



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Kenneth Burns csc Board Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Burtnik noted that Trustee O'Leary will participate electronically in the Board Meeting via Skype.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary		✓		
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Student Trustees				
Ryan Creelman	✓			
Patrick Morris	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

John Crocco, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Mario Ciccarelli**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, Superintendents of Education; **Larry Reich**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **James Woods**, Controller of Plant; **Jennifer Brailey**, Manager of Corporate Services & Communications; **Sherry Morena**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Interest

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burkholder with Item C5 of the March 6, 2012 Committee of the Whole and Special Board Meetings. This trustee has a family member who is associated the Quartek Group.

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee Burtnik with Item C6.1 of the Public Agenda. This item may show cheques issued to this trustee's family business. She refrained from voting on this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings

5.1 Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2012

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

5.2 Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 6, 2012

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 6, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. OFSAA AA Boys' Basketball Championship – St. Francis Catholic Secondary School

Yolanda Baldasaro, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education, welcomed Ken Griepsma, Principal of St. Francis Catholic Secondary School, who presented the coaches and the student athletes.

Mr. Griepsma informed Trustees that St. Francis Catholic Secondary School proudly hosted the 2012 OFSAA AA Boys' Basketball Championship tournament from March 4th - March 7th with

games being held at St. Francis Catholic Secondary, Holy Cross Catholic Secondary and Denis Morris Catholic High School.

Patrick Sullivan, St. Francis teacher, head coach and tournament convener, introduced the team members and elaborated on their many achievements which includes capturing a Bronze medal in the tournament as well as winning both the Zone and SOSSA championships this season.

Chairperson Burtnik congratulated the team members on their accomplishments and along with Vice-Chairperson Charbonneau and Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Athletics" pins.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. School Excellence Program – Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Family of Schools Superintendent of Education Baldasaro introduced Ted Farrell, Principal, Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School.

Principal Farrell, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

Chairperson Burtnik thanked Principal Farrell, the staff and students for their presentation and musical performance.

2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012:

2.1 Employee Attendance During Inclement Weather & Workplace Closure Policy

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Attendance During Inclement Weather & Workplace Closure Policy (201.9), as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 1, 2012 and Consideration of Recommendations

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 1, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012:

3.1 Change in Representation to the Special Education Advisory Committee

- **Community Living Welland/Pelham**
- **Ontario Brain Injury Association**

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change in representation for Community Living Welland/Pelham to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Primary Representative: Kerry Thomas, Alternate Representative: Judy Sullivan, CL Welland/Pelham; Address: 535 Sutherland Ave, Welland, ON L3B 5A4.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the change in representation for the Ontario Brain Injury Association to the Special Education Advisory Committee; Primary Representative: Diane Dakiv, OBIA; Address: PO Box 2338, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7R9.

CARRIED

3.2 Letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Education

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the attached letter from the Special Education Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Education regarding Special Education.

CARRIED

4. Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Meeting of January 12, 2012

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 12, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5. Unapproved Minutes of the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 20, 2012

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Unapproved Minutes of the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 20, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Monthly Banking Transactions

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at February 29, 2012, as presented for information.

CARRIED

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

1.1 Holy Childhood Association – Certificate of Thanks

Director Crocco presented a Certificate of Thanks received from the Holy Childhood Association in recognition of the Board's Walkathon fundraising event which contributed to the building of a Community Centre in Maesot, Thailand.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- Director Crocco informed Trustees that Senior Administrative Council is still awaiting information from the Ministry of Education regarding the business case submission for St. James and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Trustees were also informed that as noted in the unapproved minutes of the St. Catharines Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 20, 2012, the Committee has begun its initial discussions on attendance boundary options.
- Trustees discussed the Family of Schools Information and Consultation meetings being held at all Niagara Catholic Secondary Schools to present the families the Policy Committee approved draft changes to the Dress Code Policy.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 6, 2012

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 6, 2012 issue for Trustees' information.

4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2012

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – April 2012 for Trustees' information

4.3 2012 OCSTA AGM & Conference – Silent Auction Notice

Chairperson Burtnik presented the 2012 OCSTA AGM & Conference – Silent Auction Notice and indicated that the Silent Auction is being co-ordinated by Niagara Catholic. An update on the donation of items will be presented at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Director Crocco invited Trustees to notify him if they wish to vanpool to the OCSTA AGM 2012 at the April Committee of the Whole Meeting.

4.4 Holy Week

Director Crocco reminded Trustees that throughout Holy Week no system evening events or meetings will take place during the week.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

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 8:38 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee MacNeil

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

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 6, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 28, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.1)

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting - SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of March 6, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4.2)

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

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 6, 2012, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F5)

The public session of the Board reconvened at 10:49 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rise and report the following motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm the In-Camera resolution that:

1. Trustee Sicoli has breached the Code of Conduct;
2. the following sanctions shall be imposed on Trustee Sicoli:
 - (a) Trustee Sicoli is removed as Chair of the Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees until December 31, 2012; and
 - (b) Trustee Sicoli is barred from sitting on and attending all In-Camera Meetings of the Board of Trustees and all In-Camera Committee Meetings of the Board and is not entitled to receive any materials that relate to such meetings until June 30, 2012.

CARRIED (Item 10.1)

Trustee Sicoli left the In Camera Session of the March 27, 2012 Board Meeting at approximately 10:50 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board move into the In-Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 10:53 a.m.

CARRIED

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved into the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting at 10:53 p.m.

The public session of the Board reconvened at 11:24 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board rise and report the following motion(s) from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 27, 2012.

CARRIED

The following motion was passed at 11:00 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Board Meeting be extended by fifteen (15) minutes.

CARRIED

The following motion was passed at 11:15 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Board Meeting be extended by fifteen (15) minutes.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board confirm the In-Camera resolution that:

1. Trustee Fera has breached the Code of Conduct;
2. the following sanctions shall be imposed on Trustee Fera:
 - a) Trustee Fera is not permitted to serve as Chair of any Committee of the Board of Trustees until December 31, 2012; and
 - b) Trustee Fera is barred from sitting on and attending all In-Camera Meetings of the Board of Trustees and all In-Camera Committee Meetings of the Board and is not entitled to receive any materials that relate to such meetings until June 30, 2012.

CARRIED (Item 10.1)

Trustee Fera left the In Camera Session of the March 27, 2012 Board Meeting at approximately 11:25 p.m.

The following motion was passed at 11:30 p.m.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee MacNeil

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that the Board Meeting be extended by fifteen (15) minutes.

CARRIED

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco informed the Board that in compliance with the Architect Selection Policy 701.1 that the Architect Selection Committee comprised of Trustee Nieuwesteeg, Trustee MacNeil, Superintendent Baldasaro, Principal Stunt, Principal Whittard, Controller of Plant Woods and Mangers Levinski and Ferrara have recommended to the Director of Education that Raimondo and Associates Architects Inc be selected for architectural services for the addition and renovation to Saint Michael Catholic High School and that MMC Inc. Architects be selected for architectural services for the replacement of St. Martin Catholic Elementary School. As Director of Education, he is supporting the committee recommendation for Raimondo and Associates and MMC Inc.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

THAT the March 27, 2012 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 27th, 2012.**

Approved on the **24th** day of **April 2012.**

Kathy Burtnik
Chairperson of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer