

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

Organization Meeting of the Board: 6:06 – 6:28 | Private Session: 6:45 p.m. – 6:51 p.m.

Public Session: 7:01 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

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

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Keelee Hollowell, Salony Sharma, Karina Tavernese

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

RECORDING SECRETARY

Christina Dero

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Wendy Coit and Kara Hiott-Bowles

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 7:01 p.m. Chair Barnett noted that there were no members absent.

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 Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

Moved by Elizabeth Klassen
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:51 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

The Board listened as ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by the Kate S. Durdan Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Mitchell shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Shannon Mitchell

Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 24, 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 Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“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

There was no Director’s report or recognition.

Chair Barnett noted that the Organization Meeting of the Board took place earlier this evening. Chair Barnett added that she will continue as Chairperson, and she welcomed Trustee Bradnam to the position of Vice-Chairperson.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

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.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – CONTINUED

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

- a) Trustee Campbell and Chair Barnett spoke to Education Foundation of Niagara initiatives, including Porta Backyarda Ultimate Staycation which gives participants the chance to win one of two luxury sheds. Tickets can be purchased online at efnniagara.dsbni.org.
- b) Trustee Beamer shared a letter from a parent who voiced concerns about students in primary grades not wearing masks. Director Hoshizaki explained that DSBN follows the direction of Public Health on these matters, but he will raise this concern again during their weekly meeting.
- c) Vice Chair Bradnam reported that the Eden Spiritual Life Virtual Banquet raised over \$40,000. Over 400 meals were prepared and picked up in the drive thru and the night also included a silent auction.
- d) In response to a request by a trustee, Director Hoshizaki explained that DSBN Cares is a fund that DSBN staff and trustees are contributing to in order to support DSBN families. From March 2020 to June 2020 over \$100,000 was raised. Donations are currently being accepted for families in need during this holiday season.
- e) Chair Barnett thanked *Riders Protecting Children* who recently fundraised to provide winter boots to children at risk at 5 different schools.

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

Trustee Baggott reported that she submitted the feedback that trustees provided during the November 2020 Board meeting regarding the Ministry of Education's move to expand the mandate for TVO related to on-line learning.

Trustee Baggott added that she summarized the content of the discussion and added commentary about the success of DSBN's own courses.

Trustee Baggott noted that DSBN's feedback is similar to that of boards across the province who would like to keep leveraging the expertise that has been developed.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of January 2021 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 1, 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 Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary