



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 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 7:03 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Fera

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera 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				
Jade Bilodeau	✓			
Madison McKinney	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Burkholder requested that the private and confidential correspondence received by Trustees and copied to Director Crocco be added to the correspondence section of Section B of the In-Camera Agenda.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT correspondence received by Trustees be added to Session B of the In-Camera agenda.

DEFEATED

Trustee Burkholder requested Item B4 be removed from the Agenda as the presentation could impact central and local negotiations with occasional teachers.

Chair Fera invited OECTA Elementary President, Marie Balanowski to address the Board on Item B4. Ms. Balanowski stated that Item B4 would not impact negotiations and that no Trustees have a conflict of interest with the OECTA presentation.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

THAT Item B4 be removed from the Agenda.

DEFEATED

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2019, presented:

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item F8.2 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has a family member mentioned in the report.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with item C1 as this report relates to her family business.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Fera with Items F9.1 and F9.3 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Huibers with Items B4 of the Public Agenda and F9.3 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has a family member employed by the Board.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Moody with F8.2 and F9.1 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee has family members employed by the Board.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Prince with Item F8.2 of the In Camera Agenda. This trustee is too involved with this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 23, 2019

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 23, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2019 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of May 14, 2019, as presented.

6.1.1 Employee Hiring and Selection (Teachers) Policy (203.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Hiring and Selection (Teachers) Policy (203.1), as presented.

6.1.2 Safe Schools Policy (302.6)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Safe Schools Policy (302.6), as presented.

6.1.3 Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4)

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

6.1.4 Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5)

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

6.1.5 Financial Investment Policy (NEW)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Financial Investment Policy (NEW), as presented.

6.1.6 Corporate Cards, Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy (600.4)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Corporate Cards, Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy (600.4), as presented.

6.1.7 Operation of EarlyON Child and Family Centres Request for Proposal

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve a Board submission of a Request for Proposal to enter into direct contract negotiations with Niagara Region Children's Services in order to operate EarlyOn Child and Family Centres. In its submission, the Request for Proposal will consider the overall impact on the broader operations and culture of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, and has

developed an action plan to address any challenges with the operations of EarlyON Child and Family Centres by the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

6.1.8 Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2019-2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic System Priorities 2019-2020, as amended.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of January 16, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Staff Wellness Committee Meeting of January 16, 2019, as presented.

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

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Champion of the Arts Award

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education presented background information of the Champion of the Arts Awards and introduced Bradley Thachuk, Conductor of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Thachuk presented Dr. Christina LeRose, Itinerant Arts teacher for the Niagara Catholic District School Board with the Paul van Dongen Award for Excellence in Music Education.

Chair Fera expressed gratitude and appreciation to Dr. LeRose for her commitment to her students.

2. Niagara Catholic Elementary Choir

Superintendent Baldasaro presented background information of the Niagara Catholic Elementary Choir and called upon Dr. LeRose.

Dr. LeRose introduced the Niagara Catholic Elementary Choir and led the choir as they showcased their musical talent.

Chair Fera thanked Dr. LeRose and the Choir members noting they are true ambassadors of the arts in Niagara Catholic.

3. National and Provincial Medalists 2019

Superintendent Baldasaro presented background information of the National and Provincial competitions during the school year and along with teachers and coaches introduced students who excelled in music competitions.

Chair Fera congratulated the students and all personnel for their success. Trustees Burtnik, Huibers, Sicoli, and Turner along with Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Arts” pins.

Trustee Huibers left the meeting at this time for item B4 as he previously declared a conflict of interest with this item.

4. OECTA Elementary

Marie Balanowski presented the OECTA Elementary report.

Ms. Balanowski answered questions of Trustees.

Trustee Huibers returned to the meeting following the presentation.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Conflict of Interest Information Report – May 14, 2009 to May 14, 2019

Director Crocco and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Conflict of Interest Information Report – May 14, 2009 to May 14, 2019.

Director Crocco and Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees as part of their discussion of the information report.

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Board meeting move to the timed In-Camera item.

CARRIED

The Board moved to the In-Camera session at 8:47 p.m.

The Board moved back to the Public session at 11:07 p.m.

2. Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2019-2020

Director Crocco presented the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2019-2020.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Board and Committee Meeting Dates Calendar 2019-2020, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget

Director Crocco highlighted the Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget Report. The Original Estimates for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget will be presented at the June 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

4. Financial Report as at April 30, 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Deferred

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

In addition to the 2019-2020 Budget, a number of final reports will be presented at the June Committee of the Whole meeting. As well as an opportunity to extend appreciation to the leadership of Student Trustees Madison McKinney and Jade Bilodeau and to introduce new Student Trustee Luca DiPietro.

Director Crocco extended congratulations to Student Trustee Jade Bilodeau on being elected as President of the Catholic Board Council with the Ontario Student Trustees' Association.

As requested by the Board, a meeting has been confirmed with Darlene Edger, Local Service Manager for Child Care in the Region. Ms. Edger and her staff will meet with Chair Fera, Director Crocco and Superintendent Baldasaro in June.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 14, 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the May 14, 2019 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2019

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – June 2019 for Trustees information and noted the June 26, 2019 PD Day was an error.

Director Crocco announced the Retirement and Service Recognition will be held on June 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Club Roma and asked Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

4.3 Family Mass & Picnic – June 2, 2019

Director Crocco announced the Family Mass & Picnic will be held at the Catholic Education Centre on June 2, 2019 at 10:00 am.

4.4 OCSTA Memorandum – 2020 AGM Resolutions

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Memorandum on 2020 AGM Resolutions and noted the January 31, 2020 deadline to submit resolutions.

4.5 OCSTA Draft Policy/Memorandum on School Board Policies on Service Animals

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Draft Policy/Memorandum on School Board Policies on Service Animals and noted Niagara Catholic captures the administrative procedures for service animals in the Boards Accessibility Customer Service Policy.

4.6 OSTA-AECO Vision Document

Director Crocco highlighted the OSTA-AECO Vision Document for Trustee information.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board send a letter to congratulate OSTA-AECO for their vision and endorse their recommendations.

CARRIED

Student Trustees provided additional information contained in the OSTA-AECO Vision Document.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Moody

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 11:23 p.m. and reconvened at 11:59 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 23, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 14, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 23, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 May 14, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Trustees were invited to attend an annual Budget Workshop for Trustees and Senior Staff on June 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Community Room.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the May 28, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 28, 2019**.

Approved on **June 18, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer