



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**May 28, 2019**

6:15 – 6:32 p.m. (Private Session)

6:57 – 8:58 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett (Chair), 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, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, 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 6:57 p.m. and welcomed guests in the gallery.

3. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Kate Baggott

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

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

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Klassen shared a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Alex Bradnam  
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Minutes of the Regular meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated April 23, 2019 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****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 Doug Newton

“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 Recognition****i) Michelle Shannon, Volunteer, Valley Way Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Michelle Shannon for her extensive volunteer time and for all she does to help make Valley Way Public School such an amazing place to be.

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

**ii) Gerry Graziani, Head Custodian, Eastdale Secondary School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Gerry Graziani for 42 years of dedicated service with the DSBN and for the positive impact that he has made on students.

Director Hoshizaki presented Gerry Graziani with a token of the Board’s appreciation for his extraordinary contributions.

**iii) Lory McMullen and Rudy Klassen, Teachers, ROUTES Program Staff**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Lory McMullen and Rudy Klassen for their ability to build strong relationships and for their commitment to student success.

Director Hoshizaki presented Lory McMullen and Rudy Klassen with a token of the Board’s appreciation for their extraordinary contributions.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****b) Director's Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- DSBN Heritage Fair
- Silver Birch® & Red Maple™ Student Conference
- Blue Spruce™ Family Literacy Celebration
- DSBN White Pine™ Student Conference
- Math Olympics
- Governor Simcoe SS Robotics
- Music Monday
- Mindset Matters Student Leadership Conference
- Mental Health Awareness
- CONNECT Conference
- Diplôme d'études de langues françaises (DELF)
- DSBN Students Receive Major University Scholarships
- Skills Competition
- The Ontario Association for Mathematics Education (OAME) Award
- OCTE Excellence in Teaching Award
- Landscape of Nations
- Exciting Updates from Pine Grove Public School

Director Hoshizaki shared videos that highlighted:

- DSBN White Pine™ Student Conference
- DSBN Music Monday
- DSBN Mindset Matters Conference

Director Hoshizaki added that new turf fields at Westlane Secondary School, Port Colborne High School, and E. L. Crossley Secondary School are completed or near completion.

**2. Educational Showcases****a) St. David's Public School – Bee You**

Superintendent Hahn introduced students from the St. David's Public School Technovation Team. The club is for girls who are 10 years of age or older and provides opportunities for them to take part in STEM activities.

St. David's Public School Principal Tracey Leemet introduced the four students and explained that they started working together in October to identify a problem, create a plan, and come up with a solution. They presented their pitch at regional competition and they earned a silver medal.

Josh Bateson, teacher, thanked the Board for the training, tools, and opportunities that made this program possible.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Educational Showcases****St. David's Public School – Bee You**

The students presented the *Be Yourself* App called Bee You. The students developed the app as a way to provide a stronger support system for youth that are dealing with stress and mental health problems in the community. The app allows students to express themselves, deal constructively with their stress, and access support. Some features include breathing techniques to reduce stress and bring anxiety levels down, a map to show local supports that are available in the community, inspirational quotes, and a journal.

**b) Greendale Public School – Girls Empowering Girls**

Superintendent Roberto introduced the Greendale Public School Gator Girls, who worked together to develop an app to help inspire girls to believe in themselves, set goals, and gain inspiration.

Greendale Public School Principal Carl Glauser introduced Teacher, Mrs. Fougere, who explained that this is the first year that the girls took part in coding activities. They identified a problem, conducted research, and then developed an app to solve the problem.

The students presented *GEG*, an app created by girls for girls. The app aims to offer girls a place to feel safe, gain self-confidence, and empower girls aged 8-13. Users get effective advice and are provided positive support and empathy. Features include daily inspirational quotes, a websites and information feature, a goals feature, and a frequently asked questions section.

**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 Jonathan Fast

**“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of April 23, 2019, totaling \$18,567,462.22 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**2. 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 May 9, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Mitchell reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee received an inspirational Student Voice Presentation from a grade 12 Governor Simcoe Secondary School student. Trustee Mitchell provided a reminder of the upcoming DSBN Special Olympics which will be held on June 12, 2019 at Welland Centennial Secondary School.

**3. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

Moved by Keylee Smith  
Seconded by Amal Qayum

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated May 14, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Smith reported that Student Senators had the opportunity to report on the findings of their school-based Student Voice forums during the Student Trustee Senate meeting. Student Trustees will share these findings during the next Board meeting.

**4. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**“That the report of the Policy Committee dated May 14, 2019 be received.”**

**“That Policy A-17 Advertising Expenditures for Public Information and Awareness be approved as received and adopted.”**

**“That Policy D-08: Co-operative Education/Experiential Learning be approved as received and adopted.”**

**“That Policy C-03: Service Accessibility Standards for Ontarians with Disabilities be approved as amended and adopted.”**

**“That Policy E-13: Attendance Support Program be approved as received and adopted.”**

**“That Policy A-13: Board Logo be approved as received and adopted.”**

**“That Policy G-08: District School Board of Niagara Code of Conduct be approved as received and adopted.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Bradnam provided a summary of the policies that were up for review, and added that the committee also looked at which policies would be a starting point for the Policy Committee in the upcoming school year.

**5. 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 May 15, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved 3 cases during the May 15, 2019 meeting.

**6. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated May 23, 2019 be received.”**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued**

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

“That Policy J-01: Transportation Eligibility and Service be approved as received and adopted.”

“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended April 30, 2019, be received.”

“That the Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2019, be received.”

“That the Multi-Year Capital Plan be received, and staff be authorized to proceed with all identified projects up to and including the 2019-20 year, subject to confirmation of necessary Ministry of Education capital funding approvals.”

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

**CARRIED**

Trustees agreed to amend the wording of the motion regarding Policy J-01 to include the words ‘be approved as received and adopted.’

Trustee Maves provided a detailed summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 23, 2019.

In response to a request from a Trustee, the first sentence on page 57 of the Finance Committee minutes will be revised to reflect the correct date of February 28, 2019.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki explained that some instructional coaches will be returning to classrooms in order to protect the programs in secondary schools.

Chair Barnett provided a reminder of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on June 19, 2019.

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

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. REPORT OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel



**“That the report of the Code of Conduct Investigation Committee dated May 28, 2019 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Chair Barnett explained that DSBN is considering its first formal Code of Conduct complaint since the Board passed its new Code of Conduct in September 2018. At the inauguration of this current Board, all Trustees agreed to abide by the Board’s Code of Conduct and the Enforcement Procedures

Chair Barnett reminded Trustees of the process laid out by the Trustee Code of Conduct and the Education Act and added that no determination has been made as to whether a Breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred. Under the Code of Conduct and the *Education Act*, only the whole Board of Trustees can make that determination. Only where the Board determines that a Trustee has breached the Code of Conduct will the Board then consider what, if any sanction it will impose on the Trustee.

Any resolution about whether a breach occurred and what, if any, sanction will apply will be passed in open session and under the DSBN Code of Conduct, the resolution must pass by a 2/3 majority.

Chair Barnett explained that she received a written formal complaint from Trustee Fast alleging that Trustee Baggott breached 2 sections of the Code of Conduct:

Chair Barnett added that The Code of Conduct Investigation Committee then commenced its investigation into the facts of the complaint and as part of its process, it offered both Trustee Fast and Baggott the opportunity to submit written and oral statements.

In response to questions from Trustees, Chair Barnett clarified that if Trustees wish to pursue this matter further, a motion would be needed.

**Moved by Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the Board take a 5-minute recess.”**

**CARRIED**

**The Board took at 5-minute recess and reconvened at 8:28 p.m.**

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

**1. Staff Reports**

**a) Request to Begin School Naming Process**

Superintendent McGregor requested that Beamsville District Secondary School and Grimsby Secondary School come together to begin the process of naming the new secondary school being built in West Niagara that is proposed to open in September 2022.

**Moved Elizabeth Klassen  
Seconded Doug Newton**

**“That the request to begin the naming process for the new West Niagara Secondary School in September 2019 as per Policy A-09, be approved.”**

**CARRIED**

**b) DSBN Strategic Plan Process 2020-2025 Report**

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

**“That the Board appoint up to five Trustees (one as Chair of the committee), and the Student Trustees, to be members of the Ad Hoc DSBN Strategic Plan 2020-2025 Advisory Committee.”**

**CARRIED**

Director Hoshizaki provided background information about the current strategic plan development process and added that it is time to revisit the strategic plan to set direction for the next 5 years. Director Hoshizaki provided a timeline for the development and implementation of DSBN's Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

Chair Barnett asked that Trustees interested in serving on the committee let her or Director Hoshizaki know.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence or communication.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

a) Trustee Campbell provided updates on recent Education Foundation of Niagara events.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Prom Project took place on April 6, 2019 with 3 locations in Niagara. Formal wear was provided for over 400 students.
  - The CONNECT Conference took place on May 1, 2019.
  - McHappy Day was held on May 8, 2019 and EFN was selected as one of the charities of choice.
  - EFN Executive Director Laura Byers kicked off the inaugural Leave a Legacy Giving program on May 1, 2019. A short video launched today on EFN social medial platforms and will run until the end of the month.
  - DSBN Academy recently received \$25,000 from RBC to be used towards technology that is needed when attending college or university.
  - The EFN Golf Classic will take place on June 7, 2019.
  - The Know Your Power Conference will be held on October 20, 2019. This is the first in a series of workshops to support student bursaries.
  - Beat the Brainiacs will be held on November 7, 2019.
- b) Trustee Bradnam reported that the Rankin Run took place on May 25, 2019, with many schools taking part. All funds raised by schools stay in our communities.
- c) Trustee Bradnam reported that Niagara Nutrition Partners is having their breakfast this coming Thursday to raise money for breakfast programs in schools.
- d) Superintendent Dickson provided a reminder of the upcoming DSBN Special Olympics on June 12, 2019. This is the first year that it will take place at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Trustees received an event t-shirt that was designed by DSBN students.
- e) Chair Barnett reported attending DSBN Forest of Reading events.
- f) Chair Barnett reported attending DSBN's CONNECT Conference as an Education Foundation of Niagara volunteer.
- g) Chair Barnett reported attending DSBNs Music Monday event.
- h) Chair Barnett reported attending the Princess Elizabeth Public School Community Night.
- i) Chair Barnett reported giving a presentation to Welland City Council.

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

- j) Trustee Mitchell reported attending the Westlane Cares Aids Walk.
- k) Trustee Mitchell reported attending a plant sale at Westlane Secondary School. The greenhouse and DIGit program at Westlane offer a lot of opportunities for DSBN students.
- l) Trustee Mitchell reported attending the Welcome to Kindergarten event at Cherrywood Acres.
- m) Trustee Mitchell reported attending the Niagara Folk Arts open house.
- n) Trustee Beamer reported that students at Prince of Wales Public School in Thorold have been learning about indigenous culture. Parents and students were invited to share authentic food, see art displays, singing, and dancing.
- o) Trustee Beamer reported attending A.K. Wigg Public School's drama production of Willy Wonka Jr., which was recently held at Welland Centennial Secondary School.
- p) Trustee Beamer reported that A.K. Wigg Public School recently held a garage sale to raise funds to help with the playground equipment project.
- q) Trustee Baggott reported attending the St. Catharines Collegiate plant sale.
- r) Trustee Baggott reminded Trustees about upcoming Fun Fair events at DSBN schools.
- s) Trustee Baggott recognized and thanked the DSBN students who acted as volunteers and dancers at the recent Folk Arts Festival.

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

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

Trustee Baggott reported attending the OPSBA Board of Director's Meeting in Toronto on May 3– 4, 2019, where she had the opportunity to preview The OSTA-AECO Vision Document, Students' Vision For Education

Student Trustee Qayum explained that the Student Vision includes 35 recommendations from students in 6 key areas. The report can be found at [www.osta-aeco.org](http://www.osta-aeco.org).

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report**

Trustee Baggott urged Trustees to look at the legislative updates at [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org) and to review the Vision Document.

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 June 2019 meetings was provided.

Move Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting to June 21, 2019.

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

Moved by Kate Baggott  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

**“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on May 28, 2019 be now ratified by the Board.”**

**CARRIED**

Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded Shannon Mitchell

**“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 Doug Newton

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT – continued**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**, Chair

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