



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, February 27, 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. Trustee Joyner acted as Vice-Chair.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement statement was delivered by Trustee Joyner.

2. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Di Lorenzo

3. Roll Call

Chair Di Lorenzo noted that Trustee Benoit, Trustee Huibers, Student Trustees Johnstone and Geremia are excused and Trustee Burkholder joined electronically.

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**, 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 Marino
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of February 27, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest were declared with any items on the Agenda.

6. **Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting**

6.1 **January 30, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 30, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

6.2 **February 13, 2024**

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese
Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 13, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

7.1 **Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 16, 2024 and Consideration of Recommendations**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of February 16, 2024, as presented.

7.1.1 **Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

7.1.2 **Employee Hospitality Policy (201.14)**

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Employee Hospitality Policy (201.14), as presented.

7.1.3 Attendance Area Review – Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary & Secondary Family of Schools

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve Attendance Area Option B-2 for the Blessed Trinity Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools as the preferred boundary option. The updated boundaries will commence upon the opening of the New Lincoln (Beamsville) Catholic Elementary School. The attendance boundaries will be revised to:

- **New Lincoln (Beamsville) CES:**
 - East: Commencing on the intersection of the centreline of Tufford Road and King St, north to Tufford Road and Lake Ontario.
 - North: Lake Ontario and Tufford Road, west to Mountainview Road.
 - West: Following Mountainview Road and Lake Ontario, south along Mountainview Road to the intersection of Mountainview Road and King Street.
 - South: Centreline of King Street between Mountainview Road (west) and Tufford Road (east).
- **Our Lady of Fatima CES (Grimsby):**
 - East: Commencing on Baker Road North (excluding) and its projection to the QEW to Kerman Avenue and its projection (excluding) to
 - South: Main Street
 - West: the Regional Municipality Boundary (Niagara and Hamilton - Wentworth) to
 - North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Baker Road North
- **St Mark CES (Lincoln, Beamsville):**
 - East: Commencing on Tufford Road (centerline) to King Street to Cave Springs Road and its projection to
 - South: the Fly Road to Mud Street E
 - West: Mountain Road to Elm Tree Road E to Church Road to Ridge Road (including)
 - North: Ridge Road E to King Street
- **St Edward CES (Lincoln, Jordan Station):**
 - East: Commencing on the Fifteen Mile Creek to the QEW to Hwy 406 to First Street Louth (excluding) to
 - South: Pelham Road to the Town Boundary (Lincoln and Pelham and Lincoln and West Lincoln) to
 - West: the Town Boundary (Lincoln and West Lincoln) to Fly Road to Spiece Road to Cave Springs Road and its projection (excluding) to King Street (excluding) to Tufford Road (centerline) to
 - North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on the Fifteen Mile Creek
 - Note: Secondary School placement for St. Edward School - west of Fifteen Mile Creek and Victoria Avenue is Blessed Trinity Catholic Secondary School and east of the same line is Denis Morris Catholic High School
- **St Joseph CES (Grimsby):**
 - East: Commencing on Baker Road North to Central Avenue to Baker Road North and its projection (excluding) to Elm Tree Road E west to Mountain Rd to Mud Street

- South: Mud Street (Town Boundary - Grimsby and West Lincoln) to
- West: the Regional Municipality Boundary (Niagara and Hamilton - Wentworth) to
- North: Main Street West to Kerman Avenue and its projection to the QEW to the point of commencement on Baker Road North
- **St Martin CES (West Lincoln, Smithville):**
 - East: Commencing on Moote Road (excluding) to Fifteen Road (excluding) to Rosedene Road (excluding) to Vaughan Road (excluding) to Regional Road 27 (excluding) to Baldwin Road and its projection (excluding) to
 - South: the Welland River to the Township Boundary (West Lincoln and Wainfleet) to the Regional Municipality Boundary (Niagara and Haldimand - Norfolk) to
 - West: the Regional Municipality Boundary (Niagara and Hamilton - Wentworth) to
 - North: the Township Boundary (West Lincoln and Grimsby and West Lincoln and Lincoln to the point of commencement on Moote Road
- **St. John CES (Lincoln, Beamsville):**
 - East: Commencing on Mountainview Road (centerline) to King Street
 - South: Ridge Road E to King Street
 - West: Baker Road and its projection to Central Avenue (excluding) to Baker Road North (excluding) to
 - North: Lake Ontario to the point of commencement on Tufford Road

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the report detailing the boundary and legacy recommendations from the Attendance Area Review.

7.2 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of January 10, 2024

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 10, 2024, as presented.

7.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2 & F3

Moved by Trustee Bruzzese
Seconded by Trustee Marino

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

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Niagara Catholic 2023 Student Census Report

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the Niagara Catholic 2023 Student Census Report for trustee information.

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells answered questions of Trustees.

2. 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided background information on the Long Term Accommodation Plan and introduced Alessandria Pasquini-Smith, Administrator of Planning & Properties and Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Mr. Ammendolia presented the 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan.

Mr. Ammendolia answered questions of Trustees.

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Bruzzese

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the 2024-2029 Long Term Accommodation Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

3. Communications Update – Website Progress

Director Cipriano provided background information on the Website Progress and introduced Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Officer.

Ms. Pellegrini presented the Communications Update – Website Progress report for trustee information.

Ms. Pellegrini answered questions of Trustees.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil Report

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

Director Cipriano reminded Trustees of the Skills Competition Award presentation at Seaway Mall on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Director Cipriano noted that the Trustee Lenten Retreat will take place on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 4:00 pm at Denis Morris Catholic High School. Trustees were asked to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – March 2024

Director Cipriano highlighted the March 2024 calendar of events.

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

Addressed within consent agenda section.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Chair Di Lorenzo reminded Trustees of the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 5, 2024 and the Board meeting on March 19, 2024.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Marino

Seconded by Trustee Joyner

THAT the February 27, 2024 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **February 27, 2024**.

Approved on **March 19, 2024**.

Danny Di Lorenzo
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer