



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, held electronically on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Huibers.

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

Opening Prayers were led by Trustee Turner

2. Roll Call

Chair Huibers 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		✓		
Student Trustees				
Luca DiPietro		✓		
Sydney Yott		✓		

The following staff were electronically 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

Due to time restraints Chair Huibers requested that Item C1 be presented prior to Item B1

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Agenda of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Disclosures of Interest were declared by Trustees Huibers, Moody and Fera with Item F10.3 of the In Camera Agenda. These trustees have family members who are employees of the Board. They disconnected from the meeting during discussion of this item.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting

5.1 November 24, 2020

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

CARRIED

5.2 December 1, 2020

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 1, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Consent Agenda Items

Trustee Burtnik requested Items F4 & F5 be held. These item were moved to the In-Camera section of the agenda.

6.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 1, 2020 and Consideration of Recommendations

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of December 1, 2020, as presented.

6.1.1 Audited Consolidated Financial Reports 2019-2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Audited Consolidated Financial Reports 2019-2020, as presented.

6.1.2 Revised Estimate for the Year 2020-2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Report on the Revised Estimates for the Year 2020-2021, as presented.

6.2 Director of Education Annual Report 2020

Presented for information.

6.3 Trustee Honorarium for the Year December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Trustee Honorarium for the year period from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021, as noted in Appendix A, as follows:

\$16,458 for the Chairperson of the Board
\$13,441 for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board
\$10,424 for the Other Trustees

6.4 Trustee Expenses and Reimbursement for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Presented for information.

6.5 By-Laws of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the By-Laws of the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee as presented.

6.6 Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting of November 24, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the Approved Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 24, 2020, as presented.

6.7 Approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 25, 2020

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board receive the approved Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of September 25, 2020, as presented for information

6.8 In-Camera Items F1, F2, F6.1, F6.2, F6.3, F6.4, F7 & F8

Moved by Trustee Burkholder
Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

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

Education Development Charges (EDC) By-Laws Renewal

Chair Huibers provided opening remarks on the Education Development Charges By-Laws Renewal proceedings.

Clark Euale, Controller of Facilities Services provided background information on the Education Development Charges (EDC) By-Laws Renewal and introduced Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services, Jack Ammendolia from Watson & Associates Managing Partner and Brad Teichman from Overland LLP.

Ms. Levinski, Mr. Ammendolia and Mr. Teichman presented the Education Development Charges (EDC) By-Laws Renewal report.

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board grant an exception to the Board's approved By-Laws and allow for questions from the public regarding the presentation of the Education Development Charges.

CARRIED

Ms. Levinski, Mr. Ammendolia and Mr. Teichman answered questions of Trustees.

Chair Huibers asked delegates wishing to speak to press *6.

Following a third request for delegation, Chair Huibers noted the public meeting of the Education Development Charges will now adjourn.

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Prince

THAT the public consultation portion of the Education Development Charges (EDC) By-Laws Renewal meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Turner

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board resolve that no further public meetings are required in regard to the two education development charges by-laws.

CARRIED

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the renewal of Education Development Charge By-Law (former County of Welland) and Education Development Charge By-Law (former County of Lincoln), as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Socks for Change

Director Cipriano provided background information on the Socks for Change charity and he, along with Chair Huibers, introduced Sam Baio, the founder of Socks for Change.

Mr. Baio provided a brief history of the evolution of the Socks for Change Charity, and highlighted the good work being done through the Socks for Change. He expressed gratitude to Jennifer Pellegrini, Communications Office, Debbie Ogilvie, Community Outreach Coordinator, Emma Fera-Massi, principal of St. Alfred Catholic Elementary School and Deborah Mercnik, principal of St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School for their guidance and assistance in identifying areas at risk for the distribution of kits to the schools in need.

Mr. Baio answered questions of Trustees.

Chair Huibers expressed gratitude to Mr. Baio for the great work he and his charity are providing to the community.

C. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Education Development Charge By-Law Borrowing Resolution

Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business & Financial Services highlighted the Education Development Charge By-Law Borrowing Resolution.

Moved by Trustee Sicoli
Seconded by Trustee Fera

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the Borrowing Resolution for signing and sealing by the Chair of the Board and the Secretary of the Board.

CARRIED

2. IT Services Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Superintendent Vetrone introduced Grant Frost, Chief Information Officer.

Mr. Frost presented the IT Services Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic report for Trustee information.

Mr. Frost answered questions of Trustees.

Trustees expressed gratitude to Mr. Frost and the IT department for their dedication and hard work. Director Cipriano also expressed gratitude to Grant and the IT department. He acknowledged his predecessor, John Crocco and Superintendents Vetrone and Farrell, for having the foresight to recognize the need for investing in technology.

3. Financial Report as at November 30, 2020

Superintendent Vetrone presented the Financial Report for information.

D. TRUSTEE ITEMS, OPEN QUESTION PERIOD & OTHER BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

Nil

2. Report on Trustee Conferences Attended

Nil

3. General Discussion to Plan for Future Action

- 3.1** Director Cipriano discussed the plan to change the Secondary School day model in order to follow the model of our virtual schools for synchronous learning as well as many of the other secondary schools in other boards within the Golden Horseshoe.

Director Cipriano answered questions of Trustees.

- 3.2** Chair Huibers noted, that following discussions with Patrick Daly of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, it was suggested that Trustees limit their activities at schools during the pandemic. Director Cipriano also reached out to Public Health and they suggested that visits to schools should be limited to essential staff only.

4. Trustee Information

4.1 Calendar of Events – January 2021

Chair Huibers highlighted the January 2021 Calendar of Events and reminded Trustees of the OCSTA Virtual Seminar on January 16, 2021.

5. Open Question Period

None Submitted

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

7. BUSINESS IN CAMERA

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

8. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board report the motions from the In Camera Session of the Board Meeting of December 15, 2020.

CARRIED

SECTION A: STUDENT TRUSTEES PRESENT

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 November 24, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F1)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

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 December 1, 2020, as presented.

CARRIED (Item F2)

SECTION B: STUDENT TRUSTEES EXCLUDED

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 November 24, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED (Item F4)

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

Seconded by Trustee Prince

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 December 1, 2020, as amended.

CARRIED (Item F5)

Moved by Trustee Burkholder

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation as outlined in Item F6.1, F6.2, F6.3 & F6.4 of the In Camera Agenda.

CARRIED (Item F F6.1, F6.2, F6.3 & F6.4)

9. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

10. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION FOR LIFE

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Prince

Seconded by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the December 15, 2020 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board be adjourned.

CARRIED

This meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board held on **December 15, 2020**.

Approved on **January 26, 2021**.

Larry Huibers
Chair of the Board

Camillo Cipriano
Director of Education/Secretary -Treasurer