



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

June 24, 2019

6:16 – 6:44 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 8:21 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kate Baggott, Sue Barnett (Chair), Alex Bradnam, 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, 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:** 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.

Chair Barnett acknowledged the work of the Student Trustees and thanked Student Trustee Qayum for her hard work and dedication over the past two years. Chair Barnett welcomed incoming Student Trustee Karina Tavernese.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

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 Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:44 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by Megan Dyck, Eliza-Beth Krogman, and Eden Smith, Special Olympics athletes, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Maves shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Board Minutes

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued

“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 28, 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 Shannon Mitchell**

“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

a) Director’s Update to Trustees

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Skills Canada National Competition
- 2018-2019 2e Concours Impromptu: Finalistes
- A.N. Myer Secondary School Robotics
- Spring Math Challenge
- First Ever High School Sledge Hockey Game
- TC² Award for DSBN
- DSBN Academy Welcomes Salva Dut
- National Indigenous Peoples Day
- Niagara Health System and District School Board of Niagara

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that highlighted DSBN Special Olympics. This event was held on the new Welland Centennial Secondary School turf field this year. Director Hoshizaki thanked Superintendent Dickson, Andy Dermatas, and the entire team for their hard work and preparation for this event.

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 Kevin Maves
Seconded by Kate Baggott**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of May, 2019, totaling \$19,688,641.21 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Moved by Dave Schaubel
Seconded by Doug Newton**

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated June 3, 2019 be received.”

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 23, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Vice Chair Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Indigenous Education Report and an update on four newly proposed research projects.

3. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated June 10, 2019 be received as information.”

“That the report of the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received.”

“That the 2019-20 Risk Assessment Update and Audit Plan Proposal be approved.”

“That the 7-month specified procedures report for the period ending March 31, 2019 be received.”

“That KPMG be appointed external auditors for the District School Board of Niagara for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2019.”

CARRIED

Superintendent Veld provided a summary of the Audit Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Regional Internal Audit Status Report, a presentation of the 7-Month Specified Procedures Report, and the appointment of KPMG as the external auditors for DSBN for a one-year term.

4. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated June 11, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation from Lisa Mooney that highlighted summer programs available at DSBN, Trustee Newton shared details about the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting, and Parent Involvement Committee Conference planning took place.

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 June 13, 2019 be received.”

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE SPEICAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

“That the 2019-20 DSBN Special Education Plan be approved.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, which included a student voice presentation, an overview of the Special Education Preliminary Budget for 2019-20, a presentation from Kathy Ditto, who leads the Multi-Disciplinary Team, and a request for final feedback from the committee regarding the 2019-20 Special Education Plan.

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Baggott requested that the motion regarding the District School Board In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan be voted on separately.

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 19, 2019 be received.”

“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2019, be received.”

“That the Baseline Classroom Technology allocation be approved.”

“That the Preliminary 2019-20 Budget be received.”

“That the Preliminary 2019-20 Budget include:

- **\$64,000 to support Indigenous and Teaching Students with Communications Needs (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Additional Qualification Courses;**
- **\$30,240 to support Tutors in the Classroom;**
- **\$107,000 for 1.0 FTE Secondary Math Instructional Coach;**
- **\$74,000 for 2.0 FTE Itinerant Educational Assistants;**
- **\$35,000 to support Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) for 2019-20 and that EFN provide a short-term plan, long-term plan and a financial plan to be presented to the Finance Committee in September.”**
- **That the 2019-20 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$476,224,920 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”**

OLD BUSINESS – continued**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

“That authority be delegated to the Director of Education and the Superintendent of Business Services jointly to approve property matters in July and August that would otherwise require Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee and Board approval and, report such approvals at the September 2019 Ad Hoc Properties Disposal Committee meeting.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a detailed summary of the Finance Committee meeting, which included discussions on the Interim Financial Report, Baseline Classroom Technology, District School Board In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan, and the Preliminary 2019-20 Budget.

In response to questions that were asked during the Finance Committee meeting, Superintendent Roberto advised that a preliminary comparison on the cost of textbooks versus electronic resources has been conducted, and a pilot project will take place next year to look at additional factors.

**Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

“That the 2019-20 District School Board In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan be approved.”

CARRIED

Discussions took place around the In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan and the reasons why Board funded AQ Programs, Indigenous Education, and DSBN Academy were referenced in the plan.

Trustees expressed concern over the direction that the province is taking with respect to Board reserves.

Director Hoshizaki read excerpts from a draft letter that was prepared for the Minister of Education and the Deputy Minister of Education.

**Moved by Alex Brandman
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

“That Board staff be directed to script a letter to send to the Deputy Minister and the Minister of Education that details the concerns being voiced by Trustees around Board reserves.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS – continued**7. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Kate Baggott

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 21, 2019 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed 17 cases that had previously come to the committee during the 2018/19 school year. Of the 17 cases reviewed, 16 were renewed and will continue with their SAL learning plan for the upcoming school year.

8. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

Student Trustees Qayum and Smith presented information about the process and outcomes of the Student Voice Project. At the end of the project, each school submitted a report of their findings. The Student Trustees shared some of the commonalities that were found in each section.

- Engagement and belonging: Students talked about the importance of well-being supports and academic supports.
- Equity and inclusion: Some barriers that students indicated included costs, access to transportation, lack of diversity, and a language barrier for international students.
- Curriculum support: Students indicated that an earlier start on post-secondary planning, attending college and university presentations in grade 11, and having expectations in current classes match the expectations in higher level courses would be helpful.

Incoming Student Trustee Tavernese shared next steps, and added that the Student Trustees would be bringing a report to the Program and Planning Committee in the new school year.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked 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

Trustees attended a Trustee information session prior to the Board meeting.

3. Correspondence and Communication

Trustee Bradnam and Trustee Mitchell spoke to an email that was received from the president of Local CUPE 4156 with regards to Bill 124. Trustee Mitchell encouraged Trustees to voice their opposition against this Bill.

Chair Barnett added that this item would be included on the Trustee retreat agenda.

Director Hoshizaki announced that, at the request of the students, the Education Centre Cafeteria will no longer use single-use plastics.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Campbell reported attending the Niagara Business Achievement Awards. The Education Foundation of Niagara was recognized during the event.
- b) Chair Barnett advised that the members of the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Advisory Committee will be Trustees Bradnam, Klassen, Maves, Mitchell, Schaubel, and Student Trustees Smith and Tavernese.
- c) Trustee Beamer recognized E.L. Crossley alumni Sam Picallo who recently received the Dalton Camp Award.
- d) Trustee Beamer recognized E.L. Crossley alumni Dr. Madelyn Law, who will be taking the lead at the Brock University Centre for Pedagogical Innovation.
- e) Chair Barnett reported attending the DSBN Rugby Tournament.
- f) Chair Barnett shared that the Welland High and Vocational School Reunion will take place on August 10, 2019.
- g) Student Trustee Qayum shared the importance of her experience as a Student Trustee and thanked Trustees, the senior team, advisors, and Student Trustee Senators for their hard work and commitment.

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

**Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That Trustee Baggott be appointed to serve as OPSBA Director and to hold the position of Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the 2019-2020 term.”

“That Trustee Mitchell be appointed to serve as OPSBA Alternate Director and to hold the position of Alternate Voting Delegate for the Annual General Meeting and Regional Council meetings for the 2019-2020 term.”

CARRIED

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of September 2019 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

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

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on June 24, 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 Kate Baggott**

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT – continued

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary