



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 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 Di Lorenzo.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. *Land Acknowledgement*

Land Acknowledgement statement was presented by Superintendent Rocca.

2. *Opening Prayer*

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Joyner.

3. *Roll Call*

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Huibers was excused and Trustee Benoit's absence approved due to sanction.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Natalia Benoit				✓
Joseph Bruzzese	✓			
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Danny Di Lorenzo	✓			
Larry Huibers				✓
Doug Joyner	✓			
Jim Marino	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
Student Trustees				
Charlotte Johnstone	✓			
Emilio Geremia	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education; **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Kimberly Kinney, Gino Pizzoferrato, Pat Rocca, Domenic Massi, Joseph Zaroda**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Julia Tiessen**, Executive Officer of Human Resources; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Declaration of Conflict of Interest was declared by Trustee Di Lorenzo with Item C1 of the Public session and Item F7.3 of the In-Camera session. This trustee has family members who are employees of the Board. He abstained from voting on the motion for Item C1 and left the meeting during Item F7.3.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 11, 2024 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of June 11, 2024, as presented.

7.1.1 **Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Purchasing/Supply Chain Management Policy (600.1), as presented.

7.1.2 **Attendance Area Policy (301.3)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Attendance Area Policy (301.3), as presented.

7.1.3 **Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy (100.10), as presented.

7.1.4 Leadership Pathways Policy (203.4)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Leadership Pathways Policy (203.4), as presented.

7.1.5 Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Education Award of Distinction Policy (100.7), as presented.

7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of May 1, 2024

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024, as presented.

7.3 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of April 17, 2024

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of April 17, 2024, as presented.

7.4 Eco Schools Results for 2023-2024

Presented for information.

7.5 Executive Council Power – July & August 2024

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board empower Executive Council to approve any actions, of an emergency nature only, as recommended by the Director of Education, only if a quorum cannot be achieved after a Special Meeting of the Board is called as per Board By-Laws, during the months of July and August 2024.

7.6 The Provisions of Special Education Programs and Services – Special Education Plan Revisions

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the revisions, as set out in Appendix A to be included in the Special Education Plan 2024, as presented

7.7 Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange

Presented for information.

7.8 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F2.1, F3, & F4

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. National & Provincial Medalists

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education provided a brief background on national and provincial competitions during the school season and introduced Jenn Benoit, Consultant K-12 Health and Physical Education Consultant.

Ms. Benoit introduced principals, coaches and students who were national and provincial medalist winners.

The students were congratulated for their success and presented with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Academics/Athletics/Arts” pins.

2. Student Trustee and Co-Chair – Student Senate 2023-2024 Appreciation

Chair Di Lorenzo extended his appreciation of Student Trustee Geremia and welcomed him back for the 2024-2025 school year. Chair Di Lorenzo acknowledged Student Trustee Johnstone for her dedication and commitment to her role as a student trustee the past two years and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Student Trustee Johnstone expressed gratitude for the opportunity, experience and growth the role of Student Trustee has provided. She acknowledged her co-chair Emilio Geremia and wished him and incoming Student Trustee Sexton all the best for the next term.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. 2024-2025 Original Estimates

Vice-Chair Burkholder chaired the meeting during this item.

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided highlights of the 2024-2025 Original Estimates.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

Trustee Di Lorenzo abstained from voting on the motion.

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the 2024-2025 Original Estimates for salaries and benefits, as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the 2024-2025 Original Estimates for non-salary operating expenditures, as presented.

CARRIED

2. Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024 Final Report

Kimberly Kinney, Superintendent of Education presented the Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024 Final Report.

Superintendent Kinney answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board continue to endorse the Niagara Catholic District School Board Math Achievement Action Plan 2023-2024

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Trustee Turner, Vice-Chair Burkholder and Chair Di Lorenzo provided highlights of the CCSTA AGM.

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano expressed gratitude to those committed to attending graduations.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – September 2024

Director Cipriano highlighted the September 2024 Calendar of Events.

4.2 Annual Niagara Catholic Charity Golf Classic – September 18, 2024

Director Cipriano noted the Annual Niagara Catholic Charity Golf Classic will take place on September 18, 2024.

4.3 OCSTA 2024 Fall Regional Meeting

Chair Di Lorenzo reminded Trustees of the OCSTA 2024 Fall Regional Meeting and requested they provide responses to the questions for group discussion.

Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. NOTICE OF MOTION SUBMISSION

None Submitted

2. NOTICE OF MOTION PRESENTATION

None Presented

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 7:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of June 18, 2024.

CARRIED

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 May 28, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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 June 11, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

The following motions were reported from the In Camera Session of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of June 11, 2024:

Moved by Trustee Joyner

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Trustee and Director Only of F2.1

CARRIED (Item F2.1)

Moved by Trustee Joyner
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Audit Committee Meeting of April 17, 2024, as presented for information.

CARRIED (Item F3)

The Board received a Staffing Report listing new hires, resignations and retirements.

The Board was provided with a Human Resources Services Status Report summarizing the status of grievances.

The Board received an update on local bargaining.

The Board received information on litigation procedures.

Moved by Trustee Marino
Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

CARRIED (Item F6)

Executive compensation was discussed.

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the June 18, 2024 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **June 18, 2024**.

Approved on **September 24, 2024**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer