



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 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 Sicoli.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Nieuwesteeg from attending the Board Meeting of February 22, 2011.

CARRIED

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

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, 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 February 22, 2011, as amended:

ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA

ITEM C8 – Long Term Financing of Capital Projects Completed by August 31, 2010

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 January 25, 2011

Trustee MacNeil raised a question regarding the Catholic Leadership: Principal and Vice-Principal Selection Policy which went directly from the January Policy Committee to the January Board Meeting rather than the usual process as indicated in Board By-Law Section 17.

Chairperson Burtnik explained that no procedural error was made; and that the Policy had followed the process from Policy Committee to Committee of the Whole before being referred from the Committee of the Whole back to the Policy Committee; and that the Policy Committee then approved the Catholic Leadership: Principal/Vice-Principal Selection Policy recommendation to the Board.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

1. United Way Campaign 2010

Chairperson Burtnik and Director Crocco welcomed John Nicol, President, and Paul Leon, Campaign Chair, from the United Way of South Niagara and presented them with a cheque in the amount of \$25,795.00 which is the total raised by Niagara Catholic District School Board employees during the 2010 campaign.

Mr. Nicol and Mr. Leon addressed the Board and express their gratitude to Niagara Catholic for there on-going support of the United Way of South Niagara.

2. Aaron Bailey: Loran Award Recipient Saint Michael Catholic Secondary

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Mario Ciccarelli, Principal of Saint Michael Catholic High School. Principal Ciccarelli introduced Grade 12 student Aaron Bailey. Aaron was one of thirty (30) Loran Scholars chosen as a recipient for the prestigious Loran Award from over 4000 applicants that were received from across Canada.

The Loran Award grants scholarships based on a mix of academic achievement, extra curricular activity and leadership potential. The Award includes four years of funding for undergraduate studies and a comprehensive enrichment program from partnering universities.

Aaron thanked the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the gift of Catholic Education and stated that it has molded him into the person he is today.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Regional Police Senior Resource Officer Program

Director Crocco welcomed Carl Scott, Niagara Regional Police Superintendent in charge of the Western Region, and Cory Weadick, School Resource Program Constable. He stated that Niagara Catholic has nurtured a valued partnership with the Niagara Regional Police.

Superintendent Scott presented an overview of the School Resource Officer Program, and the many benefits it provides to students, teachers and parents. He stated that the presence and interaction of uniformed officers in the Secondary Schools have given the school communities a sense of security and partnership.

Constable Weadick spoke to the great success of the Niagara Regional Police Senior Resource Officer Program in Niagara Falls. He stated that along with presentations being made to the students regarding topics such as bully and cyber-bullying, that they also make their presence and partnership visible by attending school dances and sporting events.

The successful completion of the Program in Niagara Falls has lead to the expansion of the program into the #1 District of the Western Region which encompasses St. Catharines and Thorold.

2. St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Grimsby) Award for Design Excellence

James Woods, Controller of Plant, welcomed Venerino Panici of Venerino V.P. Panici Architects Inc. who presented the Board with the 2010 Niagara Community Design Award for excellence in architectural design which they received for excellence in architectural design for the design of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Grimsby.

The design awards which are run by the Region of Niagara, in partnership with the Niagara Economic Development Corporation and the Niagara Society of Architects, honour local projects which contribute noteworthy designs to communities, and focuses on projects that enhance the built environment, efficiently use land, and demonstrate creativity and vision.

3. School Excellence Program – Assumption Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education introduced Clare Ventresca, Principal of Assumption Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Ventresca with the assistance of students and staff showcased Assumption Catholic Elementary as part of the School Excellence Program.

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

4. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 8, 2011 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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

CARRIED

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

4.1 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2011-2012

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2011-2012, as presented.

CARRIED

5. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 12, 2011

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 12, 2011, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of January 2011, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at January 31, 2011, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7. **St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby - Solar Photovoltaic Systems Award of Construction Contract**

Controller of Plant Woods presented the report on the St. Joseph and Our Lady of Fatima, Grimsby - Solar Photovoltaic Systems Award of Construction Contract.

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

1. **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the award of a construction contract to Carmanah Technologies Corp., for the supply and installation of rooftop solar photovoltaic systems at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School facilities.
2. **THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the project budget of \$2,610,746, for the supply and installation of rooftop solar photovoltaic systems at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School facilities.

CARRIED

8. **Long Term Financing of Capital Projects Completed by August 31, 2010**

Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, presented the report on the Long Term Financing of Capital Projects Completed by August 31, 2010.

Trustee MacNeil abstained from voting on this item as he did not have a copy of the report to review.

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

- THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Borrowing By-Law #A1-2011 and the related documents with respect to the issue of Long Term Financing of the Prohibitive to Repair Projects Substantially completed by August 31, 2010, as presented.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

1.1 **Letter – Megan Grocholsky, Student Trustee**

Director Crocco presented a letter from Trustee Megan Grocholsky regarding her pleasure at having had the opportunity to participate as a Student Trustee with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Student Trustees Shelby Levesque and Patrick Fowler presented information on the OSTA Conference they attended in Ottawa recently.

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

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 8, 2011

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

4.2 Calendar of Events – March 2011

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

4.3 Blessing – St. Ann Catholic Adult Learning Centre, Niagara Falls

Director Crocco informed Trustees that with the closure of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Niagara Falls, the schools was transformed into the new St. Ann Catholic Learning Centre. The Blessing of the St. Ann Catholic Adult Learning Centre is scheduled for March 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

4.4 Trustee & Senior Staff Faith Formation Retreat – March 30, 2011

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Trustee & Senior Staff Faith Formation Retreat at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre has been rescheduled for March 30, 2011.

4.5 Niagara Catholic Audit Committee

Director Crocco informed Trustees that with the Board approved Audit Committee in December 2010 and the appointment of Trustees Burtnik, MacNeil and Nieuwesteeg, Joanne Kushner, Senior Corporate Accounting for Complex Services (Niagara Casinos) and Marco Vertrone, Treasurer of Brock University, to the Committee. The Director and Larry Reich, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services, will serve as resources to the Audit Committee. The group will be attending a two day mandatory Induction and Training Session by the Ministry of Education in on February 24 & 25, 2011.

4.6 Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference 2011 – March 31 – April 2, 2011

Director Crocco presented an update on the Ontario Catholic Student Leadership Conference 2011 being held in Niagara Falls from March 31 to April 2, 2011. He stated that invitations had been sent to the Premier, Minister of Education, OCSTA, OCSOA, Bishops from across Ontario, and Sr. Joan from the Institute for Catholic Education. Trustees were invited to attend the OCSLC, and to confirm their attendance with Linda Marconi, Executive Assistant.

4.7 Groundbreaking Ceremony – St. Mark Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for St. Mark Catholic Elementary School is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2011.

4.8 Groundbreaking Ceremony - Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the tentative Groundbreaking Ceremony for Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School is scheduled for April 5, 2011.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 25, 2011, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 February 8, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 January 25, 2011, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 February 8, 2011, 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 February 8, 2011:

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F5.2)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1.1 Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committees

Director Crocco presented information on the Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committees.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee O'Leary
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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

Approved on the **29th** day of **March 2011**.

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer