



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

VIRTUAL MEETING

July 21, 2020

6:52 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:02 – 7:30 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Kate Baggott, Nancy Beamer, Alex Bradnam, Sue Barnett (Chair), Lora Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen, Kevin Maves, Shannon Mitchell, Doug Newton, Dave Schaubel (Vice Chair)

Student

Trustees: Keylee Smith, Karina Tavernese, Ness Griffin

Officials: Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Stacy Veld, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

Recording

Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical

Support: Jim Merrick

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 7:02 p.m. and noted that there were no members absent.

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 Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

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

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

“O Canada” was performed by the Dalewood French Immersion Public School choir, via video.

D. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Doug Newton

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

CARRIED

E. OLD BUSINESS**1. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated July 21, 2020 be received and the recommendations adopted.”

“That the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution 2020-02 authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$15,408,993 for the short-term financing of Ministry funded capital projects, pursuant to the provisions of section 243(1) of the Education Act, be approved.”

“That the 2020-21 Preliminary Budget be received.”

“That the 2020-21 Preliminary Budget include:

\$ 92,000 to support an Indigenous Coordinator (K-12 - 1.0 FTE);

\$ 68,000 to support Educational Software K-12 (OSAPAC);

\$ 200,000 to support Menstrual Equity;

\$ 200,000 to support Math and Literacy Instructional Coaches (2.0 FTE);

\$ 20,000 to support the Reading Additional Qualification Course.”

“That the 2020-21 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$498,387,187 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”

“That the 2020-21 District School Board In-Year Deficit Elimination Plan be approved.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a detailed summary of the Finance Committee meeting, which included discussions about the Capital Projects Borrowing Resolution, the Preliminary Budget, and the Revenue and Expenditure Budget. Trustee Maves added that while there is not a figure included in the budget for PPE and cleaning supplies, DSBN is prepared.

In response to a question from a trustee about having adequate PPE and cleaning supplies, Superintendent Veld clarified that DSBN is prepared for different scenarios that may be requested by the province and/or by public health.

F. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**1. Staff Reports****a) Revised Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020-2021**

Moved by Shannon Mitchell
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the resolution of the Board approved on June 22, 2020 which reads as follows, “That the report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars 2020- 2021 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education,” is required to be corrected in order to conform with the Ministry of Education’s memorandum issued on June 30, 2020”; and

"That the revised report of the Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars – 2020-2021 dated July 21, 2020 be received and approved for submission to the Ministry of Education."

CARRIED

Director Hoshizaki explained that the objective of the calendar change was to start the school earlier to ensure that staff have an understanding of what will happen when students come into the school and to prepare for school openings. Director Hoshizaki added that there were a few other minor changes.

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki confirmed that the early return only impacts teaching and administrative staff.

G. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on July 21, 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

H. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SUE BARNETT, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary