with a Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" Pin.

3. Denis Morris Catholic High School – Godspell Musical Presentation

Tony Bozza, Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School, introduced a group of students who entertained the Board with a Musical Presentation from Godspell.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked the students for their performance and asked Trustees Charbonneau and Scalzi to present the performers with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in the Arts” Pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced Theresa Murphy, Principal of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Murphy with the assistance of staff showcased Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Murphy and the staff for their presentation.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board’s consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2009.

2.1 Administration of Oral Medication to Students Under the Age of 18 During School Hours Policy (Policy 302.2 - Revised)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Administration of Oral Medication to Students Under the Age of 18 During School Hours Policy (Policy 302.2 - Revised), as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 2009-2010 Preliminary Annual Budget

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the report on the 2009-2010 Preliminary Annual Budget, as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Implications of a Phased-In Ban on the Sale of Bottled Water

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the report on the Implications of a Phased-In Ban on the Sale of Bottled Water.

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that Administrative Council be provided with additional time to collect further data and information to address implications of a phased-in ban on the sale of bottled water in Niagara Catholic. A consultation process with community stakeholders and partners is recommended, with information shared in a future report during the 2009-2010 school year.

CARRIED

2.4 Financial Reports

2.4.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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

CARRIED

2.4.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

3. Unapproved Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009.

3.1 Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School Addition and Alterations - Award of Construction Contract

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the award of a construction contract for the addition and alterations to Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School to Kenmore Management Inc.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget of \$3,047,460 funded from the source as presented, for the addition and alterations to Cardinal Newman Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

4. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 1, 2009

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 1, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**5. Annual Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration 2009
Partners in Catholic Education Symposium; System Faith Day 2009**

Superintendent Iannantuono presented the report on the Annual Niagara Catholic Graduation Celebration 2009; Partners in Catholic Education Symposium; System Faith Day 2009.

6. Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations

Director Crocco presented the Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-up Report and Recommendations.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board in accordance with the Board approved Niagara Catholic Pupil Accommodation Review Schedule for 2008-2009 the **Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary**, be received.

THAT following recommendations by Senior Staff as provided in the **Senior Staff Follow-Up Report and Recommendations on Pupil Accommodation Review for Niagara Falls Elementary, St. Catharines Elementary and St. Catharines Secondary** be received and considered for approval at the May 26th, 2009 Board Meeting;

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School be closed by September 2010 with St. Joseph students relocated through the Attendance Area process to St. Mary, St. Patrick and Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary Schools.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT, no sooner than September 2012 and subject to Ministry of Education funding and approval for a new school in the Warren Woods Estate and for an addition and renovations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, the closure of St. Thomas More Catholic Elementary School with the students relocated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT, over the next five years Senior Staff will monitor student population growth, projections, location and accommodation data in the southern portion of the City of Niagara Falls and if required, apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for a new elementary school in the Warren Woods Estate of Niagara Falls.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT, a Niagara Falls Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in Niagara Falls.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT, Senior Staff will continue to monitor the possibility of closing Michael J. Brennan Catholic Elementary School and that Senior Staff will bring a report to the Board no later than September 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School not be consolidated at this time subject to the Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review process and recommendations and that Senior Staff continues to monitor enrolment and report back to the Board no later than September 2012.

CARRIED

Trustees discussed the wording of motion regarding the proposed closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School. Trustee Burtnik handed over the role of the Chair in order to make an amendment to the motion. Trustees discussed the amendment to the motion and proposed friendly amendments in order to reflect the wishes of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Dekker
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT, no sooner than September 2012, the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School with students relocated through the Attendance Area process to Mother Teresa, St. Alfred, St. Anthony, St. Christopher and St. Denis Catholic Elementary Schools unless an approved joint venture is confirmed between the Niagara Catholic District School Board and a coterminous District School Board, with community partners to provide appropriate property in the downtown core, and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school.

NOT VOTED ON

AMENDED MOTION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT, not later than September 2012, a report be brought to the Board on the closure of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School which would occur no sooner than September 2012. The report will include recommendations on student relocation through the Attendance Area process. The Board will pursue all avenues for a joint venture school with community partners and the Ministry of Education to provide confirmed funding and approval for a new downtown elementary school.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT, a St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board be established in September 2009 to review the attendance boundaries for all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines. According to the Board's Attendance Area Policy 301.3, the mandate of the committee will be to recommend to the Board stability within all attendance areas while maximizing facility utilization of all elementary and secondary schools in St. Catharines.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT, the Board maintains all three Catholic secondary schools in St. Catharines and monitors the accommodation and utilization of all three Catholic secondary school facilities over the next five years.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT, Senior Staff will continue to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional funding and to identify other sources of funding in order to provide facility plant upgrades to St. Francis Catholic Secondary School.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT, Catholic Secondary Schools in St. Catharines will continue to have the opportunity to implement specialized programs providing sufficient student enrolment and Ministry of Education funding and approval.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence - re Pupil Accommodation Review

- 1.1 City of St. Catharines - Mayor Brian McMullan**
- 1.2 Yvonne Wok - Chair of St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School Council**
- 1.3 Gaetano DeBenedetti - St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School**

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

2.1 OCSTA Conference - May 7 - 9, 2009

Chairperson Burtnik asked that this item be deferred to the June 16, 2009 Board Meeting.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - May 12, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - May 12, 2009, issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Niagara Catholic Calendar of Events - June 2009

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic Calendar of Events - June 2009.

4.3 L'Aquila Earthquake Fundraiser

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

4.4 Katrina Catholic Scholarship Fundraiser

Director Crocco presented information on the Katrina Catholic Scholarship Fundraiser.

4.5 Specialist High Skills Major

– Arts & Culture - Niagara Catholic ACT

– Health & Wellness - Niagara Catholic PHASE

Director Crocco informed the Trustees' that the Niagara Catholic District School Board has received funding for the Specialist High Skills Major; Arts & Culture - Niagara Catholic ACT; and Health & Wellness - Niagara Catholic PHASE programs.

5. Open Question Period

A Question regarding the Closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls was presented.

Chairperson Burtnik stated that following an in-depth study by Senior Staff and the Accommodation Review Committee, that research shows that the declining enrolment makes it no longer financially feasible to keep St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls open.

Director Crocco stated that the students will continue to receive the excellence in Catholic Education in their new schools as of September 2010.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 10:50 p.m. and reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

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 April 28, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 May 12, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Crole

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 April 28, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
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 B: Student Trustees Excluded of May 12, 2009, 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 May 12, 2009:

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the sale of 0.12 acres of property at the south west corner of the Blessed Trinity Catholic High School site to Losani Homes, as per the Letter of Intent dated April 2, 2009.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the meeting be extended beyond 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the May 26, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 26, 2009**.

Approved on the **16th** day of **June 2009**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer