



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 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 Di Lorenzo.

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Turner is excused, Trustee Benoit's absence was approved due to sanction and 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				✓
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
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**, 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 Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 23, 2024, as amended.

**CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE IN CAMERA AGENDA TO 10.1, 10.4, 10.2 & 10.3  
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**

**6.1 March 19, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Marino

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 19, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 April 9, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Marino

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 9, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7. Consent Agenda Items**

**7.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 9, 2024 and Consideration of Recommendations**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of April 9, 2024, as presented.

**7.1.1 Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10)**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary Standardized Dress Code Policy (302.6.10), as presented.

**7.1.2 Advocacy Policy (100.9)**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Advocacy Policy (100.9), as presented.

**7.1.3 Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2024-2025**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2024-2025, as presented.

**7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024, as presented for information.

**7.3 Approved Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee of November 7, 2023**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Growth and Retention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of November 7, 2023, as presented for information

**7.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5 & F10.1**

Moved by Trustee Marino  
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

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

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. Communications Update Advertising Campaign**

Director Cipriano provided background information on Communications Advertising Campaign and introduced Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer.

Ms. Pellegrini presented an update on Communications Advertising Campaign.

Ms. Pellegrini answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Financial Reports as of March 31, 2024**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Reports as of March 31, 2024 for Trustee information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

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

**1. Correspondence**

Nil

**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 – May 2024**

Director Cipriano highlighted the May 2024 Calendar of Events.

**4.2 Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration – June 13, 2024**

Director Cipriano extended an invitation to the Retirement & Service Recognition Celebration on June 13, 2024 and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

**4.3 Request for Support – 2024 AGM**

Chair Di Lorenzo highlighted and the Request for Support at the 2024 AGM.

**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 Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

**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 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

## **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 23, 2024.

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Trustee Marino

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 March 19, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

**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 April 9, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting - SECTION B: Trustee and Director Only of April 9, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F10.1)**

The Board received a Staffing Report listing new hires, resignations and retirements.

The Board was provided with a Human Resources Services Status Report summarizing the status of grievances.

Secondary Vice-Principal Pool Selection and Secondary Principal and Vice-Principal Assignment for the 2024-2025 School Year was announced for Trustee information.

Executive Compensation and Director of Education Performance Appraisal were reviewed.

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Marino

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F10.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F10.2)**

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F10.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F10.3)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Marino

**THAT** the April 23, 2024 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 23, 2024**.

Approved on **May 28, 2024**.

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Danny Di Lorenzo  
Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer