



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Once all Trustees were confirmed to be connected electronically, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Prince

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were electronically in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder		✓		
Kathy Burtnik		✓		
Frank Fera		✓		
Larry Huibers		✓		
Daniel Moody		✓		
Leanne Prince		✓		
Dino Sicoli		✓		
Paul Turner		✓		
Student Trustees				
Jade Bilodeau		✓		
Luca DiPietro		✓		

The following staff were electronically in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Pat Rocca**, 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 Moody

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 23, 2020, as amended.

Item F9 placed after F14

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers and Moody with Item F9.4 and Trustee Fera with Items F9.3 and F9.4 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 May 5, 2020

5.2 May 26, 2020

5.3 June 9, 2020

5.4 June 15, 2020

5.5 June 16, 2020

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 5 & 26 and June 9, 15 & 16, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Items F4.5 and F7 be held. Item F4.5 was moved to Section F15 of the In-Camera agenda, and Item F7 was moved to Section F11 of the In-Camera agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 9, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of June 9, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 Larkin Estate Admission Awards 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the payment of \$4,725.00 for Larkin Estate Admission Awards for eligible students, as presented.

6.1.2 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan, *Building Bridges and Services 2020 and Beyond*, as presented.

6.1.3 Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dated Calendar 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Draft Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2020-2021, as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of May 6, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 6, 2020, as presented.

6.3 Executive Council Power – July & August 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature, recommended by the Director of Education, if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2020.

6.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F4.1, F4.2, F4.3, F4.4, F5, F6, and F8

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board adopt the consent agenda items.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Trustees and Co-Chairs – Student Senate 2019-2020 Appreciation

Director Crocco expressed gratitude and pride on the insights, abilities, leadership and commitment to Catholic education of Student Trustees Jade Bilodeau and Luca DiPietro. He listed the many achievements Jade has accomplished and wished her all the best in all her future endeavours.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Fera acknowledged Student Trustee Jade Bilodeau for her commitment to Catholic education, her humility and her work in social justice. He noted that with her diligence, honesty, integrity and creativity she will not only prevail to the common good, but will prevail as a top notch university student.

Student Trustee Jade Bilodeau expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a Student Trustee, and thanked Trustees for being mentors and for welcoming her and treating her like a family. She acknowledge senior staff for their dedication, education and guidance. She expressed gratitude to Director Crocco for being a role model to herself and for the ongoing support to herself as well as the 23,000 students he serves. Jade acknowledged her co-chair Luca DiPietro and wished him and incoming Student Trustee Sydney Yott all the best for the coming year.

Student Trustee Luca DiPietro noted the greater appreciation he has gained for the Catholic education system during his first year as a Student Trustee, and noted the growth and learning he has experienced would not have been possible without Trustees and Senior Staff. He thanked the Trustees for their warmth, kindness and encouragement to find his voice. To the members of senior staff he thanked them for their hard work. Luca acknowledge the influence that Director Crocco has had on him throughout his journey as a student leader. He thanked him

for his support, leadership and mentorship. To his co-chair, he acknowledged how blessed he was to have Jade as a co-chair and wished her luck as she moves on to University.

2. **Secondary Education Alternate Rural Delivery – Lord Mayor Betty Disero and Caroline Polgrabia**

Lord Mayor Betty Disero and Caroline Polgrabia presented the Secondary Education Alternative Rural Delivery.

Lord Mayor Disero and Ms. Polgrabia answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. **Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home and September 2020 Re-opening Plan**

Director Crocco provided an update on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning from Home and a plan for September 2020 Re-opening.

Director Crocco provided a brief update on the input of the Thoughtexchange and noted a more detailed report will be provided to the Board.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

2. **Ministry of Education GSN Funding for Original Estimates Budget 2020-2021**

Giancarlo Vetrone presented the Ministry of Education GSN Funding for Original Estimates Budget 2020-2021.

Director Crocco suggested that a Special Board meeting take place on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 to present the original estimates for the 2020-2021 year if quorum can be reached.

3. **Financial Report as at May 31, 2020**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence**

Nil

2. **Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil

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

- Plan for a Special Board meeting on July 14, 2020 to be confirmed for the Original Estimates Budget 2020-2021.
- Continue to work on a plan for September re-opening.

- Continue to work on the final report of the System Priorities 2019-2020 to present to the September Board meeting.
- Continue to work on the cyclical review of policies.
- Continue to look at school and system level staffing requirements for the fall.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 and D4.2 for the information or questions of Trustees.

Director Crocco highlighted the Catholic Education Centre summer hours for Trustees information and noted that all school marquee signs across the system will have the Board office phone number as well as the on-line registration web address for families who wish to register for September 2020.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – June 9, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – September 2020

Chair Fera took this time to express his, and the Board's gratitude, to Superintendent's Baldasaro, Iannantuono and Controller Whitwell. To Superintendent Baldasaro he noted that her work has been characterized by her honesty, integrity and diligence. He thanked Superintendent Iannantuono for his diligence, dedication and assiduous service to the Niagara Catholic District School Board. To Controller Whitwell he expressed appreciation for his experience, work ethics and his candid and social personality. Chair Fera acknowledged his pride and admiration in Director Crocco's accomplishments as a teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal, Superintendent and as the Director for the past 12 years. He expressed gratitude for utilizing his endless energy to promote and enhance the educational wellbeing of Niagara Catholic by working closely with Bishop Bergie to enrich Catholic education through the Strategic Plan of Vision 2020. He wished them all well during their retirement on behalf of the Board.

Trustees Turner, Burtnik, Prince, Huibers and Burkholder echoed their appreciation and best wishes.

Director Crocco, on behalf of all retirees wished the Board continued success and thanked the Board for the privilege of serving students, families, staff, Bishop's, Pastors, the community and the Board in the vocation of Catholic education.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
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 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 12:20 a.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 23, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 May 26, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 June 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 May 5, 26, June 9 & 15, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 June 9, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the June 23, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 23, 2020**.

Approved on **September 29, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer