



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

January 22, 2019

5:30 – 6:35 p.m. (Educational Showcasing - Atrium)

6:40 – 8:55 p.m. (Public Session)

8:10 – 8:52 p.m. (Private 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 Trustees: Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith

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

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Linda Gonschior and 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. Indigenous Opening by Guest Speaker Gary Parker

Gary Parker, a local representative of the indigenous community, opened the meeting with a brief message in the language of his people, and then translated his words of thanks for those in attendance.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**3. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Barnett called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m. and welcomed guests who were in the atrium.

Chair Barnett introduced the elected members of the Board.

Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)	Fort Erie/Port Colborne
Elizabeth Klassen	Grimsby/Town of Lincoln
Kevin Maves	Niagara Falls
Shannon Mitchell	Niagara Falls
Kate Baggott	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Alex Bradnam	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Lora Campbell	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Jonathan Fast	St. Catharines/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Nancy Beamer	Thorold/Pelham
Sue Barnett (Chair)	Welland
Doug Newton	West Lincoln/Wainfleet

Chair Barnett introduced Student Trustees Amal Qayum and Keylee Smith.

Chair Barnett welcomed MPP, Sam Oosterhoff.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Barnett advised that Trustee Mitchell declared a conflict of interest with respect to item B.6 - Negotiations in the Committee of the Whole agenda.

B. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Quaker Road Public School choir. The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honour of a student who recently passed away.

C. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES

Music and dance showcases were present by students, as follows:

1. The Quaker Road Public School Glee Club performed 2 songs.
2. Peace Bridge Public School students, along with family members, performed Indigenous Dances.
3. The Central French Immersion Public School Singrays performed two musical numbers.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASES – continued

4. A.N. Myer Secondary School presented a portion of “Avenue Q: School Edition.”
5. The Laura Secord Secondary School Drumline performed.

Chair Barnett thanked school staff and parents for supporting the students who performed in the Educational Showcases.

Chair Barnett thanked the students and staff from Beamsville District Secondary School Hospitality and Tourism program for preparing and serving refreshments and food.

The business of the Board continued in the Board room at 6:43 p.m.

Chair Barnett welcomed Niagara Regional Chair, Jim Bradley.

D. INAUGURAL ADDRESS TO THE BOARD

a) Sue Barnett, Chair of the District School Board of Niagara

The Chair presented an Inaugural address to the Board.

b) Dave Schaubel, Vice Chair of the District School Board of Niagara

The Vice Chair presented an Inaugural address to the Board.

E. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Nancy Beamer shared a reflective reading.

F. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Chair Barnett noted that the usual order of business for regular meetings of the Board, as well as the start time, was amended in light of the Educational Showcases in the atrium.

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

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

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

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated December 4, 2018 be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

G. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition****a) Director’s Recognition****i. Director’s Artisan Card Contest Winners**

Kim Yielding, Chief Communications Officer, presented the showcase, which recognized the winners of the Director’s Artisan Card Contest. Students were given an opportunity to create a piece of artwork to commemorate a month of the year and what makes it special.

ii. Pam Hrstic, Administrative Secretary, Grimsby Secondary School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Administrative Secretary, Pam Hrstic for her hard work, professionalism and dedication to students and staff, and her positive impact on the school and its community.

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

iii. Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner

Director Hoshizaki recognized the Rotary Club of Welland for being a community partner and supporter of DSBN schools.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued

Rotary Club of Welland, Community Partner

Director Hoshizaki presented representatives from The Rotary Club of Welland with a token of the Board’s appreciation for its extraordinary contributions.

b) Director’s Update to Trustees

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Good News Breakfast for Project Share
- Zones of Regulation Family Night at Fitch Street Public School
- Canadian Dance Educator of the Year (School Board)
- Fun Family Friday’s at Diamond Trail Public School
- Simcoe Street Public School Breakfast and Karate Event
- Wainfleet Elementary Accommodation Review

H. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There was no student achievement report.

I. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

J. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. ACCOUNTS

**Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of November 2018, totaling \$21,679,089.40 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

OLD BUSINESS – continued

REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated December 5, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer provided a summary of the meeting which included a presentation about the transition to a grade 1-8 French immersion school, information about work of the Education Foundation of Niagara and a review of the positive feedback received about the PIC Conference held in November 2018.

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated December 12, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that six cases were reviewed and approved at the meeting.

4. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

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

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated December 12, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustees Smith and Qayum reported that the Senators received a presentation on the importance of equity and information about some of the programs that are in place to support students at DSBN. They advised that Senators will continue planning student voice initiatives.

5. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

OLD BUSINESS – continued

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated December 13, 2018 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustees Mitchell and Bradnam provided a brief summary of the meeting which included a student voice presentation, an opportunity to take part in technology stations led by the IT4 Learning Team, and an update regarding Pathstones Mental Health.

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustees received a handout prior to the start of the Board meeting.

**Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated January 21, 2019 be received and the recommendations adopted.”

“That the Financial Report on International Education 2017-18 be received.”

“That \$283,662 be allocated to support the Board’s strategic initiatives.”

“That the 2018-19 Interim Financial Report, reflecting updated enrolments for October 31, 2018, and the resulting changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

“That the Specialist High Skills Major Technology Capital Renewal Proposal be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a brief summary of the meeting which included a review of the Financial Report on International Education, the 2018-19 Interim Financial Report, and the Specialist High Skills Major Technology Capital Renewal Proposal.

L. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

M. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

N. 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 re: Waiving Fees for Municipal Elections**

Correspondence regarding waiving fees for Municipal Elections was included in the board agenda package.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Campbell reported on the Education Foundation of Niagara's new Leadership Giving Program and advised of upcoming EFN fundraisers.
- b) Trustee Bradnam reported that he had the opportunity to represent the DSBN at the Laura Secord visual arts showcase, Face Value.
- c) Chair Barnett reported that she recently served at a community dinner which aims to help alleviate poverty.

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsbn.org and/or on the schools' websites.

5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Trustee Baggott reported attending the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting held on December 7-8, 2018. Trustee Baggott shared information that was discussed during the meeting, including:

- an address by the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education
- a series of updates from the regional areas of Ontario which included information about a policy on conducting a performance review of the Director of Education.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of February 2019 meetings was provided.

The Board convened for a short recess at 8:00 p.m.

O. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

CARRIED

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Trustee Mitchell returned to the Board room at 8:53 p.m.

P. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Doug Newton

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

CARRIED

Q. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on January 22, 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 Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary