



MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Fera.

Director Crocco noted the Electronic Board Meeting was held in compliance with Section 207 of the Education Act and Ontario Regulation 463/97 Section 5.1 (2).

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. **Opening Prayer**

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Sicoli

2. **Roll Call**

Following individual verbal acknowledgement of Trustees presence electronically, Chair Fera noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees joined electronically.

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 electronically 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; **Scott Whitwell**, Controller of Facilities Services; **Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC AGENDA

Prior to a request to approve the Agenda, Chair Fera noted that Item F11 would be moved to F5.3 of the In-Camera Agenda.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Fera, Huibers, and Moody with Item F9.3.1 of the In-Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They disconnected from the electronic meeting during discussion of this item.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 25, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 25, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **Consent Agenda Items**

6.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 10, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 10, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 **Naming of a Board Facility, Designate Area or Chapel Policy (100.15)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Naming of a Board Facility, Designate Area or Chapel Policy (100.15), as presented.

6.1.2 **Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Occupational Health and Safety Policy (201.6), as presented.

6.1.3 **Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Harassment Policy (201.7), as presented.

6.1.4 Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Workplace Violence Policy (201.11), as presented.

6.1.5 Sexual Misconduct Policy (201.13)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Sexual Misconduct Policy (201.13), as presented.

6.1.6 Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Policy (NEW)

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals Policy (NEW), as presented.

6.2 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of January 9, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of January 9, 2020, as presented for information.

6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of February 5, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of February 5, 2020, as presented for information.

6.4 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6 and F8

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Financial Report as at February 29, 2020

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

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

None submitted prior to the Agenda.

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

1. Niagara Catholic's Pandemic Continuity Plan has been activated to provide essential services and through virtual meetings we are continuing to support student and teacher led learning by following direction from the Ministry of Education.
2. Continue to invite recommendations for the creation of the System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 due April 24, 2020.
3. Staff is continuing to access remotely to prepare for next year's programs, support and services and will continue to strive to meet the timelines of the Board to present information and recommendations for 2020-2021 for the consideration of the Board.
4. March 25, 2020 is Provincial Budget Day and an update will be provided on the impact on education as it is received.

Trustee Moody and Chair Fera expressed their appreciation to Director Crocco for the leadership during these difficult times and wished to recognize Director Crocco's efforts and extra time devoting during COVID-19.

Director Crocco recognized the comments for staff and noted that it is a team effort and would like to acknowledge Senior Staff, their support team and the support of the Board as we continue to support Niagara Catholic students, staff and families.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.3 for the information or questions of Trustees.

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 10, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2020

Director Crocco noted that the scheduled April 1, 2020 SEAC Meeting has been postponed to May 6, 2020, and with the extension of school closures further into April, the April Committee of the Whole, Policy Committee and Board Meetings will continue to be held electronically.

4.3 COVID-19 Update

Director Crocco provided and update on COVID-19.

Director Crocco answered questions of Trustees.

5. Open Question Period

None submitted in writing as required.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

None submitted.

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
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 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 25, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 10, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 25, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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 10, 2020, 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 March 10, 2020:

Moved by Trustee Turner
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the motion from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting – SECTION B: Student Trustees Excluded of F5.1

CARRIED (Item F5.1)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik
Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F9.3.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F9.3.1)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco noted the print error in the April Calendar under item D4.2 that the Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020 and the Policy Committee Meeting and Board Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2020

Trustee Turner echoed Trustee Moody's appreciation to Director Crocco for his handling of COVID-19.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the March 24, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.
CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **March 24, 2020**.

Approved on **April 28, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer