



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 26, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Sicoli

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**, **Pat Rocca**, 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 Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 26, 2019, as amended:

**DELETION TO THE IN-CAMERA AGENDA
ITEM F9**

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 26, 2019

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 26, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 5, 2019 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 5, 2019, as presented.

6.1.1 Progressive Student discipline – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.9)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Progressive Student Discipline – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.9), as presented.

6.1.2 Death Benefit Policy (201.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Death Benefit Policy (201.5), as presented.

6.1.3 Deferred Salary Plan (X/Y) Policy (201.10)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Deferred Salary Plan (X/Y) Policy (201.10), as presented.

6.1.4 Employee Leaves of Absence Policy (201.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Leaves of Absence Policy (201.1), as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of January 10, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 10, 2019, as presented for information

6.3 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction 2019

Presented for information.

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

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report as at February 28, 2019

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

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Continued implementation of 2018-2019 System Priorities.
- A draft of the 2019-2020 System Priorities will be presented at the May Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion and consideration.
- Staff is working on a draft Joint-Use School Agreement for Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara. Once the draft agreement is completed it will be brought to the Board for review and consideration for approval.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 5, 2019

Director Crocco highlighted the March 5, 2019 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic.

4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2019

Director Crocco reviewed the Calendar of Events – April 2019 for Trustees information

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – Navigating the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: A Manual for Catholic School Board Trustees

Director Crocco highlighted information in the OCSTA Memorandum – Navigating the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: A Manual for Catholic School Board Trustees

4.4 OCSTA Memorandum – Ministry of Education Announcement – March 15, 2019

Director Crocco presented highlights of the OCSTA Memorandum – Ministry of Education Announcement of March 15, 2019.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees agreed that the Chair of the Board send a letter on behalf of the Board to the Premier and the Minister of Education with a copy to OCSTA summarizing the concerns of the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

4.5 Ministry of Education Memorandum – Next Phase of Consultations on Hiring Practices and Class Sizes

Director Crocco highlighted the Ministry of Education Memorandum – Next Phase of Consultations on Hiring Practices and Class Sizes.

4.6 OCSTA Letter to the Minister of Education

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA Letter to the Minister of Education.

4.7 OCSTA 2019 AGM & Conference Resolutions Package

Director Crocco highlighted the OCSTA 2019 AGM & Conference Resolutions Package.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

Deferred from February 26, 2019

1. Board Involvement in Appointment and of Personnel to Leadership Positions

Trustees Moody and Sicoli presented the notice of motion – Board Involvement in Appointment and of Personnel to Leadership Positions.

Discussion took place.

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT a new policy regarding hiring, appointments, promotions and transfers of Supervisory Officers, Superintendents, Controllers of Plants, Principals and Vice-Principals be written and presented to the Board for consideration of the Board within the normal process of the Policy Committee, respecting the approved vetting process at the earliest possible time frame. The policy to clearly include Board approval and representative Board (Trustee representation) involvement in the process for hiring, promoting and transferring persons regarding the following positions:
Supervisory Officers, Superintendents, Controllers of Plants, Principals & Vice-Principals.

CARRIED

The Board referred the notice of motion to the Policy Committee.

2. **Building on Today Survey**

Trustee Turner presented the Building on Today Survey notice of motion.

Discussion took place.

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the current Building on Today survey approved by the Board be halted and all commitments with outside “service providers” be terminated forthwith.

CARRIED

April 23, 2019

3. **Accountability & Transparency**

In accordance with the Board Bylaws Item 21, Section xiii (c), the Notice of Motion will be presented to the April 23, 2019 Board Meeting.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 10:24 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 26, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 February 26, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 March 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 February 26, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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 March 5, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the March 26, 2019 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 26, 2019**.

Approved on **April 23, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer