



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**February 26, 2019**

6:17 – 7:30 p.m. (Private Session)

7:37 – 9:14 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Student  
Trustee:** Amal Qayum

**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:** Student Trustee Keylee Smith

**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 7:37 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 Student Trustee Smith.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Doug Newton

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

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

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of a student who recently passed away.

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Bradnam shared a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**

**Adoption of the Agenda**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 22, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**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 Kate Baggott

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

**CARRIED**

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that was created by DSBN in 2013 – “*Sky’s the Limit.*”

**a) Hannah Walpole, Student, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Hannah Walpole for being actively involved in the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School (GFESS) Council, and for being a leader of GFESS Student Voice.

Director Hoshizaki presented Hannah Walpole with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Director’s Report and Recognition****b) Sherri Pahowski, Secretary, Diamond Trail Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Sherri Pahowski for her above and beyond approach to supporting students and staff.

Director Hoshizaki presented Sherri Pahowski with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**2. Director’s Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Kindergarten Kickstart at the DSBN
- Published Author at Port Weller Public School
- Connaught Public School and Harriet Tubman Public School Grade 7 Students Receive Laptops
- A.K. Wigg Public School’s Spring Musical
- DECA (Developing Excellence Celebrating Achievement)
- DSBN Partnership with the City of St. Catharines and Friends of the Carousel
- 2019 Pinnacle Award Winner

**3. Educational Showcases****a) Student Voice in the Arts**

Secondary Arts Consultant, Jack Wieler, described the importance of student voice in the arts. Jack Wieler shared the process of building collaborative learning teams of students and teachers, and added that when students lead, they learn. These learning team have been responsible for organizing some of the largest arts events at the DSBN and the impact on learning has been profound.

Three secondary students shared their experiences and explained how the focus on learning has made an impact on them. They expressed how grateful they are for the opportunities they have had to express themselves, to help other students learn, and to find their passion.

**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 Kevin Maves**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of December 2018, totaling \$18,868,193.81 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated January 23, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated February 20, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell reported that a total of seven cases were reviewed and approved over the course of the two meetings. Trustee Campbell added that the committee welcomed Andrea Jagoe-Lynett, incoming Student Achievement Leader, and Nadia LeSelva, incoming Attendance Counsellor to the committee.

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

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated February 5, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report 2018-2019 be received for**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued**

**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

information.”

**“That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2019-2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education by May 1, 2019.”**

**CARRIED**

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the meeting, which included discussions around the Indigenous Education Mid-Term Report and a presentation by Superintendent St. John regarding the 2019-2020 school year calendar.

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

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

**“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated February 19, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the meeting which included a student voice presentation, highlights from the Kindergarten Open Houses, discussion around remaining focused on student achievement, and the importance of parent voice.

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

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated February 14, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of both meetings, which included a student voice presentation, a presentation from principal Karen Ferguson about the pathways and supports available when transitioning to secondary school, an EQAO assessment update from Superintendent Dickson, and discussions around pre-school transitions.

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

Trustee Baggott acknowledged that February is Black History Month.

**L. NEW BUSINESS****1. Trustee Baggott’s Request To Develop a Director’s Performance Appraisal (OPA) Policy**

**Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

**“That the Board of Trustees give the Policy Committee the mandate to create a Director’s Performance Appraisal Policy.”**

Trustee Baggott – in favour  
Trustee Maves – opposed  
Trustee Mitchell – in favour  
Trustee Fast – opposed  
Trustee Beamer – in favour  
Trustee Klassen – opposed

Trustee Bradnam – opposed  
Trustee Campbell – in favour  
Trustee Newton – opposed  
Trustee Schaubel – opposed  
Trustee Barnett – opposed

**DEFEATED**

Trustee Baggott spoke to the rationale for the proposed motion and requested a recorded vote.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Jennifer Feren clarified that DSBN is in compliance with the Education Act in this matter because the Board is fulfilling its responsibility to monitor and assess the Director’s performance.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Jennifer Feren clarified there is currently an employment contract in place for the Director, and if a policy was put in place, it could not contravene the terms of the contract.

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

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Trustees attended an information session about Special Education prior to the Board meeting.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence or communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Trustee Bradnam reported having the opportunity to tour four secondary schools.
- b) Trustee Campbell reported that the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) has ongoing programs which include Swim to Survive and Prom Project. Prom Project will take place on April 6, 2019. EFN also supports the financial needs of students with items such as medication, prescriptions, eye glasses, and footwear. DSNB employees now have the opportunity to support the EFN through an employee payroll deduction program.
- c) Trustee Baggott reported joining Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School students as they dealt with a recent tragedy.
- d) Trustee Mitchell reported attending a Family Game Night at Valley Way Public School.
- e) Trustee Mitchell advised that she has been invited to attend the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre Youth & Elders Conference being held on March 7 & 8, 2019.
- f) Vice Chair Schaubel reported attending the Citizenship Ceremony at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School on February 14, 2019, where 26 new citizens were welcomed into Canada.
- g) Chair Barnett reported attending the Mayor's Breakfast in Welland in support of United Way.
- h) Chair Barnett reported that the Eastdale Alumni will be holding a Murder Mystery Fundraiser on April 13, 2019.
- i) Chair Barnett reported that Welland Centennial Secondary School will present "*Escape From Syria*" on February 28 & March 1, 2019.
- j) Chair Barnett advised that, Helen Durley, Trustee for Crowland Township school Board recently passed away at the age of 100. She will be recognized at the Eastdale Secondary School graduation ceremony with a bursary in her name.

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



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**

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

Trustee Baggott reported she attended OPSBA’s Board of Director’s meeting which was held on February 22-23, 2019.

Trustee Baggott provided a brief summary of the key points that were discussed during the meeting.

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 March 2019 meetings was provided.

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

Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on February 26, 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 Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**, Chair

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