



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

BOARD ROOM – EDUCATION CENTRE

September 13, 2016

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. (Private Session)

7:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Public Session)

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Jennifer Ajandi (via telephone), Sue Barnett, 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, Wesley Hahn, Paula MacKinnon, Helen McGregor, Jim Morgan, Marian Reimer Friesen, JoAnna Roberto, Stacy Veld, Brenda Stokes Verworn, Kim Yielding, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Bujacz

Regrets: Trustee Helga Campbell

Recording Secretary: Christina Dero

Technical Support: Wendy Coit

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.

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 Helga Campbell and added that Trustee Ajandi would be participating via telephone.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Robinson and Trustee Barnett declared a conflict of interest in Committee of the Whole (Private Session).

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PRIVATE SESSION)

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded by Linda Crouch

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

CARRIED

Moved by Lora Campbell
Seconded Linda Crouch

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

CARRIED

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:50 p.m.

C. SINGING OF “O CANADA”

The Board stood as “O Canada” was performed by McKay Public School and Port Colborne High School choirs, via video.

D. REFLECTIVE READING

Trustee Barnett opened the meeting with a reflective reading.

E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Jonathan Fast
Seconded by Cheryl Keddy Scott

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD – continued**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 June 27, 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 Kevin Maves

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

CARRIED

Chair Robinson noted that in Committee of the Whole (Private Session) the District School Board of Niagara and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, Occasional Teachers Niagara, reached a tentative Collective Agreement with ratification by both parties to occur no later than September 30, 2016.

Chair Robinson added that Parliament Oak Public School in Niagara-on-the-Lake has been declared surplus to the Board’s needs and Board staff have been authorized to proceed with the disposition of the property in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98.

Chair Robinson added that the Maywood Public School property has been sold.

F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective:

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**i. Welcome Back to Students and Staff**

Excitement was in the air on September 6, 2016 as DSBN students and families arrived at school, full of smiles and energy. Teachers, administrators and support staff also featured wide grins as they warmly welcomed new and returning students. Director Hoshizaki thanked everyone at the DSBN, from teachers and administrators, to support staff, senior leaders and Trustees, for their commitment and dedication to student success.

ii. Great Start Up to the New School Year

The old saying that “you never get a second chance to make a first impression” holds true and John Brant Public School did not disappoint. There was a great deal of excitement and anticipation in the school yard as students and families eagerly awaited the doors to open for the very first time.

The DSBN’s newest school in Ridgeway is full of opportunities for students. It is a school that everyone: students, staff, trustees, parents and the community, can be extremely proud of. One community member stated, “To say I was pleasantly surprised is an understatement. The new school is the talk of Ridgeway. It is new, but has a design that presents an historical context...You have done a fantastic job.”

iii. I Matter

There has been tremendous feedback on the launch of DSBN’s newly developed Strategic Plan and the I Matter campaign.

DSBN strives to show every individual involved with its system how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. It will be very exciting to see I Matter come to life in schools, departments and communities across the DSBN.

You can discover more about I Matter by visiting dsbn.org/imatter.

iv. Welcome Centre

There has been an excellent start to the 2016-17 school year with many new families making their way to the DSBN Welcome Centre.

167 new students have been welcomed to the DSBN including 90 elementary students and 77 secondary students.

Director Hoshizaki thanked Stacy Turner and Welcome Centre staff for their excellent work and support of this important service for DSBN newcomer families.

EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS – continued**v. International Education**

The International Education office welcomed 46 international students from Korea and 16 from China to participate in a two week summer camp at the DSBN over the period of July 18-28, 2016. The Korean program involved students from Grades 3-12 and was held at A.N. Myer Secondary School while the Chinese program involved all Grade 10 students and was held at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School.

This international summer camp program provided DSBN staff and students the opportunity to learn about other cultures and provided the international students with the opportunity to explore the beauty of the Niagara Region and DSBN schools in the hopes that some of them will return for full-year academics.

vi. DSBN Students Take Gold!

Grace Tennant and Trinity Tuttle both returned from the National Youth Legion Track and Field Championships in Quebec this past August with medals in hand.

Grace, a student at South Lincoln High School dominated the 1-kilogram discus throw by setting a new meet record with a distance of 46.14 meters, while also earning a bronze medal in the 400g javelin throw.

Trinity, an Eastdale Secondary School student, also set a new meet record in the 3kg shot put with a distance of 15.87 meters and placed second in the youth discus throw.

Earlier in the summer, while competing at OFSAA, Grace won gold for discus and shot put in her division, while Trinity took gold in her division for shot put.

Director Hoshizaki noted that Welland Centennial Secondary School student, Sheldon Davis cycled over 7,000 km in 70 days this summer and raised over \$3,000 for a local charity, the Hope Centre.

vii. Summer Updates

Director Hoshizaki showed a presentation that highlighted the newly built John Brant Public School and the construction at the Greater Fort Erie Secondary School site. Photos of the renovations that took place over the summer at St. John's Outdoor Centre, Governor Simcoe Secondary School, and Laura Secord Secondary School were also shared.

2. Educational Showcases

There were no educational showcases.

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

There was no old business.

K. QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no questions asked of or by Board members.

L. NEW BUSINESS**1. Notice of Recommended Motion**

Take notice that in accordance with By-Law Q – 2, a recommendation that the following amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the District School Board of Niagara will come forward for consideration at the next meeting of the Board scheduled for September 27, 2016, with such amendments to take effect thereafter:

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.

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**a) Correspondence from the Town of Pelham**

Chair Robinson noted that a letter from the Town of Pelham can be found in the Board package.

4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison

a) Trustee Barnett provided a reminder of the upcoming 50th Year Reunion at Welland Centennial Secondary School which will be held on October 8, 2016. Register at centennial.dsbnschools.org.

b) Trustee Schaubel shared the excitement of the community with respect to the newly opened John Brant Public School in Ridgeway.

c) Chair Robinson reported that she and Trustee Lora Campbell attended the United Way Breakfast on September 13, 2016.

In response to a question by a Trustee, Chair Robinson clarified that the correspondence from the Town of Pelham was received after the June 27, 2016 Board meeting.

Further information on events and news happening within the Board can be found at www.dsbnschools.org and/or on the schools' websites.

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

Vice Chair Chase reported that Trustees have received emails outlining changes in legislature and regarding the new OPSBA website.

Vice Chair Chase added that the DSBN will be hosting the Central West Regional OPSBA meeting on October 29, 2016 at the Walker Living Campus. Vice Chair Chase requested suggestions for activities for those visiting the region and encouraged DSBN Trustees to attend.

Upcoming meetings include:

Regional Meeting: November 5, 2016

Public Education Symposium: January 19-21, 2017

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS – continued

Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Report

Board of Directors Meeting: March 3-4, 2017

Education Labour Relations and Human Resources Conference: April 6-7, 2017

National School Boards Conference: March 25-27, 2017

Annual General Meeting: June 8-11, 2017

Information published by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association is available at www.opsba.org.

6. Future Meetings

The calendar of September 2016 and October 2016 meetings were provided.

Add: Central West Regional OPSBA meeting on October 29, 2016.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dave Schaubel

Seconded by Lora Campbell

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

DALE ROBINSON, Chair

WARREN HOSHIZAKI, Director of Education
and Secretary