BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

Private Session: 6:15 p.m. – 6:23 p.m. | Public Session: 7:00 p.m. – 8:19 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kate Baggott, Alex Bradnam (Vice Chair), Sue Barnett (Chair), Nancy Beamer, Helga Campbell, Jonathan Fast, Elizabeth Klassen (virtual), Deanne MacIntosh (virtual)

STUDENT TRUSTEES

Audrey Akharoh, Julianna Marcel

OFFICIALS

Warren Hoshizaki (Director of Education), Lora Courtois, Ann Gilmore, Kelly Pisek, Marian Reimer Friesen, Neil Sheard, Michael St. John, Stacy Veld, Jennifer Feren, Maryam Safdar Ali, Milica Petkovic, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Morgan

REGRETS

Shannon Mitchell, Susan Jovanovic, Nodin Buck

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jennifer McGugan

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Nate Burns, Wendy Coit and Ann Hamm

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.

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 Helga Campbell

"That the Board do now enter Committee of the Whole."
CARRIED

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the Board return to Open meeting."
CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:23 p.m.

C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'

The Board stood as '*O Canada*' was performed by the Riverview Public School Choir, via video.

A moment of silence was observed for an elementary student who passed away.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Jonathan Fast shared a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Kate Baggott
Seconded by Jonathan Fast

"That the Agenda be adopted as amended."
CARRIED

Chair Barnett noted that the Director's Artisan Card Contest Winners will be moved to item 1 under section F.

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Lora Campbell

"That the Minutes of the Organization Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 21, 2023, be confirmed as submitted."

"That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated November 21, 2023, be confirmed as submitted."
CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In response to a question at the November Board meeting, Director Hoshizaki shared the request to consider standing during the Acknowledgment of the Traditional Territory was discussed with DSBN Indigenous Education staff who attend IEAC and they suggested that it is not appropriate to stand as it could be perceived as a performative and colonial gesture.

4. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

"That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole on November 27, 2023, be now ratified by the Board."
"That the business transacted in Committee of the Whole on December 5, 2023, be now ratified by the Board."
CARRIED

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS

1. The Director's Artisan Card Contest Winners

Acting Senior Manager of Communications and Public Relations, Milica Petkovic, introduced each of this year's student winners of the Artisan Card Contest. Director Hoshizaki thanked and congratulated each of the winners.

2. Director's Report and Recognition

a) Director's Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions – Kelly Morgan-Rauh, Teacher, Winger Public School

Director Hoshizaki recognized Kelly Morgan-Rauh for her ability to bring out the best in her students and see them reach their potential. She cares deeply about her students, taking the time to get to know each one of them individually and advocating passionately for them. Kelly is always willing to embrace new instructional and assessment practices, modelling to her students what it means to be a lifelong learner. In her grade 3/4 class she had students successfully advocate that "Colors of the World" crayons be provided to every DSBN school by the Director. Director Hoshizaki facilitated each school receiving a box of these crayons with the letter from the grade 3/4 class. Her students learned that you are never too young to create change in the world and that by working together, big things can happen.

b) Director's Report

Director Hoshizaki provided recent highlights from across the system which included information about:

- **Early Childhood Community Development Centre Awards**
- **2nd Annual Trades and Techfest**
- **DELF**
- **AN Myer SS Football – OFSSA Winners**

3. Educational Showcases

a) **Winger Public School Orff Ensemble**
Superintendent Pisek introduced Jen Tye, principal Winger PS, who introduced Kelly Morgan-Rauh, teacher, and her award-winning Orff ensemble that played two songs.

b) **Stamford Collegiate SS Bakery Shop**
Superintendent Gilmore introduced Tom Matic, Principal of Stamford SS, who shared highlights about the Bakery Program that has positively impacted students through the leadership and teaching of Kelly Plato. Kelly introduced some of the students who shared their stories.

G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

There were no student achievement reports.

H. DELEGATIONS

1. Olivia Gillespie and Manuela Jarrin shared their concerns about the changes to the secondary school graduation dates for the 2023-2024 school year.

I. BOARD RECESS

There was no Board recess.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of the Policy Committee

Moved by Nancy Beamer
Seconded by Helga Campbell

"That the report of the Policy Committee dated November 28, 2023, be received."
"That Policy E-03: Health and Safety be approved as presented and adopted."
"That Policy G-12: Alcohol and Illegal Drug Use be approved as amended and adopted."
"That Policy E-01: Smoke Free Learning and Workplace Environments be approved as amended and adopted."
"That Policy E-15: Policy Workplace Violence and Harassment be accepted as amended and adopted."
CARRIED

Trustee Bradnam shared that the committee reviewed a total of 11 policies that were mostly amended to reflect current information or practice.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions.

L. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

1. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

2. Trustee Information Session

Trustee information sessions were presented on Grade 12 Graduations, the NBE Course, and the DSBN Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol.

3. Correspondence And Communication

There was no correspondence or communication.

4. Trustee Communications And School Liaison

There were no trustee communications.

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

Trustee Baggott shared details about the OPSBA 2023 Advocacy Day at Queen's Park on November 27, 2023.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of January 2024 meetings was provided.
The January Days of Significance calendar was provided.

N. RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN THIS REGULAR MEETING

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Alex Bradnam

"That the business transacted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on December 5, 2023, 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

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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SUE BARNETT	**WARREN HOSHIZAKI**
Chair	Director of Education and Secretary