

## ***Regular Board Meeting***

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Education Centre

St. Catharines

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. [Private Session]

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [Public Session]

## **A G E N D A**

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

1. Call to Order and Noting of Members Absent
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

### **B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Motion to Move to Committee of the Whole (Private Session)
2. Motion to Return to Open Board (Public Meeting)

### **C. SINGING OF 'O CANADA'**

Beamsville District Secondary School orchestra will perform 'O Canada', via video

### **D. REFLECTIVE READING**

By Trustee Lora Campbell

**E. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Agenda be adopted.”

**2. Approval of Board Minutes**

Pages 9-19

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the District School Board of Niagara dated September 22, 2015 be confirmed as submitted.”

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Ratification of Business Conducted in Committee of the Whole**

**Recommended Motion:**

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

**F. EDUCATIONAL SHOWCASING OR PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Director’s Report and Recognition**

W Hoshizaki  
Pages 20-23

Update from Provincial, Regional and Local Perspective

- a) Recognition of John Woods, Volunteer, Welland Centennial S.S.
- b) Director’s Update to Trustees

**2. Educational Showcases**

- a) Savings by Design

S Veld

**G. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

1. DSBN 2014-2015 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results H McGregor  
Pages 24-25

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Board receive the report on the 2014-15 Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).”

**H. DELEGATIONS**

1. Wayne Robinson  
2. Peter Sawatzky

**I. BOARD RECESS (Optional)**

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. ACCOUNTS**

S Veld  
Page 26

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Summary of Accounts paid in Batch Numbers 1596 to1624, for the month of August 2015, totalling \$15,374,177.97 be received.”

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

J Dubé / K Hilborn  
Pages 27-29

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the report of the Student Trustee Senate dated September 22, 2015 be received.”

**3. REPORT OF THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

D Robinson  
Pages 30-47

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the minutes of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated October 1, 2015, be received”; and

“That staff be asked to arrange a pre-Board Trustee information session on First Nations / Aboriginal matters prior to the Board making a decision regarding the request to have all Board meetings begin with an indigenous acknowledgement.”

**Recommended Motion:**

That the report of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee dated October 1, 2015, be received and the recommendations adopted as follows:

**Trustee Responsibilities**

<p><b><u>Committee Recommendations:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Trustees familiarize themselves with provisions of the Education Act concerning duties and responsibilities of Trustees and the Board, specifically s. 169.1 and s. 218.1</li><li>2. That staff be authorized to create a preamble for the Trustees portion of the Board website using s. 169.1 and s. 218 as the basis for describing the role of the Trustees and Board.</li><li>3. That Trustees access the resources and modules available on the OPSBA website for personal and professional development.</li></ol>
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and

**Code of Conduct for Trustees**

<p><b><u>Committee Recommendation:</u></b></p> <p>“The Ad Hoc Governance Committee is not recommending the creation of a Trustee Code of Conduct for the DSBN at this time.”</p>
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and

**DSBN Website & Revision of Board By-Laws and Rules of Order**

- It was agreed that the notice given in the June 9, 2015 Board package in accordance with By-Law Q-2 is deemed as sufficient notice to discuss and consider the following recommendation and amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Order of the District School Board of Niagara at the October 13, 2015 Board meeting with such amendments to take effect thereafter.

<p><b>G – 9</b></p>	<p><b>a) The Board will post the Board agenda <u>with supplementary materials</u> on the Board’s website at least 24 hours prior to the Board meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in Committee of the Whole - Private Session, for access by the public.</b></p>
	<p><b>b) The Board meeting minutes, without supporting material, shall be posted on the Board’s website once they are approved by the Board (<u>exclusive of matters considered in a closed session</u>).</b></p>

- c) **The Board will post the Committee meeting agenda with supplementary materials on the Board's website at least 24 hours prior to a Standing or Statutory Committee meeting, exclusive of matters to be considered in a Closed Session, for access by the public.**
- d) **Committee meeting minutes, without supplementary materials, shall be posted on the Board's website once they are approved by the Committee (exclusive of matters considered in a closed session).**

- It was also agreed that the posting of the Board's agenda with supplementary materials will not include unapproved Committee minutes.

and

**Committee Recommendation:**

"That all committee agendas will follow a common template of "Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; and Business Arising from the Minutes"."

and

**Minutes & Privacy Issues**

**Committee Recommendation:**

"That the content of Board meeting minutes be a reflection of action taken and that any ancillary commentary be recorded in a general fashion."

and

**Video Recordings**

**Committee Recommendation:**

"That the Board not adopt videotaping or live streaming of Board or Committee or Committee of the Whole meetings at this time. Any further discussion regarding video recording and live streaming of Board or Committee or Committee of the Whole meetings be deferred for two (2) years while staff monitor any new legislation that may impact on a reconsideration of this practice."

and

**Social Media & Communication Devices**

**Committee Recommendation:**

"That Trustees recognize that the rules of conduct for appropriate usage apply to Trustees in their usage of social media and communication"

devices, such as tweets, Facebook, blogs and e-mails. Trustees cannot disclose discussions about confidential matters held in camera through social media, or demean staff or the Board or other Trustees and they must follow the rules of supporting a motion once a decision has been reached.”

and

### **Public Inquiries & Engagement**

#### **Committee Recommendation:**

1. That the Board adopt the attached G-37: Complaints Resolution Policy, as amended, which will be shared with the Ombudsman and posted on the Board website upon its approval.
2. Trustees may use the 4 step chart entitled “Parent and/or Community Guideline for Trustees” as a guideline for directing public inquiries to appropriate staff to handle.

## **4. REPORT OF THE SUPERVISED ALTERNATIVE LEARNING COMMITTEE**

C Keddy Scott  
Pages 48-50

### **Recommended Motion:**

“That the report of the Supervised Alternative Learning Committee dated October 1, 2015, be received.”

## **5. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

D Schaubel  
Pages 51-150

### **Recommended Motion:**

“That the report of the Program and Planning Committee dated October 6, 2015, be received”; and

“That the report of the Educational Research Committee of May 21, 2015, be received”; and

“That the Board receive the West Pelham Initial Staff Report; and, that the Board initiate the West Pelham Modified Accommodation Review for E.W. Farr PS and Pelham Centre PS; and, that staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in the DSNB Accommodation Review Policy (F-2)”; and

“That the Board receive the South Central St. Catharines Initial Staff Report; and, that the Board initiate the South Central St. Catharines Modified Accommodation Review for Glen Ridge PS and Oakridge PS; and, that staff be directed to provide notice of initiation as set out in the DSNB Accommodation Review Policy (F-2).”

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

J Ajandi / H Campbell  
Pages 151-152

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the report of the Parent Involvement Committee dated October 7, 2015, be received.”

**7. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (handout)**

K Maves

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the report of the Finance Committee dated October 13, 2015, be received and the recommendation adopted.”

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

**L. NEW BUSINESS**

**M. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

**1. Staff Reports**

**a) Primary Class Size Report**

J Morgan  
Pages 153-154

**Recommended Motion:**

“That the Primary Class Size Report dated October 13, 2015, be received.”

**2. Trustee Information Session**

There is no trustee information session.

**3. Correspondence and Communications**

**4. Trustee Communications and School Liaison**

**5. Ontario Public School Boards' Association Report**

J Ajandi

**6. Future Meetings**

Pages 155-156

The calendars for October and November are attached.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Recommended Motion:**

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