



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 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 Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Student Trustee Johnstone.

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burkholder.

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Benoit and Student Trustee Geremia asked to be excused.

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Bruzzese joined electronically.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit				✓
Joseph Bruzzese		✓		
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Charlotte Johnstone	✓			
Emilio Geremia				✓

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, **Domenic Massi**, **Joseph Zaroda**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Julia Tiessen**, Executive Officer of Human Resources; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2023**

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 26, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Di Lorenzo requested Item 7.1.5 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 10, 2023 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of October 10, 2023, as presented.

7.1.1 **Board By-Laws Policy (100.1)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board By-Laws Policy (100.1), as presented.

7.1.2 **Trustee Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Electronic Meetings (Board and Committees) Policy (100.8), as presented.

7.1.3 **Letter to Minister Lecce**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Letter to Minister Lecce, as presented.

7.1.4 Letter to Ministers Lecce and Parsa

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Letter to Ministers Lecce and Parsa,, as presented.

7.1.5 Letter to Bishop Bergie and Fr. Paul MacNeil

Moved to section C3

7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of September 6, 2023

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of September 6, 2023, as presented.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 16, 2023

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of June 16, 2023, as presented for information

7.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2.2, F2.2, F2.3, F2.4, F3 & F4

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Continuing Education Program

Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education provided background information on the Continuing Education Program and introduced John Belcastro, Principal of Continuing Education and Marla Rapattoni, Vice-Principal of Continuing Education.

Mr. Belcastro and Ms. Rapattoni presented the Continuing Education Program for information.

Mr. Belcastro and Ms. Rapattoni answered questions of Trustees.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024

Kim Kinney, Superintendent of Education presented the Math Achievement Action Plan for 2023-2024.

Superintendent Kinney answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board endorse the Niagara Catholic District School Board Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024.

CARRIED

2. Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results for the 2022-2023 Assessments

Superintendent Kinney presented the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Results for the 2022-2023 Assessments for information.

Superintendent Kinney answered questions of Trustees.

Chair Di Lorenzo handed the role of chair to Vice-Chair Burkholder during discussion of Item C3

3. Consent Agenda Item A7.1.5

3.1 Letter to Bishop Bergie and Fr. Paul MacNeil

Following discussion, the following motion was put forward.

Moved by Trustee Di Lorenzo
Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rescind the motion to send the letter to Bishop Bergie and Fr. Paul MacNeil.

CARRIED

Trustee Di Lorenzo resumed the roll of Chair.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Director Cipriano highlighted information contained in the OCSTA Memorandum regarding the 2024 AGM Resolutions.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Nil Report

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – November 2023

Director Cipriano highlighted the November 2023 Calendar of Events.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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 8:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of October 24, 2023.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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 26, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **October 24, 2023**.

Approved on **November 28, 2023**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer