



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

February 25, 2020

6:15 – 6:41 p.m. (Private Session)
7:00 – 8:04 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: 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: Keylee Smith, Karina Tavernese, Ness Griffin

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

Absent: Kate Baggott (authorized)

**Recording
Secretary:**

Christina Dero

**Technical
Support:**

Linda Gonschoir

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.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued

Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent

Chair Barnett noted that Trustee Baggott was present for the Committee of the Whole Private Session but would not be taking part in the Open Session.
(authorized absence under s. 218.3(4) of the *Education Act*)

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

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

CARRIED

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Kate Baggott

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:41 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

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

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

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Bradnam shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. **Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated January 28, 2020 be confirmed as submitted.”

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated February 20, 2020 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 Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“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 of Viola Kertesz, Lunchroom Supervisor/ Volunteer, James Morden Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Viola Kertesz being a dedicated volunteer and lunchroom supervisor for the past 38 years.

Director Hoshizaki presented Viola Kertesz with a token of the Board’s appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

b) **Director’s Update to Trustees**

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**Director’s Update to Trustees**

Director Hoshizaki provided information and updates on the following:

- Korean Winter Camp
- Legislative Page Program
- Tanya Talaga Speaker Series
- DSBN Well-Being Flag
- DSBN iPledge Campaign

2. Educational Showcases**a) Student Maci Wood performs “Unsaid”**

Superintendent St. John introduced Greater Fort Erie Secondary School student Maci Wood and Stevensville Public School teacher Mr. Roach. Superintendent St. John explained that they have been performing together for several years, and recently entered the CBC contest Searchlight 2020. They are currently ranked within the top 100 national contenders with their original song “Unsaid” and the top 10 finalists will be announced on February 27, 2020.

Maci Wood and Mr. Roach performed “Unsaid.”

b) Laura Secord Secondary School presents ‘Mama Mia’

Superintendent McGregor introduced the talented students from Laura Secord Secondary School that will be performing Mama Mia in Laura Secord’s theatre this spring.

Teacher Tracy Thorpe explained that it takes many students and staff members working together to make the production possible. The show opens on March 26, 2020.

Student performed the number Super Trooper.

Chair Barnett noted that the Off the Wall Art Show is now open and artwork is on display in the Education Centre atrium and hallways.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS**1. Ed Smith**

DELEGATIONS – continued

Ed Smith spoke to the recent DSBN Code of Conduct complaint against Trustee Baggott. Ed Smith explained the reasons he did not agree with the Code of Conduct complaint and added that the penalty is not proportionate to the judgement. He spoke to the importance of democracy and transparency in Niagara.

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 January 2020, totaling \$21,191,081.08 be received.”

CARRIED

2. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated February 5, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Beamer provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included discussions about current job action and report cards, information about the large number of students who registered during DSBN’s Kindergarten Open House, and information about the addition to Forestview Public School being approved.

3. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by Alex Bradnam
Seconded by Kevin Maves

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated February 11, 2020 be received.”

“That Policy A-01: Student Trustees on Boards be approved as amended and adopted.”

OLD BUSINESS – continued

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

“That Policy A-08: Parent Involvement Committee be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy A-18: Environmental Sustainability be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy D-09: Framework for the Provision of Special Education be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-13: Use of Physical Intervention with Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-17: Provision of Health Support Services to Students be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-04: Trespass be approved as received and adopted.”

“That Policy G-07: Vandalism be approved as amended and adopted.”

“That Policy G-01: School Volunteers be approved as received and adopted.”

CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam spoke to the nine policies that were reviewed during the Policy Committee Meeting. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on May 12, 2020. Policies being reviewed will be available for vetting on the DSNB website from February 28, 2020 to April 24, 2020.

4. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee February 13, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which included information about pre-school transitions, discussions about DSNBs well-being strategy, and information about the iSocial Program.

5. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE

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

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated February 19, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that 5 new cases were reviewed and approved during the February 19, 2020 Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting. The Committee also reviewed the progress of current SAL cases. There are 39 cases currently active and compliant with their SAL plans and 6 cases have been terminated this year as the students have returned to school.

6. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE

**Moved by Ness Griffin
Seconded by Keylee Smith**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated February 19, 2020 be received.”

CARRIED

Student Trustee Tavernese provided highlights from the Student Trustee Senate meeting which included guest speaker and student Stephanie Fraser who spoke to the green initiative being implemented at the Education Centre Café. Senators also had the opportunity to work with DSBN Communications Specialist Spencer Coombes to make an informative video about the Student Trustee Senate.

Student Trustee Smith spoke to the conference that Student Trustees recently attended in Ottawa.

Student Trustee Griffin spoke to the process of selecting the next Indigenous Student Trustee and added that she will update the Student Senate when more information is available.

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

There was no Trustee Information Session.

3. Correspondence and Communication

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

“That the Chair, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, issue a letter to the Minister of Education supporting the Ontario Public School Boards’ Association’s 2020-21 Education Funding Priorities for the government’s Grants for Student Needs (GSN) education funding plans.”

CARRIED

In response to questions from trustees, Director Hoshizaki clarified that sending this letter would not interfere with negotiations. Trustee Mitchell added that other school boards are also sending letters of support.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

- a) Trustee Beamer reported that Brock University recently held a informative conference in support of women in STEM.
- b) Chair Barnett reported that Education Foundation of Niagara will be working with the Niagara College Event Planning Program to host three events to raise funds for first generation student bursaries.
- c) Trustee Mitchell invited trustees to attend the Mid-Winter Pow Wow at the Fort Erie Friendship Centre.
- d) Chair Barnett reported attending the Mayor’s Breakfast in Welland, where City Council spoke to the good work happening at DSBN.

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

Trustee Mitchell provided highlights from the most recent OPSBA session, which included information about the Building Better Schools Campaign and a recommendation the school boards support a Take your MPP to School Day.

In response to questions from Trustees, Director Hoshizaki explained that Take your MPP to School Day can be facilitated through the Director’s Office.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of March 2020 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Kevin Maves
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on February 25, 2020 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 Doug Newton
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary