



## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 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 Fera.

### A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Burtnik

2. Roll Call

Chair Fera noted that all Trustees and Student Trustees were in attendance.

Trustee	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Rhianon Burkholder	✓			
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Frank Fera	✓			
Larry Huibers	✓			
Daniel Moody	✓			
Leanne Prince	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			
Paul Turner	✓			
<b>Student Trustees</b>				
Luca DiPietro	✓			
Sydney Yott	✓			

The following staff were in attendance:

**Camillo Cipriano**, Director of Education; **Ted Farrell**, **Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells**, **Kimberly Kinney**, **Gino Pizzoferrato**, **Pat Rocca**, Superintendents of Education; **Giancarlo Vetrone**, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services; **Clark Euale**,

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 September 29, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers, Moody and Fera with Item F9.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They left the meeting during discussion of this item.

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

**5.1 June 22, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 22, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 June 23, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 23, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 June 26, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 26, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 June 30, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers  
Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 30, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 July 14, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Turner

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 14, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 August 24, 2020**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Turner

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

**CARRIED**

**6. Consent Agenda Items**

**6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of September 15, 2020, as presented.

**6.2 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 22, 2019**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of November 22, 2019, as presented.

**6.3 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of June 3, 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of June 3, 2020, as presented.

**6.4 Approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) of May 7, 2020**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 7, 2020, as presented for information

**6.5 Appointment of Community Representatives to the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee 2020-2021**

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of the following community members to serve as Community Representatives on the NCPIC for the 2019-2020 term:

Shelley Gilbert –St. Vincent de Paul Society (Appendix A)

**6.6 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F4.1, F4.2, F4.3, F5, F6, F7, F8, F12.1.1, F12.1.2, F12.1.3 and F12.1.4**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

**CARRIED**

## **B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

## **C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Niagara Catholic Reopening Plan Update**

Director Cipriano along with senior staff provided an update on the Niagara Catholic Reopening Plan.

Director Cipriano and members of senior staff answered questions of Trustees.

### **2. In Person Versus Virtual Learners**

Director Cipriano presented the In Person Versus Virtual Learners report for information.

### **3. System Priorities Achievement Report 2019-2020**

Director Cipriano presented the System Priorities Achievement Report 2019-2020 for information.

### **4. Financial Reports**

#### **4.1 2019-2020 Update**

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services provided an update on the 2019-2020 Update.

#### **4.2 2020-2021 Budget Booklet**

Superintendent Vetrone Services presented the 2020-2021 Budget Booklet for Trustee information.

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

### **1. Correspondence**

Nil

### **2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended**

Trustee Burkholder reported on the OCSTA virtual regional meeting, noting it was a good opportunity to hear from other Trustees regarding their concerns as well as positive feedback on how other boards are adapting to the new changes in the education system.

Trustee Burtnik acknowledged that we are not alone. The challenges, successes and the hopes that were expressed this evening were expressed by other boards in the region during the OCSTA virtual regional meeting.

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

Director Cipriano noted that with the possible social distance restriction changes, and in order to accommodate access for the public to attend future public Board meetings, the Board may have to decide on a hybrid type model for future meetings to safely accommodate the public.

Superintendent Vetrone provided an update on the live streaming and modernization project for the Father Burns Board room.

**4. Trustee Information**

Director Cipriano highlighted item D4.1 for the information or questions of Trustees.

**4.1 Calendar of Events – October 2020**

**5. Open Question Period**

None Submitted

**E. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**F. BUSINESS IN CAMERA**

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**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 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

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

Moved by Trustee Huibers

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of September 29, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT**

Moved by Trustee Turner

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 June 23, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F1)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 September 15, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F2)**

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

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 June 23, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.1)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 July 14, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.2)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 August 24, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F4.3)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**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 September 15, 2020, as presented.

**CARRIED (Item F5)**

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 F6

**CARRIED (Item F6)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F12.1.1 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F12.1.1)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F12.1.2 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F12.1.2)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F12.1.3 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F12.1.3)**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

**THAT** the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F12.1.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

**CARRIED (Item F12.1.4)**

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

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

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Turner  
Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

**THAT** the September 29, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

This meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **September 29, 2020**.

Approved on **October 27, 2020**.

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Frank Fera  
Chair of the Board

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Camillo Cipriano  
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer