



**THE MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA**

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**April 23, 2019**

6:16 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kate Baggott, Sue Barnett, Nancy Beamer, Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

**Student  
Trustee:** Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Helen McGregor, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, JoAnna Roberto, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

**Regrets:** Alex Bradnam

**Recording  
Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical  
Support:** Wendy Coit

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

Chair Barnett opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

2. **Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests in the gallery.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**

**Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Bradnam.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)**

**Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole.”**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:53 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Ross Public School choir, via video.

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Fast shared a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Kevin Maves**

**“That the Agenda be adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****2. Approval of Board Minutes**

**Moved by Shannon Mitchell  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated March 26, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Klassen requested an amendment to the minutes. Chair Barnett did not allow Trustee Klassen’s request, explaining that the minutes are to be a record of the actions taken and decisions made by the Board.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole (Private Session)**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

**“That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole be now ratified by the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

Chair Barnett announced that during the Committee of the Whole (Private Session), the Board approved an extension of Director Hoshizaki’s current employment contract for an additional two-year term.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. (a) Director’s Report and Recognition****i. DSBN’s Outdoor Education Program Team – Shauna Kelly, Megan Smith, Angela Irwin, Natalie Kemp, Jamie MacLean, Meghan Gillespie, Ron Goguen and Colleen Fast**

Director Hoshizaki recognized DSBN’s Outdoor Education Program Team for empowering students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, through exploration and discovery to develop a connection with nature. The experiential learning programs offered at the two campuses support students in developing critical thinking skills and encourage innovation, risk taking as well as an appreciation for the environment. Good programs and amazing facilities require a great team in order for this vision to be a

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****DSBN’s Outdoor Education Program Team – Shauna Kelly, Megan Smith, Angela Irwin, Natalie Kemp, Jamie MacLean, Meghan Gillespie, Ron Goguen and Colleen Fast**

success.

Director Hoshizaki presented team members with a token of the Board’s appreciation for their extraordinary contributions.

**ii. Structured Strategies and Fundamental Skills Program Teams, Garrison Road Public School – Kelli Spurrell, Angie Marko, Jessica Meredith, Helga Wagnleithner, Sonia Thompson, Kim Garrels, Rebecca Wolbert and Alyssa French**

Director Hoshizaki recognized the Structured Strategies and Fundamental Skills Program Teams for exemplifying collaboration, working seamlessly together for the success of each student in their care, and for going well beyond their own classroom walls to help meet the needs of students in regular classroom settings. They model inclusivity, routinely welcome students from other classrooms, and maximize interactions between their students and the greater school population in ways that benefit everyone.

Director Hoshizaki presented team members with a token of the Board’s appreciation for their extraordinary contributions.

**b) Director’s Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Welland Centennial Secondary School Cougars Cheer Team
- Cardboard Projects
- Husky Family Math Night
- Ontario Skills Regional Qualifiers
- Pelham Soccer Club Partners with the DSBN
- Director’s School Visits

**2. Educational Showcases****a) “We Are Unity” – Lincoln Centennial Public School**

Superintendent Reimer Friesen introduced the showcase and explained that “unity” is a motto that captures one of the things that makes Lincoln Centennial a special school.

Lincoln Centennial Public School Principal, Amber Overholt-Butler, and Vice Principal, Warren Dixon explained that of the 328 students who attend the school, 108 were born in another country or speak a first language that is not

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**

English. Diversity is a key ingredient in the bond that has been created at the school and they see themselves as both learners and educators. Lincoln Centennial has undergone changes to find ways to promote diversity and the culture of learning.

Students from the Lincoln Centennial Public School choir shared their school song, “*We are Unity.*”

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There was no student achievement report.

**H. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of March 2019, totaling \$18,427,463.47 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Doug Newton**

**“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated April 3, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation about increased class sizes, discussions around feedback for Board policies that are currently up for review, and discussions around topics for the 2019 Parent Involvement Conference.

**3. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Shannon Mitchell  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated March 21, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 11, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meetings which took place in March and April 2019. Topics discussed included an overview of changes in autism funding, an overview of the DSBN Mental Health Strategy, and an overview of collaborative relationships in the Board which help implement individualized learning plans for students.

**4. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**Moved by Keylee Smith  
Seconded by Amal Qayum**

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 16, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Smith provided a summary of the Student Trustee Senate meeting, which included a review of the draft dress code and discussions about the student walk-out in April to protest education changes.

Student Trustee Qayum welcomed Student Trustee elect, Karina Tavarnese, a grade 10 student who attends Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued**

**5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated April 16, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the DSBN Equity and Inclusive Education Report be received.”**

**“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of April 11, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation about DSBN Academy, a presentation of the DSBN Equity and Inclusive Education Report, and an update on a new educational research committee project.

Trustee Klassen proposed that DSBN adopt the anti-bullying flag, and that it be considered for inclusion in DSBN’s existing anti-bullying policies and programming, in order to represent the diversity of all DSBN students and staff.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That a proposal to adopt the anti-bullying flag be brought to the next Program and Planning Committee meeting.”**

**CARRIED**

**6. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 17, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved 9 cases during the April 17, 2019 meeting.

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no questions ask of or by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication****a) Correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation**

Correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation can be found in the Board package.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Chair Barnett reported that Welland Centennial Secondary School students will have one final performance of “Out of Syria” on April 24, 2019, before going on the road with their show.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) and/or on the schools’ websites.

**5. Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Baggott reported on the OPSBA Central West Regional Meeting that was held on April 13, 2019 in Kitchener.



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Baggott explained that many issues have been raised in response to recent provincial governments announcements. OPSBA is seeking clarity on many of these issues.

Trustee Baggott added that the minutes for the meeting would be made available on the OPSBA website.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org).

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of May 2019 meetings was provided.

**N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING**

Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

**“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on April 23, 2019 be now ratified by the Board.”**

**“That the Chair and proper officials of the District School Board of Niagara are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the business as decided by the Board of Trustees this day.”**

**CARRIED**

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Shannon Mitchell  
Seconded by Kevin Maves

**“That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**, Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**, Director of Education  
and Secretary