

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00p.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), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Mary Anne Gage, Helen McGregor, Simon Hancox, Marian Reimer Friesen, Kelly Pisek, Leanne Smith, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Kim Sweeney, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

RECORDING SECRETARY

Christina Dero

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Wendy Coit, Darlene Duncan, 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 7:00 p.m.

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 Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

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

CARRIED

Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:30 p.m.

C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

The Board stood as ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by the Oakridge Public School choir, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Beamer shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

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 March 23, 2021 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 Jonathan Fast

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

a) Sophie Della Manna, Student, Grimsby Secondary School

Via video, Director Hoshizaki recognized Sophie Della Manna for being so passionate about mathematics and physics. Sophie explained how non-traditional math and learning about growth mindset have inspired her to learn and has taught her that making mistakes helps you learn.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – CONTINUED

2. Educational Showcases

a) Governor Simcoe Secondary School Fashion Class

Superintendent McGregor introduced the showcase and shared the benefits of creating this new Fashion Program that launched at Governor Simcoe Secondary School this year.

Superintendent McGregor shared a video that showed samples of student work, including embroidering projects and sewing projects like tote bags and hats. Teacher, Rassika Risko shared that she hopes students gain an appreciation for the skills that they learned, and she looks forward to students creating some of these items for donation to local shelters and the hospital.

b) DSBN Academy: Newly Accepted Students

Superintendent Reimer Friesen introduced the showcase and reminded trustees that DSBN Academy was designed to ensure that students are the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

Superintendent Reimer Friesen explained that, because of the pandemic, families were provided with opportunities to connect with the Academy through video presentations, phone calls with staff, and a Virtual Open House in February.

Superintendent Reimer Friesen shared a video of DSBN Academy Principal, Derek Harley and his staff travelling to schools to make a personal connection with 67 newly accepted students who will start their DSBN Academy journey in fall.

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

1. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated March 24, 2021 be received.”

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated April 21, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Campbell reported that the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee reviewed and approved 2 cases during the March 24, 2021 meeting and 1 case during the April 21, 2021 meeting. Following the case presentations, the committee reviewed the progress of current students participating in the SAL program.

2. Report of the Program and Planning Committee

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated April 6, 2021 be received.”

“That the Mental Health and Wellness Report be received.”

“That the Elementary Virtual Partnership with Brock University Report be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included presentations about DSBN’s Mental Health Supports and Services, and the partnership between DSBN and Brock University through tutoring intervention.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

3. Report of the Parent Involvement Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated April 7, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Newton provided a summary of the Parent Involvement Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Student Resource Officer Program and a presentation of suggestions for upcoming PIC events. A selection of pre-recorded videos of DSBN staff addressing a variety of topics related to education will be available to parents to download during Education Week. The PIC Speaker Series will come to a close in May with Dr. Ungar presenting *The Risk-Taker’s Advantage: How to Make Our Kids More Resilient*.

4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Alex Bradnam

Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated April 8, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell spoke to the student voice presentation at the April 8, 2021 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting, and Vice Chair Bradnam shared that the committee received an overview of the DSBN de-streaming process for incoming grade 9 students in September.

5. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Moved by Salony Sharma

Seconded by Keelee Hollowell

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated March 22, 2021 be received.”

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated April 20, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Student Trustee Hollowell reported that Senators decided that holding a raffle this year is not feasible. Senators are in the process of designing content for a new fundraiser that they hope to launch it in May. They recognize the importance and impact of fundraising and will be directing funds to the Education Foundation of Niagara.

Student Trustee Tavernese provided a summary of the March 22, 2021 meeting, where Student Senate logo submissions were presented and voted on. Senators were also presented information about the Faces of DSBN campaign.

Student Trustee Sharma provided a summary of the April 20, 2021 meeting where senators heard the campaign speeches of nine candidates interested in the Student Trustee position for the 2021-2023 term. Tiya Patel, who attends Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, was the successful candidate.

6. Report of the Finance Committee

Moved by Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated April 21, 2021 be received.”

“That the Award of Contracts Summary Report for the period ended March 31, 2021, be received.”

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the months of January, February, and March 2021, totaling \$72,132,020.96 be received.”

“That the 2020-21 Interim Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2021, and the corresponding changes in revenues and expenditures, be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting on April 21, 2021, which included presentations of the Award of Contracts Summary Report, the Summary of Accounts Report, and the 2020-2021 Second Interim Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

7. Report of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee

Moved by Kevin Maves

Seconded by Shannon Mitchell

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated April 22, 2021 be received.”

CARRIED

Trustee Mitchell provided a summary of the Equity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee meeting where Maryam Safdar Ali had an opportunity to explain the work she is conducting with DSBN Human Resources and the DSBN Equity Team. The committee also received a summary of professional development opportunities for DSBN staff and Pratima Burton spoke to the initiative, Brave Spaces.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change of June 2021 Board Meeting Date

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the regular meeting of the Board scheduled for Monday, June 28, 2021 (the fourth Monday in June), be re-scheduled to take place on Monday, June 21, 2021.”

CARRIED

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – CONTINUED

2. TRUSTEE INFORMATION SESSION

An information session about Equity and Inclusion took place prior to the Board meeting.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

There were no correspondence or communication.

4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

- a) Trustee Klassen spoke to the upcoming fundraiser for the West Niagara Secondary School Theatre on April 30, 2021.

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

Trustee Baggott reported that the next OPSBA professional development session will be held on April 29, 2021 and will feature Sean Monteith, Director of Hasting Prince Edward County School Board.

At the OPSBA meeting on April 24, 2021 trustees continued to plan advocacy on their opposition to the government's plans for permanent remote learning.

Trustee Baggott requested permission to send to OPSBA colleague, Trustee Kathy McDonald congratulations on behalf of the Board for receiving the Harry Jerome Award. Trustee Baggott also requested permission to send condolences on behalf of the Board as Trustee McDonald's sister passed away earlier in the day. Trustees supported Trustee Baggott in this request.

The OPSBA Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on June 12, 2021.

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

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of May 2021 meetings was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

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Moved by Doug Newton
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on April 27, 2021 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 Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

SUE BARNETT
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary