



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, in the Father Kenneth Burns C.S.C. Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

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

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee O'Leary.

2. Roll Call

Chair MacNeil note that Trustee Nieuwesteeg was excused from the meeting.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg				✓
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Michaela Bodis	✓			
Aidan Harold	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Item F10 of the In Camera Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2015

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Edward Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education introduced Adrian Bishop, Principal of St. Edward Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Bishop, through a creative video showcased St. Edward Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil thanked Principal Bishop and staff for their presentation.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2015

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 13, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of September 9, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. **Award of Construction Contract for the New St. Martin Catholic Elementary School**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services announced the Ministry of Education approval to proceed with the construction of the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School. Controller Whitwell presented the Award of Construction contract for the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School for the consideration of the Board.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Award of Construction Contract for the new St. Martin Catholic Elementary School to Brouwer Construction (1981) Ltd., as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2015-2016**

Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education presented the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee 2015-2016 report for Trustee information.

6. **Financial Reports**

6.1 **Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at August 30, 2015**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at August 30, 2015.

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at August 30, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

1.1 **October 20, 2015 Niagara Poverty Reduction Network Letter**

Chair MacNeil highlighted information contained in the October 20, 2015 letter from Niagara Poverty Reduction Network. Director Crocco confirmed that a copy of the letter would be placed in staff personnel files.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Vernal and Trustee Burtnik commented on the OCSTA 2015 Fall Regional Meeting. Vice-Chair Sicoli congratulated Student Trustees Michaela Bodis and Aidan Harold on their participation.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco reported that progress is being made on a number of reports as required by the Board approved System Priorities for 2015-2016. As these reports are finalized they will be the main focus of upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings for the consideration of Trustees.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 13, 2015

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – October 13, 2015

4.2 Calendar of Events – November 2015

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events for Trustees information.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Blessing of Lakeshore Catholic High School on October 29, 2015 and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant to Corporate Services & Communications.

4.3 OCSTA Travel Insurance Policy – December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the option to apply for OCSTA Travel Accident Insurance Policy from December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016 with a deadline date of November 20, 2015.

Trustee Burtnik answered questions of Trustees.

4.4 CCSTA 2017 Steering Committee Meeting – November 11, 2015.

Director Crocco announced the CCSTA 2017 Steering Committee Meeting will be held on November 11, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at Johnny Rocca's, St. Catharines and requested that all Trustees interested in joining one of many planning committees for the CCSTA 2017 Conference, co-hosted by Niagara Catholic District School Board and Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud, confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session.

CARRIED

Prior to moving into the In-Camera section of the Board Meeting, Trustee Charbonneau thanked CUPE members present in the Board Room for their respectful and peaceful rally.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of October 27, 2015.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 September 29, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 October 13, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 September 29, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 October 13, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F6.1

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the October 27, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 27, 2015**.

Approved on **November 24, 2015**.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer