



MINUTES OF THE ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Once all Trustees were confirmed to be connected electronically, the meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair Fera.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Turner

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were electronically present.

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

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of April 28 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 24, 2020

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burkholder requested Item A6.2 be held. This item was moved to Committee and Staff Reports Section C5 of the agenda.

Director Crocco requested Item F5 be released from consent agenda.

6.1 Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities

Presented for information.

6.2 Capital Projects Progress Report Update

Moved to Section C5.

6.3 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4 and F6

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

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

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020/2020-2021

Director Crocco along with Senior Administrative Council presented the Committee of the Whole System Priorities and Budget 2019-2020/2020-2021 monthly update.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

2. **Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home**

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council provided an update on the Niagara Catholic District School Board Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – Learning From Home.

Discussion took place on the possibility of the use of different platforms for virtual Board meetings.

Director Crocco and Senior Administrative Council answered questions of Trustees.

3. **Live Streaming and Father Burns Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room Upgrade**

Director Crocco and Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the status of the report requested by the April Board Meeting on Live Streaming and Father Burns Board Room and Holy Cross Community Room Upgrade.

4. **Financial Report as at March 31, 2020**

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

Superintendent Vetrone answered questions of Trustees.

5. **Consent Agenda Item A6.2 – Capital Projects Progress Report Update**

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services presented the Capital Projects Progress Report Update.

Controller Whitwell 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**

- Comments on the earlier generational cost recovery plan discussion during COVID-19 will be presented to the various provincial discussion tables represented by staff and trustees. Updates will be brought to the Board as they become available.
- Report on System Priorities and Budget 2020-2021 is on schedule to be presented to the May 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Staff will continue to update the Board with the facts relating to the remainder of the school year and the upcoming school year as determined by the Province.

4. Trustee Information

Director Crocco confirmed presentation of items D4.1 to D4.7 for the information or questions of Trustees and highlighted for discussion item D4.8

4.1 Spotlight on Niagara Catholic – March 24, 2020

4.2 Calendar of Events – May 2020

4.3 OCSTA Memorandum – 2020 OCSTA Award Winners

4.4 OCSTA Memorandum – Update on the Status of OCSTA Operations Amid COVID-19

4.5 OCSTA Memorandum – Bill 189: COVID-19 Support and Protection Act

4.6 OCSTA Memorandum – Catholic Education Week 2020 Province-Wide Mass

4.7 OCSTA Memorandum – Catholic Education Week – Good News Stories

4.8 Toonies for Tuition Update

Student Trustees Jade Bilodeau and Luca DiPietro announced that the Board has raised \$13,303.00 for CCSTA's Toonies for Tuition Campaign and acknowledged the hard work of the Student Senators.

Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro also presented a brief verbal update on the current activities of the Student Senate.

Trustee Prince and Chair Fera acknowledged the leadership, hard work and dedication of Student Trustees Bilodeau and DiPietro.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

E. NOTICES OF MOTION

F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Prince

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 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

G. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of April 28, 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 March 24, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

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 March 24, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F4)

H. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Director Crocco acknowledged events occurring virtually at each of our schools via social media through the great leadership of staff.

I. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the April 28, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **April 28, 2020**.

Approved on **May 26, 2020**.

Frank Fera
Chair of the Board

John Crocco
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer