



# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. 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 10:05 a.m. by Vice-Chair Moody, who chaired the Special Board meeting for Chair Huibers.

## A. ROUTINE MATTERS

### 1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer were led by Trustee Turner.

### 2. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Moody noted that Trustee Huibers was excused. Vice-Chair Moody chaired the Special Board Meeting and Trustee Sicoli acted as Vice-Chair.

| Trustee            | Present | Present Electronically | Absent | Excused |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Kathy Burtnik      | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Frank Fera         | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Larry Huibers      |         |                        |        | ✓       |
| Daniel Moody       | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Leanne Prince      | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Dino Sicoli        | ✓       |                        |        |         |
| Paul Turner        | ✓       |                        |        |         |

The following staff were in attendance:

**Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education;

**Anna Pisano**, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting of April 7, 2021, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Interest**

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

**B. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**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 Special Board Meeting at 10:10 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

**C. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION**

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting of April 7, 2021.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** move back into the In Camera Session.

**CARRIED**

The Niagara Catholic District School Board moved back into the In Camera Session of the Special Board Meeting at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

Trustee Fera put forth the following motion;

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**That** according to the Trustee Code of Conduct, Trustee Larry Huibers is in breach as he discredited the integrity of the Board.

Discussion took place regarding the language of the motion.

Trustee Burtnik put forth the following amendment to the motion.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** contrary to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Investigation Report, the Board finds Trustee Huibers in breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct.

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment.

| NAME               | YEA | NAY |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓   |     |
| Kathy Burtnik      | ✓   |     |
| Frank Fera         |     | ✓   |
| Daniel Moody       |     | ✓   |
| Leanne Prince      | ✓   |     |
| Dino Sicoli        | ✓   |     |
| Paul Turner        |     | ✓   |

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** contrary to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Investigation Report, the Board finds Trustee Huibers in breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion as amended.

| NAME               | YEA | NAY |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Rhianon Burkholder |     | ✓   |
| Kathy Burtnik      |     | ✓   |
| Frank Fera         | ✓   |     |
| Daniel Moody       | ✓   |     |
| Leanne Prince      |     | ✓   |
| Dino Sicoli        | ✓   |     |
| Paul Turner        | ✓   |     |

**CARRIED**

Discussion took place regarding sanctions.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** given the finding of breach, that the Board censure Trustee Huibers with a letter of censure.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

| NAME               | YEA | NAY |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓   |     |
| Kathy Burtnik      | ✓   |     |
| Frank Fera         |     | ✓   |
| Daniel Moody       |     | ✓   |
| Leanne Prince      | ✓   |     |
| Dino Sicoli        |     | ✓   |
| Paul Turner        |     | ✓   |

**DENIED**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** Trustee Huibers be sanctioned from all Board and Committee meetings for a period of six months commencing in May 2021 to January 2022, not including July and August.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

| NAME               | YEA | NAY |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Rhianon Burkholder |     | ✓   |
| Kathy Burtnik      |     | ✓   |
| Frank Fera         | ✓   |     |
| Daniel Moody       | ✓   |     |
| Leanne Prince      |     | ✓   |
| Dino Sicoli        | ✓   |     |
| Paul Turner        | ✓   |     |

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Prince  
Seconded by Trustee Burkholder

**THAT** pending Board Legal approval the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Investigation Report be released publically with names redacted in an effort to maintain transparency of the Board.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

| NAME               | YEA | NAY |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Rhianon Burkholder | ✓   |     |
| Kathy Burtnik      | ✓   |     |
| Frank Fera         |     | ✓   |
| Daniel Moody       |     | ✓   |
| Leanne Prince      | ✓   |     |
| Dino Sicoli        |     | ✓   |
| Paul Turner        |     | ✓   |

**DENIED**

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

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Fera  
Seconded by Trustee Prince

**THAT** the April 7, 2021 Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 7, 2021**.

Approved on the **April 27, 2021**.

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Daniel Moody  
Vice-Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer