



NIAGARA CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Burtnik.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Vice-Chairperson Dekker.

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Scalzi from attending the Board Meeting of May 25, 2010.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Absent	Excused
John Belcastro	✓		
Kathy Burtnik	✓		
Maurice Charbonneau	✓		
Gary Crole	✓		
John Dekker	✓		
Frank Fera	✓		
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓		
Tony Scalzi			✓
<b>Student Trustees</b>			
Juliana Ciccarelli	✓		
Megan Grocholsky	✓		

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Rob Ciarlo**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, 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 May 25, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meetings**

**5.1 April 27, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 27, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 May 11, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Saint Michael Catholic High School Mustangs Boys Hockey Team - OFSSA Silver Medalists**

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, welcomed Michael Sheahan, Physical & Health Education Consultant, who presented information on the accomplishments of the Saint Michael Catholic High School Mustangs Boys' Hockey Team who won a Silver Medal at OFSSA.

Mario Ciccarelli, Principal of Saint Michael Catholic High School, introduced the coaches who spoke of the dedication and hard work of the team.

Chairperson Burtnik congratulated the Saint Michael's Catholic High School Boys Hockey Team for winning the SOSSA 'A/AA' Championship.

Trustees Charbonneau, Nieuwesteeg, Fera along with Director Crocco presented the Team with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Athletics" pins.

**2. St. Denis Catholic Elementary School Saints in Motion Robotics Team**

Joe Biamonte, Principal of St. Denis Catholic Elementary School, spoke briefly on the accomplishments of the Saints in Motion Robotics Teams. Members of the Team each spoke of the program and their attendance at the Provincial Championship in Oshawa in January 2010, at which they were named Champions in the Teamwork Category. They also spoke of their First Lego League World Festival in Atlanta, Georgia at which they finished in the top half of over ninety (90) teams.

Mr. Biamonte introduced the Team Coaches and thanked them for their dedication to the students.

Chairperson Burtnik, Trustee Charbonneau and Director Crocco presented the Team with Niagara Catholic "Excellence in Academics" pins.

**3. Student Senate Scholarship Award**

Juliana Ciccarelli presented the report on the Student Senate Scholarship Award which was initiated by the 2009-2010 Student Senate for presentation to two outstanding graduating students from Niagara Catholic's eight (8) Catholic secondary schools, with the funds being provided from each of our Catholic secondary schools.

The 2010 Student Senate Scholarship Award designed to recognize participation and excellence in academics, athletics, co-curricular activities and above all, community and Catholic involvement, was presented to Harish Aggarwal from Saint Paul Catholic High School and Tyler Pyle from Saint Michael Catholic High School.

**C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**1. School Excellence Program - Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School**

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Superintendent Ciarlo introduced Blaine MacDougall, Principal of Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School.

Principal MacDougall, with the assistance of students and staff showcased Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School as part of the School Excellence Program.

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

**2. Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010 and Consideration of Recommendations**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED**

The following recommendations were presented for the Board's consideration from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 11, 2010.

## **2.1 Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan**

Director Crocco presented the report on the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, which represents and culminates two years of prayer, dialogue and listening to over 4,700 participants which included Trustees, staff, students, parents, religious partners and a wide representation of the Catholic community. The plan and recommendations have set the path of the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the next ten years.

Director Crocco informed Trustees that with the approval of the Strategic Plan, the Board will enter “Stage 4 – Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation – June 2010 to June 2020”. This Stage involves the development of the System Priority Indicators for 2010-2011 which will be presented at the June 15, 2010 Board Meeting. The Annual Indicators will align with the approved Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and presented to the Board annually for the next ten (10) years. The draft Mission Statement is in the process of being vetted with all eighty (80) Vision 2020 Strategic Planning Summit participants, administrators, Catholic School Councils, Regional Catholic School Council / CPIC, SEAC and the Diocese of St. Catharines for input and recommendations for presentation at the June 15, 2010 Board Meeting.

Chairperson Burtnik acknowledged the hard work and dedication of staff who worked on the Vision 2020.

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Niagara Catholic Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, its Vision Statements and Strategic Directions as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **2.2 Financial Reports**

### **2.2.1 Monthly Banking Transactions**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of May 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

### **2.2.2 Statement of Revenue & Expenditures**

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures as at May 31, 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2010**

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Charbonneau

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7, 2010, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**4. Facility Partnerships Policy**

James Woods, Controller of Plant, presented the Facility Partnerships Policy.

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Facility Partnerships Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair – 2010**

Superintendent Baldasaro introduced Dino Petruzzi, Chair of the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair, who presented the report on the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair – 2010. The fair which is a prestigious annual science event within the region sponsored by local businesses was held at Brock University. Each year over 40% of the projects are submitted by Niagara Catholic schools and students.

Various Principals introduced their students who were recipients of Divisional and Special Awards chosen by the fair judges was provided.

The Trustees along with Director Crocco presented the students with Niagara Catholic “Excellence in Academics” pins.

**6. Early Learning Extended Day Program**

James Woods presented the report on the Early Learning Extended Day Program. He informed Trustees that on April 27, 2010, Bill 242, “The Full Day Early Learning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2010”, was passed in the Legislature. As well as new core Early Learning Program obligations, the amendments to the *Education Act* create an obligation for boards to operate an integrated Extended Day Program for four and five year old students on instructional days, for periods before and after school.

The Niagara Catholic District School Board has received approval for funding from the Ministry of Education to implement the operation of the Early Learning and Extended Day Program at eight (8) school sites in the 2010-2011 school year. Under Bill 242, boards are responsible for setting fees for the Extended Day Program.

Trustees asked questions of clarification and discussed the second recommendation.

Moved by Trustee Belcastro

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve a fee for the Extended Day Program for the 2010-2011 school year of \$8.00 per day before school and \$12.00 per day after school.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve, if required for financial viability, the inclusion of 6 to 12 year olds in the Extended Day Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

**CARRIED**

**7. Extended Overnight Field Trip/Excursion/Exchange Trip Approvals 2009-2010**

Superintendent Baldasaro presented the information report from the Extended Overnight Field Trip, Excursion and Exchange Approval Committee.

**8. H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management**

Director Crocco presented the monthly Board report on the H1N1 Pandemic – Niagara Catholic Preparation and Management.

**D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Correspondence**

**1.1 BEC – Congratulations on Winning Canada’s Global Best Award**

Director Crocco presented a letter from the Business Education Council congratulating the Board on winning Canada’s Global Best Award. He informed Trustees that at Premier McGuinty’s request staff is currently preparing additional information of the Niagara Catholic’s receipt of this award.

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

**2.1 OCSTA AGM – Thunder Bay**

Chairperson Burtnik along with Trustees Charbonneau and Crole provided information on the OCSTA AGM held in Thunder Bay.

**3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action**

**3.1 Draft Niagara Catholic Mission Statement Feedback**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with information on the Draft Niagara Catholic Mission Statement Feedback. He reminded them that all feedback is due June 10, 2010.

**3.2 Annual Budget 2010-2011**

Director Crocco informed Trustees that the Annual Budget 2010-2011 will be presented at the June Board Meeting with the possibility of a Special Board Meeting in late June or early July to approve the 2010-2011 Budget. Superintendent Reich updated Trustees on the progress of information, forms and timelines from the Ministry of Education regarding the Budget, and informed them the Board needs to modify their submission timelines.

**3.3 OESC & Ministry of Education  
PROGRAM - Equity and Inclusive Education Symposium**

Director Crocco provided Trustees with information on the OESC & Ministry of Education PROGRAM - Equity and Inclusive Education Symposium taking place Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Toronto.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 11, 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – May 11, 2010 issue for Trustees’ information.

#### **4.2 Calendar of Events – June 2010**

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events – June 2010 for Trustees' information

#### **5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

### **E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**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 10:05 p.m. and reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

### **G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Dekker

Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of May 25, 2010.

**CARRIED**

### **SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**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 April 27, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Crole

Seconded by Trustee Dekker

**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 May 11, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

### **SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau

Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**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 April 27, 2010, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4)**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Belcastro

**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 May 11, 2010, 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 May 11, 2010:

Moved by Trustee Dekker  
Seconded by Trustee Crole

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that Adrian Bishop, Deborah Guthrie, Loredana Spadafora and Steven Ward be assigned to the Principal Pool (Elementary) for a period of two years, May 25, 2010 to May 25, 2012.

**CARRIED (Item F5.1.1)**

Moved by Trustee Crole  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve that John (Jay) Lennox and Mary–Ann McKinley be assigned to the Secondary Vice-Principal Pool for a period of two years, May 25, 2010 – May 25, 2012.

**CARRIED (Item F5.1.2)**

## **H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

## **I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE**

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Charbonneau  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the May 25, 2010 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **May 25, 2010**.

Approved on the **15th** day **June 2010**.

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Kathy Burtnik  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer