

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:43 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m. (Virtual Meetings)

### ATTENDANCE

#### BOARD

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

#### STUDENT TRUSTEES

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

#### REGRETS

Shannon Mitchell and Keelee Hollowell

#### 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.

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## COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – CONTINUED

### 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.

Chair Barnett noted the absence of Trustee Mitchell and Student Trustee Hollowell.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

Moved by Nancy Beamer  
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Board return to Open meeting.”

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:43 p.m.

## C. SINGING OF ‘O CANADA’

“The Board stood as an instrumental version of ‘*O Canada*’ was performed by DSBN secondary school students, via video.

## D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Lora Campbell shared a reflective reading.

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## E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

### 2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Kevin Maves  
Seconded by Doug Newton

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated May 25, 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 Doug Newton  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

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

**CARRIED**

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**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Director's Report and Recognition**

**a) Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Melissa Langelaan, Student, Governor Simcoe SS**

Via video, Director Hoshizaki recognized Melissa Langelaan for being an amazing young woman who has shown great resilience. Melissa shared strategies and resources that have helped her during this difficult year.

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki listed some of the supports that are available to DSBN students, which include social workers that can connect students with resources in the community, guidance counsellors, and the Mental Health team. Director Hoshizaki noted that modifications can also be made in-school.

**2. Educational Showcases**

**a) Westlane Spartan SSTC Hands at Work**

Director Hoshizaki shared a slide show that highlighted the Westlane Secondary School Specialized School to Community class, who learned some great hands on skills throughout the year.

**b) DSBN Skills Challenge 2021**

Director Hoshizaki shared a video that highlighted the accomplishments of students in DSBN's 23<sup>rd</sup> Skills Competition. 33 DSBN students competed in the provincial competition, 12 DSBN students earned provincial medals, and 5 students represented Ontario and competed nationally. DSBN was awarded the School Board Award of Distinction.

**c) Celebrating DSBN Graduating Students**

Director Hoshizaki shared a video of him speaking with graduating students from grade 8 and grade 12 about their interests and how they have persevered through some challenging situations this year.

**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 Program and Planning Committee

**Moved by Kate Baggott**

**Seconded by Nancy Beamer**

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated June 1, 2021 be received.”

“That the Summer Learning Programs and Support Report be received.”

“That the Specialist High Skills Major Update be received.”

“That the Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security Report be received.”

“That the Virtual Art Show Report be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel provided a summary of the Program and Planning Committee meeting, which included a presentation of the Summer Learning Programs and Support Report, a Specialist High Skills Major update, and the Software Application for Student Use Privacy and Security Report.

### 2. Report of the Audit Committee

**Moved by Alex Bradnam**

**Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the report of the Audit Committee dated June 7, 2021 be received.”

“That the Regional Internal Audit Status Report be received.”

## OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

### Report of the Audit Committee

“That the 7-month specified procedures report for the period ending March 31, 2021 be received.”.

“That Audit Committee members complete the Evaluation of External Auditors form for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year and send in confidence to Nicky Westlake by June 14, 2021.”

“That KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2021.”

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Veld provided highlights from the meeting, which included a presentation of the Regional Internal Audit Status Report, the completion of the Evaluation for External Auditors, and the approval that KPMG LLP be appointed as DSBN external auditors for a one-year term.

### 3. Report of the Policy Committee

**Moved by Jonathan Fast**

**Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen**

“That the report of the Policy Committee dated June 8, 2021 be received.”

“That Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools be approved as amended and adopted.”

**CARRIED**

Recorded vote:

Trustee Baggott – not in favour

Chair Barnett – in favour

Trustee Beamer – not in favour

Vice Chair Bradnam – in favour

Trustee Campbell – in favour

Trustee Klassen – in favour

Trustee Fast – in favour

Trustee Maves – in favour

Trustee Newton – in favour

Trustee Schaubel – in favour

Vice Chair Bradnam reported that additional revisions were made to Policy A-09: Naming/Renaming of Schools. These revisions are outlined in the agenda package.

Discussions took place and trustees had the opportunity to speak to whether they were in favour of the proposed motion.

## OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

### Report of the Policy Committee

Director Hoshizaki and Jennifer Feren responded to questions about:

- the role of the trustee in representing all members of the community.
- the role of the trustee with respect to the policy and when making the final decision about naming/renaming schools.
- how the policy aligns with the Education Act.
- Regulations regarding School Councils.

### 4. Report of the Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated June 10, 2021 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Vice Chair Bradnam spoke to the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting which included the opportunity to share reflections and wish Superintendent Dickson well in his retirement. The committee was provided with an update of summer learning opportunities for students with special education needs and SEAC learned more about the DSBN Special Olympic plans.

### 5. Report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee

Moved by Kate Baggott

Seconded by Nancy Beamer

“That the report of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Trustee Advisory Committee dated June 10, 2021 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Pisek provided a summary of the meeting which included a verbal update of the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Committee on May 26, 2021 and a summary of professional development opportunities for staff. Over 70 teachers have committed to taking the Inclusive Classroom AQ Course, which has been fully subsidized by DSBN and ETFO.

**OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED**

**6. Report of the Finance Committee**

**Moved by Alex Bradnam**

**Seconded by Lora Campbell**

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated June 16, 2021 be received.”

“That the Summary of Accounts paid for the month of April and May 2021, totaling \$47,959,372.41 be received.”

“That the Board of Trustees receive the Education Development Charges Eligibility Report for information.”

“That the Third Interim Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2021, be received.”

“That the 2021-22 Preliminary Budget be received.”

“That the 2020-21 Preliminary Budget Report include:

- \$ 70,000 to support Concussion Partnership with Hamilton Health Sciences;
- \$ 30,000 to support Synthetic Turf Maintenance Equipment;
- \$ 190,000 to support AQ courses (Math, FNMI, Reading, Mental Health, Equity);
- \$ 100,000 to support Try A Trade and Makers resources;
- \$ 65,000 to Tutors in the Classroom.”

“That the 2021-22 Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$522,650,999 be approved and the estimate forms be submitted to the Ministry of Education.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maves provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting and the motions being presented.



## OLD BUSINESS – CONTINUED

### 7. Report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee

Moved by Lora Campbell

Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated June 16, 2021 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Campbell provided a summary of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee meeting, where cases that had been brought forward throughout the 2020/2021 school year were reviewed.

### 8. Report of the Student Trustee Senate

Moved by Salony Sharma

Seconded by Karina Tavernese

“That the District School Board of Niagara approve sending a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting funding of menstrual products in all school boards in Ontario.”

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Tavernese spoke to the letter to the Ministry of Education that was included in the board package that requests that the Province of Ontario fully fund free menstrual products in all Ontario Schools.

Chair Barnett recognized Student Trustees Hollowell and Tavernese for the outstanding work they have done as student trustees.

Virtual Introductions of newly elected student trustees for 2021-2022 took place.

## K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

In response to a question from a trustee, Superintendent St. John clarified that staff have gone through the processes of submitting claims for assistive technology this year.

## QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS – CONTINUED

In response to a question from a trustee, Director Hoshizaki confirmed that Summer HEAT registration was sent to families in focus schools first, but parents may contact schools directly to register for summer school.

In response to a question from a Trustee, Director Hoshizaki clarified that DSBN's land acknowledgement was provided by the IEAC Committee and their partners and not by DSBN. Some trustees expressed concern over the wording in the land acknowledgement. Director Hoshizaki will ensure these concerns are brought to the committee.

## 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

In response to a question from a trustee, Jennifer Feren provided clarification around what constitutes communication that would be included in the board package.

### 4. TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND SCHOOL LIAISON

a) There was no trustee communications or school liaison.

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

Trustee Baggott provided an OPSBA update.

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org).

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**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - CONTINUED**

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of September 2021 meetings was provided.

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

Moved by Doug Newton

Seconded by Elizabeth Klassen

That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on June 21, 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 Jonathan Fast

Seconded by Kevin Maves

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**SUE BARNETT**

Chair

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**

Director of Education and Secretary