



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, November 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 6:30 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 and Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services was excused.

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	✓			
Luca DiPietro	✓			

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; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item A6.2 of the Public Agenda. This Trustees family business is listed as a vendor of record.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 22, 2019

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 22, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Item A6.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 12, 2019 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of November 12, 2019, as presented.

6.1.1 Employee Hospitality Policy (201.14)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Hospitality Policy (201.14), as presented.

6.1.2 Employee Conferences, Workshops and Meetings Policy (201.15)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Conferences, Workshops and Meetings Policy (201.15), as presented.

6.1.3 Acceleration Retention Policy (400.5)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Acceleration Retention Policy (400.5), as presented.

6.1.4 Opening or Closing Exercises – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.1)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Opening or Closing Exercises – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.1), as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 23, 2018 and October 25, 2019

Moved to section C3

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Of September 5, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of September 5, 2019, as presented for information

6.4 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of October 2, 2019

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 2, 2019, as presented.

6.5 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4, F5, F6.1, F6.2, F6.3, F7 and F8

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Niagara Catholic Annual Pilgrimage 2019

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education presented background information on the Niagara Catholic Annual Pilgrimage 2019 and introduced Lidia Di Lorenzo. Religion and Family Life Consultant.

Ms. Di Lorenzo with the assistance of students from each of Niagara Catholic's secondary schools presented highlights of the Niagara Catholic Pilgrimage Sunday 2019.

Chair Fera and Trustee Turner expressed appreciation to Father Mulligan for being the lead in the original Pilgrimage and to the students for their participation in such a worthy cause.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report as at October 31, 2019

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the Financial Report for information.

2. Audited Consolidated Financial Reports 2018-2019

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services presented the audited consolidated Financial Reports 2018-2019 and introduced Rosa Rocca, Controller of Business and Financial Services.

Superintendent Vetrone and Controller Rocca answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Reports 2018-2019, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Consent Agenda Item A6.2 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 23, 2018 and October 25, 2019.

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 23, 2018 and October 25, 2019, as presented for information

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

3.1 Discussion between Trustees and Senior Staff took place regarding the Emergency Instructors Policy.

3.2 Senior staff continue to work on various reports on programs, supports and services to present at the January 2020 Committee of the Whole and Board meetings.

3.3 The Revised Budget Estimates for the current school year are on schedule to be presented at the December Board meeting.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.4 for the information or questions of Trustees and highlighted for discussion item D4.2.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – November 12, 2019

4.2 Calendar of Events – December 2019

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on December 3, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and noted Bishop Bergie, Honorary Chair of the Board will be attending.

Director Crocco reminded Trustees of the Annual Trustees', Administrators' and Pastors' Faith Formation on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano for seating and meals.

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – Education Accessibility Standards Working Group Update

4.4 OCSTA Memorandum – Topics for Discussion at Regional Meetings at 2020 Catholic Trustees Seminar

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 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 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 November 26, 2019.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Moody

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 October 22, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 November 12, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 October 22, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 November 12, 2019, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of November 26, 2019:

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6)

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.1)

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.3)

Moved by Trustee Moody
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F6.4)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Huibers

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F9.2.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F9.2.1)

Moved by Trustee Huibers
Seconded by Trustee Moody

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F12.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F12.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

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

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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

Approved on **December 17, 2019**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer