



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 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 7:12 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik

2. Roll Call

Chairperson MacNeil noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary		✓		
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal	✓			
Student Trustees				
Demizio, Chloe	✓			
Di Pasquale, Jessica	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, 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 Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Item F8 of the In Camera Agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2015

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 28, 2015 as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. United Way South Niagara

John Crocco, Director of Education introduced Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, Executive Director, United Way South Niagara.

Ms. Coleman-Lawrie provided a brief presentation on the United Way South Niagara and acknowledged the generosity of Niagara Catholic staff over the years.

Chair MacNeil, Vice-Chair Sicoli and Director Crocco presented a check to Tamara Coleman-Lawrie, for \$33,000.00 that Niagara Catholic raised towards the 2014 Annual United Way of South Niagara Community Campaign.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education introduced Robert Grand, Principal of St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School.

Principal Grand, with the assistance of students, staff and parents showcased St. Philomena Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson MacNeil, Vice Chair Sicoli and Student Trustee Demizio thanked Principal Grand, the staff and students for their presentation and performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2015 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 12, 2015:

2.1 Approval of Policies

2.1.1 Student Suspension Policy (302.6.4)

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Student Suspension Policy (302.6.4), as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.2 Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5)

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revised Student Expulsion Policy (302.6.5), as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Education Development Charges – Regulatory Requirement

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board that for the purposes of Section 9(1) paragraph 8 of Ontario Regulation 20/98, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has reviewed its operating budget with respect to any savings that could be applied to reduce growth related net education land costs, and has determined that funds will not be available to reduce growth related net education land costs.

THAT for the purposes of Section 9(1) paragraph 6 of Ontario Regulation 20/98, the Niagara Catholic District School Board will consider arrangements with municipalities, school boards or other boards or persons or bodies in the public or private sector, including arrangements of a long-term or co-operative nature, subject to the Board's Facility Partnerships Policy, No. 800.6, adopted on May 25, 2010.

CARRIED

2.3 Board Meeting Calendar 2015-2016

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the Board Meeting Dates Calendar 2015-2016, as presented.

CARRIED

2.4 Report on the 2015-2016 Board Budget

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the 2015-2016 Annual Budget, as presented.

DEFEATED

Director Crocco and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided information on the legislative requirement to notify the Ministry of Education and the known outcome for the Board by the Ministry of Education. They then engaged Trustees in a discussion on the Committee of the Whole recommended balanced Annual Budget 2015-2016 to the May 26, 2015 Board.

Senior Administration answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board reconsider the vote.

CARRIED

Student Trustee Di Pasquale requested a recorded vote to be taken, recognizing that the Student Trustees vote is non-binding.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the 2015-2016 Annual Budget, as presented.

CARRIED

Student Trustees (non-binding)

NAME	YEA	NAY
Jessica Di Pasquale	✓	
Chloe Demizio	✓	

NAME	YEA	NAY
Frank Fera	✓	
Moe Charbonneau	✓	
Kathy Burtnik	✓	
Pat Vernal	✓	
Ted O'Leary	✓	
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓	
Dino Sicoli	✓	
Father Paul MacNeil	✓	

3. **Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of April 8, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Vernal
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 8, 2015 as presented for information.

CARRIED

4. **Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of March 26, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of March 26, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5. **May Board Meeting System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 - Update**

Director Crocco, Superintendent Vetrone and Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education presented a verbal report of the May Board Meeting System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 – Update for information.

Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

6. **Proposed Education Development Charge By-Laws**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Proposed Education Development Charge By-Laws Report for information.

7. **Financial Reports**

7.1 **Monthly Banking Transactions**

Trustee Burtnik noted a conflict of interest with this item and did not take part in the consideration of, or vote on any question with relation to this item.

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Monthly Banking Transactions report.

Moved by Trustee Fera
Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of April 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures report.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at April 30, 2015, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Director Crocco, highlighted information contained in the letter from Leila Smith, Saint Michael Catholic High School.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustees Sicoli, Fera and Burtnik highlighted their attendance at the OCSTA AGM 2015 Conference.

Trustee Burtnik and Chair MacNeil took the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate Student Trustee Jessica Di Pasquale on receiving the 2015 Grimsby and District Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award. Director Crocco and Trustee Burtnik will be attending the Chamber of Commerce celebration gala.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Special Board Meeting on Education Development Charge on June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 12, 2015

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 12, 2015.

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2015

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – June 2015 for Trustees information and reminded Trustees of the June 7, 2015 Family Mass and Picnic and the June 19, 2015 Retirement and Service Recognition Celebration. Director Crocco asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications.

4.3 Dr. William Orr Tribute Award

Director Crocco announced the Boards receipt of the Dr. William Orr Tribute Award which “recognizes outstanding dedication to supporting the mission and vision of Niagara

Children's Centre and positively impacting the quality of life of children and youth with disabilities in the Niagara Region".

4.4 Student Surveys

Director Crocco presented the draft student surveys for Grade 8 and Grade 12 Graduates for Trustee information and asked that any suggestions for either survey be submitted to him by Friday, May 29, 2015. A summary of the results of the survey will be shared with Principals and the Board in the fall.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

4.5 OCSTA 2016 AGM Conference

Director Crocco informed Trustees that Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant of Corporate Services & Communications has reserved accommodations for all Trustees for the OCSTA 2016 AGM Conference. Trustees are to confirm accommodations with Anna Pisano by March 2016.

4.6 Institute for Catholic Education

Director Crocco informed Trustees that three of our staff members, one elementary and two secondary, have been selected by the Institute for Catholic Education to join summer writing teams on revisions to the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Trustees will be kept posted on the development of Catholic resources and will be provided with a copy of the letter to be sent to all families in September 2015 on the new curriculum.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

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 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:27 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Vernal

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 26, 2015.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 April 28, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 May 12, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.3)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.4)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F4.5 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F4.5)

Moved by Trustee Fera

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 April 28, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the June 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole and the June 16, 2015 Board Meeting dates.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Vernal

THAT the May 26, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on May 26, 2015.

Approved on June 16, 2015.

Fr. Paul MacNeil
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer