



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**March 26, 2019**

6:20 – 9:07 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 9:08 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Recording  
Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical  
Support:** Wendy Coit

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

**1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

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

Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) 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**

Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) noted the absence of Chair Sue Barnett.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Doug Newton**

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

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

**“That the Board move to open meeting and reconvene after Agenda Item M.”**

**CARRIED**

The Board moved to open meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

**“That the Board return to closed session.”**

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to closed session at 8:18 p.m.

**Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School choir, via video.

The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in memory of former DSBN Trustee, Gary Atamanyk, who recently passed away.

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Campbell 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 Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 26, 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)**

This item was deferred until the business transacted in the Committee of the Whole was complete at 9:07 p.m.

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

**“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) i. Bill Felton, Head Caretaker, Simcoe Street Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Bill Felton for his exemplary commitment to ensuring that Simcoe Street Public School provides a safe and clean environment for students, staff and the community.

Director Hoshizaki presented Bill Felton with a token of the Board's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

**ii. Leanne Labiuk, Administrative Assistant, Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Leanne Labiuk for making Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School an inviting place and for going above and beyond every day.

Director Hoshizaki presented Leanne Labiuk with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions.

**iii. Jon Bradnam, Elementary Itinerant ESL Teacher**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Jon Bradnam for working hard to make strong connections with students, parents, and schools.

Director Hoshizaki presented Jon Bradnam with a token of the Board's appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

**b) Director's Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Mathology
- PD for Teacher-Librarians
- DSBN Forest of Reading
- Multicultural Night at Kate S. Durdan Public School
- A French Cultural Experience with Fana Soro
- Youth and Elder Gathering
- NPCA Awards Night
- Westmount Public School Colour Team Day – “Math Escape Room”

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****2. Educational Showcases****a) Willy Wonka Production, Oakridge Public School**

Superintendent Hahn introduced the showcase, which highlighted Oakridge Public School's production of Willy Wonka Jr.

Oakridge Public School Principal, Lorne Gretsinger shared that the school-wide production included participation from all students from grades 1 – 8, along with help from many dedicated staff and parent volunteers.

Students performed selected scenes from their production of Willy Wonka Jr.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

There was no student achievement report.

**H. DELEGATIONS****1) Rob Gill**

Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) advised that Trustees had previously been provided a copy of the presentation and added that Trustees would have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions after the presentation.

Rob Gill shared examples of his experience attending DSBN schools and how those experiences of teasing and bullying affect him as an adult. Rob Gill requested that DSBN designate June as Pride Month and fly the Pride flag at all DSBN properties as it is a symbol of safety, acceptance and inclusion.

In response to Trustee Mitchell's request, Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) referred this matter to the April Program and Planning Committee meeting for staff to report on the current DSBN initiatives, actions, and supports offered to LGBTQ2+ students, and also to the broader student body.

**I. BOARD RECESS**

There was no Board recess.

**J. OLD BUSINESS****1. ACCOUNTS**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Doug Newton**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of January 2019, totaling \$22,996,052.38 be received.”**

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of February 2019, totaling \$17,214,352.25 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

**“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of February 14, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the Long-Term Accommodation Plan, 2019-2028 be received.”**

**“That the Board receive the Multi Subject Instructional Periods report.”**

**“That the New Secondary School in West Niagara Transition Update be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Vice Chair Schaubel (Acting Chair) provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included an update on a newly proposed research project, a presentation of the Long Term Accommodation Plan, an MSIP Report, and a New West Niagara Secondary School transition update.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Superintendent McGregor elaborated on the New West Niagara Secondary School transition update.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki and Superintendent Veld explained the resources that are used when projecting enrollment to ensure accuracy.

**3. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam**

**“That the report of the Policy Committee dated March 19, 2019 be received.”**

**“That Policy G-33: School Logo be approved as amended and adopted.”**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued**

**“That Policy G-40: Supporting Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions be approved as received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam reported that 3 policies were presented and discussed during the Policy Committee meeting.

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

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

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

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee heard and approved 8 cases during the March 20, 2019 meeting.

**5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated March 20, 2019 be received.”**

**“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended January 31, 2019, be received.”**

**“That the 2019-20 Budget Timelines be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maves (Acting Vice Chair) provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Award of Contracts Summary report and a presentation of the 2019-20 Budget Process and Timelines report.

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

In response to a question from a Trustee about the impact of job losses because the Ministry of Education’s announcement of class size changes, Director Hoshizaki advised that DSBN’s current projections show an increase in enrollment in elementary and secondary schools, but further information is still needed from the Ministry of Education in order to determine the full impact.

**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 an information session about cellphone use in schools and received a math presentation prior to the Board meeting.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence or communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Trustee Newton reported attending the DSNB School Council Chair Networking Session on March 6, 2019.
- b) Trustee Beamer reported that the Glynn A. Green Public School community recently came together to donate over 400 books for students in northern communities. The books will be delivered by a decommissioned pumper truck that is being donated by the City of St. Catharines to a First Nation Reserve north of Sioux Falls, Ontario.
- c) Student Trustee Smith reported that, in response to the Ministry of Education's recent announcements to changes in education, students across the province have started a #StudentsSayNo Movement and are scheduling a province-wide walk out on April 4, 2019.
- d) Trustee Baggott congratulated Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School student Sierra Spence, for winning a Scotiabank Youth award. Sierra won \$2,500 to donate to the Niagara Children's Centre.
- e) Trustee Baggott reported that the Prince Philip Public School (St. Catharines) parent council is currently raising funds to build a school and community playground.
- f) Trustee Baggott reported that Gracefield Public School will be hosting a Math Night Open House on April 11, 2019.
- g) Trustee Baggott reported that Westdale Public School is having a chocolate bar fundraiser until April 8, 2019.



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

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

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

Trustee Baggott reported that OPSBA staff are scheduled to meet with Ministry of Education staff on April 8, 2019.

Trustee Baggott noted that OPSBA news releases can be found on the OPSBA website.

Trustee Baggott provided a reminder of the upcoming Education Labour Relations and Human Relations Symposium on April 4-5, 2019, and the OPSBA Regional Meeting being hosted by Waterloo Region District School Board on April 13, 2019.

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 April 2019 meetings was provided.

**At 8:18 p.m. Vice Chair Schuabel requested that the Board return to closed session.**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

**“That the Board return to closed session.”**

**CARRIED**

**Student Trustees left the Board room at 8:18 p.m.**

**The Board took a short recess and reconvened at 8:26 p.m.**

**Moved by Doug Newton  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**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 March 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 Shannon Mitchell  
Seconded by Kate Baggott**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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**DAVE SCHAUBEL**, Acting Chair

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