

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday July 21, 2020 - Via Microsoft Teams

**6:45 – 7:00 pm [Private Session]
7:00 – 8:00 pm [Public Session]**

A G E N D A

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
2. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
2. Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Meeting)

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

Dalewood Public French Immersion School Choir will perform 'O Canada' via video

D. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Recommended Motion:

"That the Agenda be adopted."

2. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Recommended Motion:

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

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (HANDOUT)

K Maves

Recommended Motion:

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated July 21, 2020 be received and the recommendations adopted.”

F. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

W Hoshizaki
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a) Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020-2021

Recommended Motions:

“That the resolution of the Board approved on June 22, 2020 which reads as follows, “That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020- 2021 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education,” is required to be corrected in order to conform with the Ministry of Education’s memorandum issued on June 30, 2020”; and

"That the revised report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2020-2021 dated July 21, 2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education."

G. Ratification of Business Conducted in this Regular Meeting

Recommended Motions:

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on July 21, 2020 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.”

H. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

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



Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020-2021
Report to Board
Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Background:

In order to maximize instruction time for students and be prepared to reopen schools, the Ministry of Education issued a memorandum on June 30th, encouraging school boards to start their school year by September 1st and to schedule three PA days prior to the start of student instruction. Boards are still mandated to meet the Education Act, *Regulation 304 — School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days*, requirements, and submit revised calendars to the Ministry of Education for approval.

As such, the DSBN has adjusted the proposed 2020-2021 calendar to reflect this directive by:

- Adding a P.A. Day on Tuesday, September 1st and removing the June 30th P.A. Day;
- Moving the planned October 9th P.A. Day to Friday, February 12th;
- Moving the November P.A. Day to Wednesday, November 18th (from Friday, Nov. 20th); and,
- Revising the first semester exam schedule to Wednesday, January 27th – Tuesday, February 2nd, thus allowing for a more balanced distribution of instructional days between the two semesters (89 days 1st semester and 88 days 2nd semester).

These amendments will not impact the total number of instructional days or student transportation, and will allow ten-month employees to have Friday, September 4th as a board holiday. Members of the calendar committee have been informed of this decision.

Timeline:

- Board — July 21, 2020
- Ministry Submission – on or before July 24, 2020

Professional Activity Days

In accordance with the *Education Act, Regulation 304 — School Year Calendar*, the following seven days have been identified as Professional Activity Days for both elementary and secondary panels for 2020-2021:

Elementary Professional Activity Days

- Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- Thursday, September 3, 2020
- Wednesday, November 18, 2020
- Friday, January 15, 2021 - Assessment Report Card Writing
- Friday, February 12, 2021
- Friday, June 11, 2021 - Assessment Report Card Writing

Secondary Professional Activity Days

- Tuesday, September 1, 2020
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020
- Thursday, September 3, 2020

- Wednesday, November 18, 2020
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – Turn Around Day
- Friday, February 12, 2021
- Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Secondary Examination Days

- Semester 1: Wednesday, January 27 — Tuesday, February 2, 2021
- Semester 2: Tuesday, June 22 — Monday, June 28, 2021

Board & Civic Holidays

- Board Holiday Friday, September 4, 2020
- Labour Day Monday, September 7, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 12, 2020
- Christmas Break Monday, December 21, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021
- Family Day Monday, February 15, 2021
- March Break Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 19, 2021
- Good Friday Friday, April 2, 2021
- Easter Monday Monday, April 5, 2021
- Victoria Day Monday, May 24, 2021

Recommendations:

“That the resolution of the Board approved on June 22, 2020 which reads as follows, “That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020- 2021 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education,” is required to be corrected in order to conform with the Ministry of Education’s memorandum issued on June 30, 2020”; and

"That the revised report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2020-2021 dated July 21, 2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education."

Respectfully submitted by
 John Dickson, Area 3 - Superintendent of Education (Elementary)
 Date: July 21, 2020

For further information, please contact John Dickson or the Director of Education.


DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

School Year Calendar 2020-2021

DATE	PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY EVENT
September 1, 2020	Elementary and Secondary
September 2, 2020	Elementary and Secondary
September 3, 2020	Elementary and Secondary
November 18, 2020	Elementary and Secondary
January 15, 2021	Elementary – Assessment Report Card Writing
February 3, 2021	Secondary – Turn Around Day activities related to promotion / class placement and school growth plan summary
February 12, 2021	Elementary and Secondary
June 11, 2021	Elementary - Assessment Report Card Writing
June 29, 2021	Secondary


School Year Calendar 2020 - 2021

Legend → **H** - Statutory Holiday Schedule
E - Scheduled Examination Day
P - Professional Activity Day
B - Board Designated Holiday
 Half Day

Elementary -revised July 2020

Month	Number of Instructional Days	Number of Professional Activity Days	Number of Scheduled Examination Days	1 st Week					2 nd Week					3 rd Week					4 th Week					5 th Week				
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August 2020				3 H	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26	27	28	31				
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July 2021						1 H	2		5	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
TOTAL	187	7		Note: The 2020-2021 calendar provides for 196 possible school days between September 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. The school year shall include a minimum of 194 school days of which three days must be designated as professional activity days with respect to specific provincial education priorities as outlined in the Policy/Program Memoranda 151 and up to four extra days may be designated by the board as professional activity days. The remaining school days shall be instructional days. The boards may designate up to ten instructional days as examination days																								

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Secondary - Revised July 2020

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