

# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES

### of the Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

**PRESENT:**

Members: (Present) F. Alexander, E. Crowe, M. Iafrate  
(Virtual) M. Barbieri, A. Grella, A. Saggese, J. Wigston

Administration: (Present) D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, R. Antunes, M. Brosens, K. Elgharbawy,  
M. Farrell, G. Gastis, M. Gray, T. Laliberte, C. McNeil, L. Paonessa  
(Virtual) S. Morrow, L. Sawicky, S. Wright

Absent with Notice: C. Cotton, J. Di Meo, T. McNicol

Presiding: F. Alexander, Chair of the Board

**2023:353 CALL TO ORDER / OPENING PRAYER**

Chair of the Board, Frank Alexander welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting and led the opening prayer at 5:06 pm. The Land Acknowledgement followed.

**2023:354 ROLL CALL** – Trustees C. Cotton, J. DiMeo, T. McNicol – Absent with Notice

**2023:355 APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL: NIL**

**2023:356 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Move Action Item to Discussion*

**MOTION: Crowe/Iafrate**

**THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:357 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CURRENT MEETING: NIL**

**2023:358 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:359 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S): NIL**

**2023:360 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NIL**

**2023:361 CHAIR'S REPORT / UPDATE / INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES: NIL**

**2023:362 OCSTA / BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: NIL**

**2023:363 DIRECTOR'S REPORT / UPDATE: NIL**

**2023:364 STUDENT TRUSTEES' REPORT: NIL**

**2023:365 RECOGNITIONS / OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS: NIL**

**2023:366 DELEGATIONS: NIL**

**2023:367 JOURNEY TOWARDS OUR VISION: NIL**

**2023:368 ACTION ITEM(S) (including Committee Reports): NIL**

**2023:369 DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

**a) Achieving Financial Targets: A New Approach to Snow Removal**

K. Elgharbawy, Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant shared information to attain the targeted cost savings of one million dollars within the scope of winter maintenance. Halting snow removal in the playground area of certain elementary schools, specifically those without portable classrooms was noted.

The Board of Trustees expressed their concerns and were reassured that there will be a reassessment on a school-by-school basis to ensure that snow removal and salting will occur in areas of concern, eg, drainage.

**2023:370 INFORMATION ITEM(S): NIL**

**2023:371 NOTICES OF MOTION: NIL**

**2023:372 FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S) / REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

**RECESS AT 5:13 PM TO CONVENE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**RECONVENE THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AT 5:32 PM**

**APPROVAL OF REPORT NO. 2023:20 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Vice-Chair Maria lafrate presented, for approval, Report No. 2023:20 of the Special Committee of the Whole private session held on August 23, 2023.

**(i) DECLASSIFIED (Action Items for Approval): N/A**

**(ii) CLASSIFIED:**

**MOTION: lafrate/Crowe**

**THAT** the confidential action items from the Private Session held August 23, 2023 be approved as presented.

**– MOTION CARRIED –**

**2023:373 ADJOURNMENT: 5:34 PM**  
**ON MOTION: Crowe/lafrate and CARRIED**

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair of the Board