



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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 6:30 p.m. by Chair Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Huibers.

2. Roll Call

Chair Huibers noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were 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				
Luca DiPietro	✓			
Sydney Yott	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera, Huibers and Moody with Items F8 and F9.3 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.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Item F12 of the In Camera Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2021

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 9, 2021 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of February 9, 2021, as presented.

6.1.1 Accessibility Customer Service Policy (800.8.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Accessibility Customer Service Policy (800.8.1), as presented.

6.1.2 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars: 2021-2022

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

6.2 Financial Investment Report as of December 31, 2020

Presented for information.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of January 6, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 6, 2021, as presented.

6.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6 & F7

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Special Equipment Amount – SEAiT Software

Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Special Equipment Amount funding and introduced Alyson Armstrong, SEA Facilitator and David O'Rourke, Student Support Coordinator.

Ms. Armstrong and Mr. O'Rourke presented the SEAiT Software report for Trustee information.

Superintendent Pizzoferrato, Mr. O'Rourke and Ms. Armstrong answered questions of Trustees.

2. Niagara Catholic 2021 Recruitment Campaign

Director Cipriano and Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer presented the Niagara Catholic 2021 Recruitment Campaign report.

3. Financial Report as at January 31, 2021

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

Trustee Fera provided highlights on Part 1 of the Intensive Human Rights Program for School Board Leaders on systemic inequality.

Trustee Prince provided highlights on Part 2 of the Intensive Human Rights Program.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

3.1 April 12, 2021 March Break/Committee of the Whole Meeting

Director Cipriano noted that with the Ministry postponement of the March Break to April 12, 2021 the Committee of the Whole will be taking place during the break.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – March 2021

Director Cipriano presented the March 2021 Calendar of Events.

4.2 Discussion took place regarding supporting a Denis Morris Catholic High School student.

4.3 Discussion took place regarding graduation dates.

4.4 Director Cipriano provided an update on asymptomatic testing scheduled to take place at Niagara Catholic Board sites from independent vendors.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of February 23, 2021.

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 26, 2021, 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 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

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 B: Student Trustees Excluded of January 26, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

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 B: Student Trustees Excluded of February 9, 2021, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F8 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F8)

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the public session at this time.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board direct Board legal counsel to oversee an independent investigation of Chair Larry Huibers, conducted by an external investigator as selected by Board legal counsel as per our policy.

CARRIED

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 23, 2021**.

Approved on **March 23, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer