

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

# **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Community Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Huibers.

# A. ROUTINE MATTERS

## 1. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Burkholder.

## 2. <u>Roll Call</u>

Chair Huibers noted that Trustee Moody was excused.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody				$\checkmark$
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	$\checkmark$			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education

## 3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board amend the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of December 17, 2020 by adding Trustee Code of Conduct Appeal.

## CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder Seconded by Trustee Prince THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of December 17, 2020, as amended. CARRIED

#### 4. Disclosure of Interest

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

### **B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In Camera Session. CARRIED

## C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting of December 17, 2020.

#### CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

#### 5. <u>Trustee Code of Conduct Appeal</u>

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** upon considering the written submission filed by Trustee Daniel Moody, dated December 1, 2020, and received on December 4, 2020, the determination by the Board of Trustees at its meeting of November 10, 2020 that Trustee Moody's conduct and comments at Loretto Catholic Elementary School on September 21, 2020 constituted a breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct is hereby revoked.

#### DENIED

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** upon considering the written submission filed by Trustee Daniel Moody, dated December 1, 2020, and received on December 4, 2020, the determination by the Board of Trustees at its meeting of November 10, 2020 that Trustee Moody's conduct and comments at Loretto Catholic Elementary School on September 21, 2020 constituted a breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct is hereby confirmed.

#### CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** in confirming the determination that Trustee Moody has breached the Trustee Code of Conduct, the sanction imposed by the Board at its meeting held on November 10, 2020 is hereby confirmed, which sanction is as follows;

"That a letter of censure be presented to Trustee Moody outlining Board processes, protocols and expectations when entering all school buildings and sites and to uphold the Trustee Code of Conduct at all times".

#### CARRIED

## D. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the December 17, 2020 Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

### CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on <u>December 17</u>, <u>2020</u>.

Approved on the January 26, 2021.

Larry Huibers Chair of the Board Camillo Cipriano Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer