



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

**BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE**

**September 27, 2016**

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board:** Jennifer Ajandi, Sue Barnett, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Diane Chase (Vice Chair), Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast, Cheryl Keddy Scott, Kevin Maves, 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, Jim Morgan, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

**Regrets:**

**Absent:** Trustee Linda Crouch

**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 7:00 p.m.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD – continued****Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent**

Chair Robinson welcomed guests from Stamford Collegiate Secondary School, E.I. McCulley Public School, and Brock University who were in the gallery.

Chair Robinson noted the absence of Trustee Crouch.

**3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

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

Moved by Diane Chase  
Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

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

**CARRIED**

Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded Helga Campbell

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

**CARRIED**

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:57 p.m.

**C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”**

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by the Connaught Public School choir, via video. The Board remained standing for a moment of silence in honour of DSBN students Claire Sommers and Micah Allaire who recently passed away.

**D. REFLECTIVE READING**

Trustee Ajandi opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD****1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Cheryl Keddy Scott  
Seconded by Kevin Maves

**BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued****Adoption of the Agenda**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Moved by Sue Barnett  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 13, 2016 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 Diane Chase  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

“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****Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:****a) Recognition of Jan Levesque, Volunteer, E.I. McCulley Public School**

Director Hoshizaki recognized Jan Levesque, a dedicated volunteer who has worked hard over the past 15 years to serve the E.I. McCulley Public School community.

Director Hoshizaki commended Jan Levesque for her commitment to students and the support she provides to students, staff, and the E.I. McCulley Public School Parent Council.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****Recognition of Jan Levesque, Volunteer, E.I. McCulley Public School**

Director Hoshizaki presented Jan Levesque with a token of the Board's appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to students.

Trustee Ajandi thanked Jan Levesque for making a difference in the lives of DSBN students.

**b) Director's Update to Trustees****i. Students Form Living Flag**

Students from Crossroads Public School and St. Davids Public School came together on the grounds of Fort George on September 19, 2016, to form a living flag. This was the first event hosted by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Canada Sesquicentennial Committee.

**ii. RBC Foundation Supports DSBN Academy Students**

The RBC Foundation has generously contributed to the success of DSBN Academy students by donating \$20,000 to assist with the cost of attending postsecondary school.

The Class of 2017 will soon be ready to take the next step towards becoming the first in their families to complete a postsecondary education. The significant gift from the RBC Foundation will go a long way in helping to remove some of the financial barriers that students encounter.

Director Hoshizaki thanked the Foundation for their generous support.

**iii. Brock University Alumni Award Winner**

Director Hoshizaki congratulated Dino Miele, DSBN Chief Information Officer, for recently being named Brock University's Faculty of Education Distinguished Alumni Award Winner for 2016.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is designed to celebrate graduates from Brock University programs who have earned prominence for their exceptional professional achievements and service to their community.

**iv. South Lincoln High School Student Makes History**

Cayden Lapceovich, a grade 12 student from South Lincoln High School, is now the youngest professional auto racing champion in Canadian history, an honour previously held by current Sprint Cup Chase driver Joey Logano.

**EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued****South Lincoln High School Student Makes History**

Cayden is the 2016 NASCAR Pinty's Series champion, winning three of the 12 NASCAR Canada races this season alongside several second and third place finishes.

Director Hoshizaki reported that Mohammed Ahmed, Olympic athlete, Pan Am games gold medal winner and St. Catharines Collegiate alumni, was at St. Catharines Collegiate last week to speak to some DSBN grade 9 students.

Director Hoshizaki added that Grapeview Public School students and staff organized a float that appeared in the Niagara Wine Festival Parade on September 24, 2016. The grade 7/8 Bucket Drummers were drumming up their music throughout downtown St. Catharines.

**2. Educational Showcases****a) Stamford Collegiate Secondary School Linc Crew**

Superintendent McGregor introduced the showcase, which highlighted the Linc Crew at Stamford Collegiate Secondary School. Superintendent McGregor introduced Tyffani Martin who is the Program Leader at Stamford Collegiate Secondary School that helped students create and implement the Linc Crew.

Tyffani Martin introduced members of Stamford's Linc Crew, which includes grade 9 students and student leaders who provide mentorship for the incoming group.

Linc Crew leaders go through 15 hours of training to prepare to be excellent mentors and leaders. Leaders are also trained in student workshop development and delivery.

Several students described their experiences and involvement with the Linc Crew and explained that the program grew from a need that a student saw. With Ms. Martin's support, the Stamford students have organized a number of activities including orientation week. The Linc Crew has helped ease some of the anxiety of grade 9 students and has encouraged members to be involved in the school community.

Trustee Helga Campbell commended the students for their leadership and thanked Tyffani Martin and Ann Gilmore, Stamford Collegiate Secondary School Principal, for supporting student ideas.

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS****1. 2015-2016 EQAO and OSSLT Results**

**Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the 2015-2016 EQAO and OSSLT Results Report, dated September 27, 2016, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Superintendent Roberto explained that EQAO assessments are based on reading, writing, and mathematics learning expectations in the Ontario Curriculum. Superintendent Roberto shared examples of the positive results seen across the DSBN in the recently released EQAO results. The DSBN exceeded provincial standards in all areas of grade 3 and grade 6 testing.

Superintendent Roberto added that the improvement in EQAO results can be attributed to strategies that have been implemented. Some of these strategies include providing individualized support to students, the ongoing use of the math scope and sequence, DreamBox, and PLCs. DSBN also supports elementary teachers by offering the Math AQ course at no cost.

Superintendent McGregor explained that the OSSLT Literacy Test is a mandatory diploma requirement that is traditionally written in grade 10. Superintendent McGregor reported that 83% of DSBN students met or exceeded the provincial standards.

Superintendent McGregor added that this year, in order to allow staff to develop more specific intervention plans and work with students, the practice test will take place in the fall. Staff members are currently conducting an in depth review of the OSSLT results to create plans to support students.

Chair Robinson noted that it is clear that the focus is on student learning and the DSBN is helping students to be successful.

**2. Summer Learning 2016 Report**

**Moved by Dave Schaubel  
Seconded by Jonathan Fast**

**“That the Summer Learning 2016 Report, dated September 27, 2016, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS – continued****Summer Learning 2016 Report**

Superintendent Roberto explained that the Summer H.E.A.T. program began in 2009 with two participating schools. This year 943 students took part in the program that was hosted by 13 DSBN schools.

Superintendent Roberto explained that with the help of secondary student volunteers, DSBN students read over 10,623 books during the Summer H.E.A.T. program. This year, facilitators helped parents feel connected by updating twitter and websites daily with photos and stories.

Superintendent MacKinnon reported that DSBN students earned over 1,800 secondary school credits this summer. Reach Ahead, eLearning, and Edutavel, are the fastest growing programs being offered at the DSBN over the summer.

Superintendent MacKinnon added that students also have the opportunity to gain workplace experience and earn cooperative education credits.

**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 Jennifer Ajandi

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1757 to 1778, for the months of June and July 2016 totaling \$38,037,396.30 be received.”

**CARRIED**

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

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi  
Seconded by Kevin Maves

“That the report of the Special Education Advisory Committee dated September 8, 2016 be received.”

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chair Robinson reported that the Special Education Advisory Committee received presentations from Superintendent of Business, Stacey Veld, who addressed the 2016/17 special education budget, and Chief Communications Officer, Kim Yielding who spoke to the new DSBN strategic plan.

**3. REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the report of the Audit Committee dated September 12, 2016, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Fast reported that the Audit Committee received an update on the work undertaken by the Regional Internal Audit Team since June 13, 2016. Trustee Fast added that Lois Ouellette will be assuming the role of Lead Audit Engagement Partner.

**4. REPORT OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Lora Campbell**

**“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated September 14, 2016, be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Lora Campbell reported that the Parent Involvement Committee received a presentation from Student Achievement Leader, Karen Leskiw Janvary, and Mathematics Consultant, Erik Tether, who explained to the committee how math instruction has changed and provided strategies for parents to support their children at home.

Trustee Lora Campbell provided a reminder of the upcoming Parent Involvement Committee Conference on November 2, 2016.

**5. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**Moved by Samir Alazzam  
Seconded by Karling Luciani**



**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE SENATE**

**“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 20, 2016 be received.”**

**CARRIED**

Student Trustee Luciani reported that the Student Trustee Senate met on September 20, 2016, and that two representatives from each secondary school were in attendance. Director Hoshizaki welcomed members of the Student Trustee Senate to their roles and Chief Communications Officer, Kim Yielding, presented the new DSNB strategic plan to the group.

Student Trustee Alazzam added that there was much discussion around campaigns and fundraisers. Several options will be presented at the next meeting, after which members will determine what the Student Trustee Senate focus and initiative will be for the 2016/17 school year.

**6. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Jonathan Fast  
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

**“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated September 20, 2016 be received”; and**

**“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 19, 2106 be received”; and**

**“That the OSSLT report by Superintendent Helen McGregor be received”; and**

**“That the Board receive the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review Initial Staff Report”; and**

**“That the Board initiate the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review for Beamsville District SS, Grimsby SS, and South Lincoln HS”; and**

**“That an Accommodation Review Committee be created to consider the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review”; and**

**“That the composition of the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation review Committee be approved as outlined in this report and in accordance with Policy F-2”; and**

**“That Trustee Dave Schaubel be appointed as the Trustee representative from another jurisdiction”; and**

**OLD BUSINESS – continued****REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**“That staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in Policy F-2.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Schaubel reported that the Program and Planning Committee received a presentation from the Educational Research Committee, as well as a report from Superintendent McGregor on DSBN OSSLT results. The Program and Planning Committee also received an overview of the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review from Superintendent Morgan.

**7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Moved by Kevin Maves**

**Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott**

**“That the report of the Finance Committee dated September 21, 2016 be received”; and**

**“That the District School Board of Niagara write a letter to the appropriate Ministry of Education official to request support in providing encouragement to secondary school students to pursue an education in a skilled trade”; and**

**“That the report on the Award of Contract for the Addition & Renovations Project at Wellington Heights Public School under the 2016 Delegation of Authority be received”; and**

**“That the additional \$16,150,000 School Renewal and School Condition Improvement Capital Projects, as listed in the Multi-Year Capital Plan Revision Report, be included in the 2016-17 projected expenditures of the Board’s Multi-Year Capital Plan”; and**

**“That the revised Policy B-04 Investment of Board Funds be approved and adopted”; and**

**“That the \$2,500,000 identified for the 2017-18 installation of two (2) synthetic turf fields and tracks be reallocated to the 2016-17 fiscal year and that staff be authorized to proceed with all four (4) identified synthetic turf field and track projects.”**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Maves provided highlights of the finance committee meeting held on September 21, 2016, which included allocation of funds for turf fields, an update on DSBN investment portfolio, and a discussion regarding the feasibility of air conditioning at DSBN schools.

**K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

**L. NEW BUSINESS****1. BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER**

**Moved by Lora Campbell  
Seconded by Dave Schaubel**

“That Board By-Law G-1 be amended as follows:

**G REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

G - 1 The regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the ~~second and fourth~~ Tuesday of each month between September and June, save and except for the months of ~~March and December~~ when ~~there will only be one~~ the regular Board meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, and save and except for the month of June when the regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the ~~second Tuesday and the fourth Monday~~ of the month. Should any Tuesday or Monday fall on a statutory or civic holiday, the Board shall meet on the evening of the following day at the same hour, or as otherwise decided by the Board. Committee of the Whole shall commence at 6:15 p.m. and the regular Board meeting, public session, shall commence at 7:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS****1. Staff Reports**

There were no staff reports.

**2. Trustee Information Session**

Prior to the board meeting, trustees attended an information session about LGBTQ initiatives at the DSBN.

**3. Correspondence and Communication**

There was no correspondence or communication.

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**INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued****4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

- a) Trustee Barnett provided a reminder of the DSBN Reunion being hosted by Education Foundation of Niagara on September 29, 2016.
- b) Chair Robinson provided a reminder of the John Brant Public School Grand Opening scheduled on October 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Trustee Ajandi provided a reminder of the upcoming Central West Regional Meeting at the Walker Living Campus at Woodend on October 29, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Trustee Ajandi noted that that her term as OPSBA representative will soon be ending and she will not be running again.

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 October 2016 meetings was provided.

October 4, 2016	Program and Planning Committee - cancelled
October 11, 2016	Board Meeting – remove

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Helga Campbell  
Seconded by Sue Barnett**

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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**DALE ROBINSON**, Chair

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