

**TO: Niagara Catholic District School Board
Board Meeting
Public Session
October 28, 2008**

**TOPIC: MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2008, as presented.



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Nieuwesteeg.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik.

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; **Khayyam Syne**, Administrator of Staff Development; **Christine Graham**, Program Officer - Curriculum; **Marcel Jacques**, Program Officer - Student Support 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 September 23, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item C1.1.2 of the Public Agenda. This item showed cheques issued to this trustee's family business. She refrained from voting on this item.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustees Dekker and Fera with Item G8.2 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board.

Upon reconsideration Trustee Fera withdrew his Conflict of Interest. Trustee Dekker left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings

5.1 June 17, 2008

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 17, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 June 19, 2008

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 19, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Academic & Athletic Medalists

1.1 Lakeshore Catholic Secondary School

Rob Ciarlo, Superintendent of Education, introduced Jim Whittard, Vice-Principal of Lakeshore Catholic High School, who presented video highlights of the Junior Boys' 4+ Rowing Crew that captured the CSSRA 2008 Bronze Medal, and Josh Forester, SOSSA champion for Midget Boys 100 meter dash, 100 meter hurdles and long jump, South Regionals Midget Boys 100 meter hurdles and OFSSA Bronze Midget Boys 100 meter hurdles. Mr. Whittard introduced these students as well as their coaches and congratulated on their many accomplishments.

1.2 Saint Michael Catholic High School

Mario Ciccarelli, Principal of Saint Michael Catholic High School, introduced the schools soccer coaches Pat Ricci, Seca, Sandro Seca, and Domenic Scozzafava.

Mr. Ricci presented video highlights of the schools OFSSA Championship Team. He introduced and congratulated the team members on their many successes.

2. Presentation to Philip & Sheri Martens - St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, spoke briefly on the 50th Anniversary of St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School and gave information on the enhancements to the entranceway and walkway which now contains a cross-shaped cement inlay with a time capsule inside to be opened Sept. 7, 2058. She informed that Board that these improvements were made possible in great part due to the physical and financial resources and time of Philip and Sheri Martens.

Mrs. Ricci, Principal of St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School, made a video presentation highlighting the enrichments of the school entrance. She acknowledged the continuous support of the parents and school community as well as the school board to enhance the beauty and functionality of the school.

The Board presented Mr. & Mrs. Martens with a plaque in appreciation for their generosity and dedication to the staff and students of St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2008 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Scalzi

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 9, 2008.

1.1 Financial Reports

1.1.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Belcastro
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Monthly Banking Transactions for the months of June, July and August, 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

1.1.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Crole
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at August 31, 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2008

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2008, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**3. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)
Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics
Primary and Junior Divisions and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2007-2008**

Superintendent Baldasaro introduced the EQAO Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Primary and Junior Divisions and Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, 2007-2008 report and accentuated the accomplishments of the students within the Niagara Catholic District School Board as compared to the provincial averages. Robert DiPersio, Administrator of Special Projects, presented highlights of the EQAO results.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. General Correspondence

Nil Report

2. Correspondence

2.1 Carousel Players - Thank You to Niagara Catholic District School Board

3. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

4. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

5. Trustee Information

Nil Report

6. Open Question Period

None submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Notice of Motion - Implications of a Phased-In Ban on the Use of Bottled Water

Trustee Fera put forth the following notice of motion for consideration at the October 28, 2008 Board Meeting.

WHEREBY the use of bottled water is becoming a public issue and whereas a number of municipalities are studying banning bottled water,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct staff to report the implications of a phased-in ban on the use of bottled water in all schools in the jurisdiction of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 9:20 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2008.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
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 June 17, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Dekker

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 September 9, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Fera

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 June 17, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Scalzi
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special In Camera Board Meeting July 2, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5.2)

Moved by Belcastro
Seconded by 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 September 9, 2008, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F6)

The following motion was reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded:

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the sale of property as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded of September 23, 2008.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Staffing Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED (Item F7)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Crole

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board support the Board negotiating team to proceed as outlined in the motion under Item 8.2 of the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded.

CARRIED (Item F8.2)

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board deny the request outlined in Item 8.3 of the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - Section B: Student Trustees Excluded.

CARRIED (Item F8.3)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

THAT the September 23, 2008 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 23, 2008**.

Approved on the **28th** day of **October 2008**.

Ed Nieuwesteeg
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer