



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 28, 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 7:15 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Crole from attending the Board Meeting of April 28, 2009.

CARRIED

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; **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 Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2009, as amended to add Item D2.2 Correspondence Nominations of Regional Director at OCSTA AGM.

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 March 31, 2009

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Niagara Regional Science & Engineering Fair

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, introduced Dino Petruzzi, Teacher at Denis Morris Catholic High School, Andrew Boon, Vice-Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, and Denis Robertston, Vice-Principal of Denis Morris Catholic High School, who welcomed the award winning students and spoke briefly to their accomplishments. The students were presented with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" pins in honor of their achievements.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program - Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco gave brief background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Iannantuono introduced Lorrie MacKenzie, Principal of Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls.

Principal MacKenzie and the Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School Improvement Team introduced the staff members in attendance and showcased the school.

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

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 14, 2009.

2.1 Financial Reports

2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

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

CARRIED

2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

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

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2009

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 4, 2009, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. Revised Student Transportation Policy (#500.2)

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, presented the Revised Student Transportation Policy and highlighted the revisions being proposed in order to harmonize the current Transportation Policies of the Niagara Catholic District School Board and the District School Board of Niagara. These changes are to take effect September 2009.

Trustees asked questions of clarification.

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Transportation Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Niagara Catholic System Priorities – 2009-2010

Director Crocco presented the Niagara Catholic System Priorities – 2009-2010 as part of the transition towards a Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan.

Director Crocco explained that provided within each of the priorities are indicators to measure achievement which will be discussed regularly with Principals. Following Board approval, Administrative Council will continue with the finalization of the Budget for 2009-2010. The Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2009-2010 will be forwarded to all Principals, Bishop James Wingle, Catholic School Council Chairs and SEAC as well as being posted on the Board's website.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities – 2009-2010, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Implications of a Phased-In Ban on the Use of Bottled Water: Update

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects who presented the Implications of a Phased-In Ban on the Use of Bottled Water: Update, which is the result of a Notice of Motion put forth at the October 28, 2009 Board Meeting.

Trustees were informed that a report will be presented to the May 12, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting which will address the implications on the ban of Single-Use Plastic Water Bottles for the Niagara Catholic District School Board and include a recommendation for consideration.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

2.1 Cathy Buis, Chairperson of Holy Cross Catholic School Council

2.2 Nominations of Regional Director at OCSTA AGM

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

3.1 Pupil Accommodation Review - Senior Staff Follow-Up Report & Recommendations

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - April 14, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic - April 14, 2009, issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Catholic Education Week Planner - Sunday, May 3 - Friday, May 8, 2009

Director Crocco presented the Catholic Education Week Planner - Sunday, May 3 - Friday, May 8, 2009 for Trustees' information.

4.3 Catholic Education Week 2009 - Letter to all Students, Parents & Guardians

Director Crocco presented the Catholic Education Week 2009 - Letter to all Students, Parents & Guardians for Trustees' information.

4.4 Calendar of Events - May 2009

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

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2009.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 March 31, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 April 14, 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 March 31, 2009, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 April 14, 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 April 14, 2009.

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Mario Di Vittorio and Jeff Smith to the Secondary Principal Pool for a period of two years, effective April 28, 2009 and to approve an extension for another two year period for Robert DiPersio, James Whittard and Ken Griepsma.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the April 28, 2009 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 28, 2009.**

Approved on the **26th** day of **May 2009.**

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer