



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson MacNeil.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

2. Roll Call

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board excuse Trustee Charbonneau from attending the Board Meeting of March, 24, 2015.

**CARRIED**

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Maurice Charbonneau				✓
Frank Fera	✓			
Fr. Paul MacNeil	✓			
Ed Nieuwesteeg	✓			
Ted O'Leary	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Pat Vernal		✓		
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Demizio, Chloe	✓			
Di Pasquale, Jessica	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**John Crocco**, Director of Education; **Yolanda Baldasaro**, **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Frank Iannantuono**, **Mark Lefebvre**, 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**

Chair MacNeil noted that Agenda Items F4.1 and F4.2 are deleted

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the amended Agenda of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

A Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustee O'Leary with Items F2, F10.1 & F10.2 of the In Camera Agenda. This Trustee has family members who are employees of the Board.

Disclosure of Interest was declared by Trustees 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 Meeting of February 24, 2015**

Moved by Trustee O'Leary

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 24, 2015 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Brock University Niagara Principal's Entrance Award**

John Crocco, Director of Education provided background information on the Brock University – Niagara Principal's Entrance Award. Director Crocco introduced Beth Natale, Director, Recruitment and Retention, Office of the Registrar at Brock University.

Director Natale provided additional information and key elements of the Niagara Principal's Entrance Award.

Director Natale answered questions of Trustees

## C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

### 1. School Excellence Program – Ontario Early Years Centre – Mary Ward Catholic Elementary School – Niagara Falls

Director Crocco provided background information on the monthly School Excellence Program. Mark Lefebvre, Superintendent of Education introduced Donna Dalgleish, Co-ordinator of The Ontario Early Years Centre.

Co-ordinator Dalgleish showcased The Ontario Early Years Centre as part of the School Excellence Program and extended an invitation to Trustees and Senior Staff to visit the facility.

Co-ordinator Dalgleish answered questions of Trustees and introduced her staff.

### 2. Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of January 7, 2015

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of January 7, 2015 as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

### 3. Niagara Catholic Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells introduced Mental Health Lead Andrea Bozza, and Andrea Prest, Social Worker who presented the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

Mental Health Lead Bozza, and Social Worker Prest answered questions of Trustees.

### 4. Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources presented the report on the Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities.

### 5. Preparation of System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 – March 2015 Update

John Crocco, Director of Education, Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services and Senior Administrative Council presented the March Update on the Preparation of the System Priorities and Budget 2015-2016 for information and discussion.

### 6. Financial Reports

#### 6.1 Monthly Banking Transactions for the Month of February 2015

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Monthly Banking Transactions for the month of February 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at February 28, 2015**

Moved by Trustee Fera

Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Unaudited Interim Statement of Operations as at February 28, 2015, as presented for information.

**CARRIED**

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

**1. Correspondence**

Chair MacNeil, highlighted information contained in Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board letter requesting Trustee support at the OCSTA AGM 2015 to move Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board from Region 4 to Region 11.

Trustee Burtnik answered questions of Trustees.

**2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Nil Report

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

Director Crocco confirmed that the System Priorities 2015-2016 report and a report on property are scheduled to be presented at the April 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**4. Trustee Information**

**4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 10, 2015**

Director Crocco highlighted the Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 10, 2015 issue for Trustees' information.

**4.2 Calendar of Events – April 2015**

Director Crocco presented the Calendar of Events - April 2015 for Trustees' information.

**4.3 Holy Week 2015**

Director Crocco reminded the Board that no evening meetings are scheduled during Holy Week. Chair MacNeil encouraged all to attend the Chrism Mass on March 31, 2015 at the Cathedral.

**4.4 Bishops Gala 2015 – April 10, 2015**

Director Crocco reminded the Trustees of the Bishops Gala that will be held on April 10, 2015 at Club Roma and requested Trustees to confirm their attendance with Anna Pisano by April 7, 2015.

**4.5 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast – April 13, 2015**

Director Crocco announced that the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be held on April 13, 2015 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Convention Centre beginning at 8:00 a.m. He requested Trustees to confirm their attendance by April 7, 2015 with Anna Pisano.

**4.6 Advance Questions for OCSTA 2015 Spring Regional Meetings**

Director Crocco presented the Ontario Catholic School Trustee's Association Memo highlighting discussion questions for Trustee consideration at the 2015 OCSTA Spring Regional Meetings.

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Nieuwesteeg  
Seconded by Trustee O'Leary

**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 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:37 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Sicoli  
Seconded by Trustee Nieuwesteeg

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2015.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Burtnik  
Seconded by Trustee Fera

**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 24, 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

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

Item F4.1 Deleted

Item F4.2 Deleted

Moved by Trustee Fera

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 24 2015, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Fera

**THAT** the March 24, 2015 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Approved on **April 28, 2015**.

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Fr. Paul MacNeil  
Chairperson of the Board

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John Crocco  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer