



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 29, 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 Chairperson Burtnik.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Burkholder  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee O'Leary from attending the Board Meeting of March 29, 2011.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Ted O'Leary			✓
Dino Sicoli	✓		
<b>Student Trustees</b>			
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; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/ Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 29, 2011, as amended:

**ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA**

ITEM B2 Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority ECO School Program Awards

**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 February 22, 2011**

Trustee MacNeil requested the minutes be amended to include reference to the Board By-Law Section 17 as it refers to the duties of the Policy Committee.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 22, 2011, as amended to incorporate information on the Board By-Laws as it refers to the duties of the Policy Committee.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Lakeshore Catholic High School Play "Pressure"**

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Danny DiLorenzo, Principal of Lakeshore Catholic High School, who spoke to the play "Pressure" which won the award for the Best Play for Social Justice Issues and Dallas Suess won for best original sound.

The students explained the premise of the play and performed a portion of the play for the Board.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked the students for their outstanding performance.

2. **Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority ECO School Program Awards**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, welcomed Barry Porter, Restoration Program Assistant, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority ECO School Program Awards. Mr. Porter presented information on the Watershed Restoration Program stating that is a hands-on learning opportunity for both elementary and high school students. The program encourages young people to take an active role in local water quality and habitat improvements through planning and developing a native wildflower garden on their school grounds.

Mr. Porter presented the following schools with plaques for their participation in the ECO Schools Program: St. Edward Catholic Elementary School; Alexander Kuska Catholic Elementary School; Denis Morris Catholic High School; Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School; St. Ann Catholic Elementary School; St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School; St. Francis Catholic Secondary School; St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School; St. Mary Catholic Elementary School; St. Nicholas Catholic Elementary School; St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School.

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. School Excellence Program - St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, introduced John Bosco, Principal of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Grimsby.

Principal Bosco, with the assistance of students and staff showcased St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

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

### 2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 8, 2011 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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

**CARRIED**

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

#### 2.1 Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3)

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Complaint Resolution Policy (800.3), as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 2.2 Nutrition Policy (302.7)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Nutrition Policy (302.7), as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 2, 2011**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 2, 2011, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Information.

**5. Financial Reports**

**5.1 Monthly Banking Transactions**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 28, 2011, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Correspondence**

Nil Report

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Chairperson Burtnik and Trustee Burkholder gave a brief update on the Annual Catholic School Council Spring Convention held on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

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

Nil Report

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 22, 2011**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – February 22, 2011, issue for Trustees' information.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2011**

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

**4.3 Trustee & Senior Staff Faith Formation Retreat – March 30, 2011**  
**Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Trustee & Senior Staff Faith Formation Retreat March 30, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Gerard Bergie.

**4.4 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.

Trustees were invited to attend any or all of the activities.

**4.5 Special Board Meeting following April Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Director Crocco informed Trustees that a Tentative Special Board Meeting on April 12, 2011, following the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**4.6 Tentative Ground Breaking Ceremony**  
**Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School – April 27, 2011**

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that the Tentative Groundbreaking Ceremony for Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School is scheduled for April 27, 2011.

**4.7 Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures**

Director Crocco presented Trustees with a copy of the Municipal, Provincial and Federal Election Administrative Procedures.

**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 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 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 March 29, 2011.

**CARRIED**

## **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
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 February 22, 2011, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
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 March 8, 2011, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

## **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**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 February 22, 2011, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder  
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 March 8, 2011, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the March 29, 2011 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Approved on the **26<sup>th</sup>** day of **April 2011.**

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Kathy Burtnik  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer