A. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTING OF MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Maves, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 7:49 p.m..

B. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.
C. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Gary Atamanyk
Seconded by Robert Lewis

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

CARRIED

Moved by Gary Atamanyk

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

CARRIED

D. SINGING OF "O CANADA"

The Board stood and joined in the singing of "O Canada" accompanied on tape by the choir from West Park Secondary School.

E. OPENING PRAYER OR REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee, Lora Campbell, opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Corey Fitzgerald
Seconded by Marcy Heit

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

G. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Robert Lewis
Seconded by Helen Hall

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated October 10, 2006, be confirmed as submitted.”

CARRIED

H. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
(1) Response to Trustee Atamanyk's questions regarding rugger/rugby injuries.

At the Board Meeting of October 10, 2006, Trustee, Gary Atamanyk, requested that information be provided on the number of participants in young men’s and young women's rugger; the total number of injuries reported last school year 2005-2006; and of those, the number that were reported as critical injuries to the Ministry of Labour.

Superintendent, George Thomas, verbally provided the following information:

**Number of schools participating in rugby competition**
- Elementary Co-ed Grades 7 and 8: 24
- Junior Boys: 5
- Senior Boys: 5
- Girls (Varsity): 8

**Number of students participating in rugby competition** (based on an average of 22 students a team)
- Elementary: 528
- Junior Boys: 110
- Senior Boys: 110
- Girls: 176

**Total: 924**

**Number of injuries reported in 2005-2006 and number of injuries reported as critical injuries**

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I. **RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Moved by Liz Fulford
Seconded by Don Love

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

Staff Matters - Elementary
Staff Matters - Secondary
Staff Matters - Support Staff
Human Resources
Negotiations
Legal/Property Update

CARRIED

J. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

United Way Campaign Launch

Steve Webb, DSBN United Way Campaign Chair
Tracy Geoffroy, Campaign Manager, United Way of St. Catharines
Sharon Aloian, Todd Rimmington ETFO
Daniel Peat OSSTF
Frank Ventresca, CUPE Local 4156
Claire Summers, APSSP
Henri Ragetlie, Administrative Management Group

Superintendent, Paul Collins, provided introductory comments on the United Way Campaign Launch presentation noting this year's Campaign's theme song, You Lift Me Up, is moving and appropriate to inspire people in the act of giving and strengthening individuals and our community. Superintendent Collins thanked the representatives of the Board's employee groups for their support.

Steve Webb, DSBN United Way Campaign Chair, addressed the Board reporting that today marks the official kick off of the DSBN United Way Campaign. Employees from all employee groups were engaged today in activities to share information on the United Way Campaign. Tracy Geoffroy, Campaign Manager, United Way of St. Catharines; Daniel Peat, OSSTF; and Henri Ragetlie, Administrative Management Group, were in attendance at the Board Meeting and were recognized for their support. Steve Webb thanked all the employee groups for their ongoing support. This year's focus is not to look for people to contribute more, but for more people to contribute and increase the participation rate. Steve Webb applauded the support of the Trustees in previous years and commended the Student Trustees and their peers for their leadership and efforts that raised $10,000 during last year's campaign through a wide range of activities. Thanks were extended to Superintendents, Paul Collins and George Thomas, for their leadership. The Board viewed a short video which highlighted the diversity of our community’s needs that supported through United Way contributions.

J. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS - continued:

United Way Campaign Launch
Trustee, Dalt Clark, encouraged Trustees to participate and contribute noting that the United Way touches the full spectrum of society and that many organizations provide programs and supports to our students that are funded by the United Way.

Trustee, Marcy Heit, added that one in three families will access services through a United Way agency and she also encouraged Trustees to make a contribution.

Trustee, Liz Fulford, thanked all staff who are leaders of this campaign and are making a difference for their community.

Chair, Kevin Maves, expressed pride on behalf of the Board for our association with the United Way and thanked Steve Webb, Daniel Peat, Henri Ragetlie, and Tracy Geoffroy for attending.

K. **DELEGATIONS**

None requested

L. **BOARD RECESS**

No Board recess was called.

M. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Dalt Clark
Seconded by Robert Lewis

“That the summary of accounts paid in batch numbers 0421 to 0431 for September 2006 totalling $16,886,873.62 be ratified.”

CARRIED

2. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Dalt Clark
Seconded by Don Love

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated October 24, 2006, be received and the recommendation adopted.”

2. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - continued:**

Long-Term Financing of Good Places to Learn
"That the District School Board of Niagara approve Bylaw Number 2006-01 to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the amount of $27,702,000 pursuant to a loan agreement under section 12 of Ontario Regulation 466/97."

CARRIED

Trustee, Dalt Clark, reminded the Board that in February 2005 the Ministry of Education approved capital expenditure funding for the Board in the amount of $49,974,365. At that time the Board was authorized by the province to enter into short term financing to proceed with Stage 1 projects that are now well under way and which total $27,702,000. The Ministry of Education has announced that the province is now in a position to transfer the Stage 1 financing to longer term financing. The province requires Boards to pass a Bylaw authorizing long term financing for Stage 1 work at a rate of 4.56% as negotiated by the province. Boards were also required to follow procedures set out by the province with respect to retaining external legal counsel to review the Bylaw and related schedules. The cost of external legal fees, all interest costs of the Board's short term financing, and interest and principal payments associated with the long term financing will be covered by the Ministry of Education.

3. VERBAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON PARENT CONFERENCE HELD OCTOBER 21, 2006

Trustee, Helen Hall, provided a verbal report on the School Council Liaison Parent Conference held on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Approximately 125 people attended and it was a pleasure to see the number of Administrators from both elementary and secondary schools in attendance. Empire Public School's School Council was the recipient of the $500 award for early bird registrations. Director, Warren Hoshizaki, delivered a well received and inspiring keynote address about "Achieving Success Together" and the role of parents in their children's education. There was discussion on the number of hours students spend doing homework and the research regarding homework. Trustee Hall suggested that staff continue discussions and develop strategies to help students who are overburdened with homework. Attendees were asked to complete a survey that will assist with the planning and development of future School Council workshops and conferences. Following the conference the Committee met to debrief and good suggestions were raised for next year's conference including the suggestion that Director Hoshizaki be invited to lead a workshop as well as deliver the keynote address.

Trustee, Barb Ness, added that she was pleased to see the good representation by Trustees and noted the representation from Memorial Public School and James Morden Public School. Trustee Ness thanked everyone for attending.

Trustee, Marcy Heit, indicated she was pleased to see the growing interest and participation in the annual conference and suggested that the Supervisory Officers send a note to their area schools thanking them for attending the conference.

M. OLD BUSINESS - continued:

VERBAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON PARENT CONFERENCE HELD OCTOBER 21, 2006
Trustee, Robert Lewis, commended Empire Public School for its participation at the conference.

Trustee, Gary Atamanyk, suggested that the Director use a portable wireless system in the future when addressing groups in school settings to ensure that all participants have clear audio of his informative presentations.

Trustee, Marcy Heit, and Chair, Kevin Maves, thanked Superintendent, Sue Greer, and the Committee for organizing the informative conference.

N. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

1. Trustee, Helen Hall, asked for an update on clean up following the recent snow storm in the Fort Erie area. Superintendent, Paul Collins, reported that this was another example of how our staff respond to situations they could not have anticipated. Staff responded quickly and did an amazing job in monitoring the situation. Superintendent Collins indicated that Fort Erie and Ridgeway schools were hit hard and were also affected by the loss of power. Schools are now in good condition following enormous clean up efforts. Schools in Port Colborne did not report significant problems and Port Colborne High School was used by the City of Port Colborne as an evacuation centre. Superintendent Collins commended Bob Mahony, Plant Operations Controller; Bob Crawford, Manager of Planning and Transportation; and Plant Department staff Jeff Underhill; Rob York; John Detlor; and Chris Herstek for their outstanding work.

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, thanked Superintendent Collins who took the lead, and Bob Mahony and Bob Crawford for their quick response and commitment in this situation. Letters of thanks have been sent to staff at Service Centres to express the Board's appreciation for all their work.

2. Trustee, Helen Hall, asked for an explanation on the Accommodation Review information provided to Trustees.

Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education, replied that the information is provided in response to recent requests for direction on the issue of an accommodation review for schools in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Director Hoshizaki reported that a review of Education Program and Planning Minutes and Board Minutes show that the Board has given no direction to staff to conduct any accommodation review. Director Hoshizaki added that the Ministry of Education’s December 2003 moratorium on school closures continues to be in effect and until that moratorium has been lifted and there is direction from the Board, no accommodation reviews will be conducted.

O. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ontario Public School Boards’ Association (OPSBA)**

   Trustee, Robert Lewis, reported that the OPSBA Executive Council has released
priorities for 2006-2007. Copies are available from Trustee Lewis.

Trustee, Don Love, asked if OPSBA has issued further information on Bill 52 (Learning to Age 18) and Trustee Lewis replied that there is nothing specific to report.

2. **Revised Policy A-6 - Trustee Honorarium**

   Moved by Marcy Heit  
   Seconded by Lora Campbell  

   "That the revisions to Policy A-6 on Trustee Honorarium be approved as submitted."

   **CARRIED**

Chair, Kevin Maves, referred Trustees to the background documentation in their package.

Trustee, Liz Fulford, asked for clarification on the reference to the Ontario Consumer Price Index. Superintendent, John Lawrence, replied that the base amount for the period July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2010, may be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Ontario Consumer Price Index.

P. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Staff Reports**

   No reports

2. **Correspondence and Communications**

   (a) **Trustee Communication**

   Trustee, Liz Fulford, reported that the South Lincoln High School Alumni raised $5,000 for the school’s workout room at a dinner and dance held on October 20, 2006.

   Trustee, Don Love, provided a verbal update on the building project between the Board and Phelps Homes Inc. reporting that the project is at the roofing stage and students are doing an excellent, professional job. Trustee Love reported that the work site is very clean and safety standards are followed. Trustees were invited to visit the site.

P. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS - continued:**

2. **Correspondence and Communications**

   (a) **Trustee Communication**
Trustee, Don Love, reported that an upcoming workshop session featuring Richard Lavoie will be held on Friday, November 17, 2006, at Bethany Community Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. The workshop theme is "A Dozen Effective Strategies" and is sponsored by Brock University and the Learning Disabilities Association. The cost is $70 and Trustees who are interested in attending can register through Marian Lamb in the Director's Office. Superintendent, Marilyn Hyatt, confirmed that a number of staff will be attending from Special Education Services and NTIP.

Trustee, Marcy Heit, reported that a Grade 2 student was recently recognized at an exciting Pine Grove Public School Citizenship Ceremony.

Trustee, Marcy Heit, reported that on October 19, 2006, students from the Frontline program participated in clean up of gardens at a community park. Frontline is part of the retriever program under the direction of teacher, Matt Moyer, and also offers students an opportunity to contribute to their community.

Q. FUTURE MEETINGS

1. November Schedule of Meetings

   Tuesday, November 28 - 5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting.

   Wednesday, December 6th - Christmas Dinner (location to be announced)

R. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Kevin Maves, noted this was the last meeting of the Board before the elections on November 13, 2006. Chair Maves congratulated Trustees, Don Love and Liz Fulford, on being acclaimed and wished all Trustees success at the elections. Chair Maves thanked Trustees, Helen Hall and Corey Fitzgerald, who are not seeking re-election, for their service to the Board.

R. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Marcy Heit
Seconded by Lora Campbell

“That this meeting of the District School Board of Niagara be now adjourned.”
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

KEVIN MAVES
Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI
Director of Education and Secretary