



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**December 6, 2016**

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:10 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Jennifer Ajandi, Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase, Linda Crouch, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves (Vice Chair), Dale Robinson (Chair), Dave Schaubel

**Student Trustees:** Samir Alazzam and Karling Luciani

**Officials:** Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, John Dickson, Wesley Hahn, Paula MacKinnon, Helen McGregor, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

**Regrets:** Trustee Jonathan Fast

**Recording Secretary:** Christina Dero

**Technical Support:** Linda Gonschior

**A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

1. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

Chair Robinson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory of the Haudenosaunee people.

2. **Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Robinson called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:19 p.m.

Chair Robinson welcomed guests who were in the gallery.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued**

**Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Fast.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

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

Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

**CARRIED**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded Dave Schaubel

“That the Board reconvene after open meeting.”

**CARRIED**

Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Board do now re-enter Committee of the Whole (Private Session).”

**CARRIED**

The Board re-entered Committee of the Whole (Private Session) at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded Lora Campbell

“That the Board do now return to open meeting.”

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the Board return to the Special Meeting of the Board.”

**CARRIED**

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION) – continued**

The Board returned to the Special Meeting of the Board at 8:26 p.m.

Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the Committee of the Whole meeting now close”

**CARRIED**

The Committee of the Whole meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

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

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Chase opened the meeting with a reflective reading. Trustee Chase shared an inspirational video with the Board.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Sue Barnett

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 22, 2016 be confirmed as submitted.”

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****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)**

**This item was deferred until the business conducted in Committee of the Whole was completed.**

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

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

**CARRIED**

The business transacted in the Committee of the Whole was ratified prior to the conclusion of the Special Meeting of the Board regarding a personnel matter.

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS****1. Directors Update to Trustees****i. Exploring Trades and Technologies**

On December 1, 2016, the DSBN hosted its 1st Annual Exploring Trades and Technologies Conference. This half day conference empowered many grade ten DSBN students to explore the various technologies offered within their secondary school.

Over 200 students attended this event which was hosted by Niagara College at the Welland Campus. Six different areas were highlighted - Manufacturing, Motive Power, Construction, Energy and Electrical, Advanced Technology, Computer IT Technology, and Media Production.

**ii. A.N. Myer Wins Third Straight OFSAA Title**

The A.N. Myer Marauders senior football team defeated Jacob Hespeler Secondary School to take the Central Bowl title, their third straight victory in an Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) bowl game.

A.N. Myer Secondary School, ranked second in Canada, were at their best, displaying tremendous team speed and tenacity as well as a very impressive performance from quarterback Tre Ford. Ford passed for

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Directors Update to Trustees****A.N. Myer Wins Third Straight OFSAA Title**

328 yards and five touch downs while rushing for 153 yards on eight carries.

Congratulations to head coach Dave Buchanan, the coaching staff, and members of the team for another outstanding season.

**iii. I GOT THIS!**

Grade 8 students and parents across the District School Board of Niagara were able to get a taste of high school life during the High School Open House events that took place in all DSBN high schools last week.

The open houses are a wonderful opportunity for grade 8 students and families to ask questions about programming and options available to them, and to find out about the athletic and extra-curricular teams and clubs in their local high school.

Many thanks to all staff and students who were on hand to answer questions, lead tours, who displayed outstanding school spirit and made these events a success.

**iv. Ministry of Education Visits DSBN Schools**

Deputy Minister of Education Bruce Rodrigues and Assistant Deputy Minister Cathy Montreuil, along with Ministry staff, visited the District School Board of Niagara on December 5, 2016.

The DSBN Academy and Governor Simcoe Secondary School highlighted the instructional strategies and supports they have put into place for students in the area of mathematics that have helped them experience strong gains in both learning and achievement.

**2. Educational Showcases****a) Director's Holiday Card Contest**

Kim Yielding, Chief Communications Officer, presented the showcase which recognized the winners of this year's annual DSBN Director's Holiday Card contest. Participating students were asked to create holiday cards that show what this special time of year means to them and their family. The following students were recognized for their submissions.

- Adrian P. – E.L. Crossley Secondary School
- Alexandra R. – Victoria Public School

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**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Educational Showcases****Director’s Holiday Card Contest**

- Armando I. – Oakwood Public School
- Ashlyn C. – Applewood Public School
- Christie W. – Prince Philip Public School in Niagara Falls
- Easton M. – Princess Elizabeth Public School
- Elieah R. – Grimsby Secondary School
- Emily I. – Dalewood French Immersion Public School
- Emily S. – Wellington Heights Public School
- Eve R. – Pine Grove Public School
- Isabelle M. – Oakridge Public School
- Katrina P. – A.K. Wigg Public School
- Meimei Y. – Governor Simcoe Secondary School
- Meaghan B. – College Street Public School
- Mina G. – Richmond Street Public School
- Mya F. – Kate S. Durdan Public School
- Sean D. – Governor Simcoe Secondary School
- Shane I. – Jacob Beam Public School
- Tucker W. – Stevensville Public School
- Vraj P. – Park Public School

Each student was presented with a package of their own printed holiday cards and a certificate of appreciation for their artwork. Kim Yielding thanked all students throughout the Board who participated and commended parents, guardians, and staff for supporting students with their submissions.

The holiday cards are available electronically at [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org).

**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. ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott  
Seconded by Helga Campbell

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1815 to 1828, for the month of October 2016 totaling \$18,288,247.95 be received.”

**CARRIED**

**2. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated November 17, 2016 be received.”

**CARRIED**

Trustee Helga Campbell provided a summary of the committee meeting which included a student voice presentation by a grade 8 student who spoke to the supports that he receives in the classroom. Committee members also received a presentation from Board personnel on supports available to students who are hearing impaired or blind, and heard a presentation about the “Make the Move Guide”, which is a resource that was created by the Board to help grade 8 students transitioning into high school.

**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.

**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****2. Trustee Information Session**

There was no Trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communication****a) Toronto District School Board**

Correspondence from the Toronto District School Board can be found in the Board package.

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

Information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at [www.dsbntoronto.org](http://www.dsbntoronto.org) and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Trustee Chase reported on the Board of Directors meetings that took place on December 2 and 3, 2016.

- OPSBA has created a discussion paper on EQAO and large scale testing in Ontario based on feedback received from schools.
- OPSBA is in the process of creating a brief for the 2017/18 Grants for Student's Needs based on feedback from school boards. If Trustees would like to provide feedback, they can forward it to Trustee Chase.
- By the beginning of September 2017, school boards will be required to ensure the provision of before and after school programs for 6-12 year olds where there is sufficient demand.
- An Education Conference was hosted by the Ministry of Education on November 9 and 10, 2016. Slides from presentations during the conference will be posted on the OPSBA website.
- The Ministry of Education has established a French as a Second Language working group which met for the first time on November 16, 2016.
- Registration is now open for the Public Education Symposium which will be held from January 19-21, 2017.
- The Labour Relations Symposium will be held from April 6-7, 2017.
- The Canadian School Boards Association Conference will be held from July 5-8, 2017.

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

**6. Future Meetings**

The calendar of January 2017 meetings was provided.



**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued**

**Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Linda Crouch**

**“That the Board return to Committee of the Whole”**

**CARRIED**

**The Board returned to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:54 p.m.**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Linda Crouch  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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**DALE ROBINSON, Chair**

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**WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education  
and Secretary**