

*Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board  
Meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Tuesday, January 20, 2009*

**PRESENT AT MEETING:**

**Trustees:** Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard  
Bonnie McKinnon, Joe McPherson and June Szeman

**Student Trustee:** Chris Radojewski

**Administration:** Cathy Horgan, Director of Education; Wally Easton,  
Associate Director & Treasurer; Bill Chopp, Trish Kings and  
Chris Roehrig, Superintendents of Education and  
Linda Luciani, Recording Secretary

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Joe McPherson. Vice-Chair McPherson welcomed students from Brock University's Teachers College.

**OPENING PRAYER:** The meeting was opened with a prayer.

**B. ROUTINE MATTERS:**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the agenda, as amended, for the January 20, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Nil

**Resolved:**

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 18, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Nil

**C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS:** Nil

**D. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

**D.1 UNAPPROVED POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM  
JANUARY 20, 2009**

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon reviewed the minutes from the January 20, 2009 Policy Committee meeting. The Student Attendance policy was drafted to ensure that regular student attendance occurs and to provide strategies and supports for students who have problematic attendance. The French Immersion Program Policy was drafted to address admission, withdrawal, program expectations.

Trustee Szeman noted that the last sentence of the Belief Statement should read, "This vision of the learner can best be realized . . .". Approval was requested for the following recommendations:

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves the Student Attendance policy and refers it to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves the French Immersion policy and refers it to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board the approval.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole receives the unapproved minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting from January 20, 2008.

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole approves and refers the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting of January 20, 2009, to the Board.

CARRIED

**D.2 APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FROM DECEMBER 10, 2008**

Trustee Dennis Blake reviewed the minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting held on December 10, 2008. The STARS Classroom Program will begin on February 1, 2009 at St. Leo School.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole receives the approved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting from December 10, 2008.

**D.3 RELIGION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION UPDATE 2008-09**

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings introduced Joyce Young, Religion/ Family Life Consultant who provided an update on the religion and family life program as it related to students and staff. She reported on the work of the elementary and secondary Religion Curriculum Committees and their efforts to bring Catholicity out in our schools.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Religion and Family Life Education Update for 2008-09 report.

CARRIED

#### **D.4 BANK OPERATING CREDIT**

Associate Director and Treasurer, Wally Easton reported that from time-to-time, the Board requires operating credit for periods when it needs to borrow monies.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldmand Norfolk Catholic District School approve:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (the “Board”).

- A. In accordance with section 243(1) of the *Education Quality Improvement Act* (the Act), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of \$5,700,000 to meet the current expenditures of the Board until current revenue has been received.
- B. Pursuant to section 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution, together with the total of any similar borrowings which have not been repaid and any accrued interest on those borrowings is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the fiscal year.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to section 243 that has been repaid is \$0.00.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Boards Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education and Training from time-to-time.

**AND RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. The Chair or Vice-Chair and the Treasurer are authorized, on behalf of the Board, to borrow from time-to-time from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) a sum or sums not exceeding the aggregate of \$5,700,000 to meet the current expenditures of the Board until current revenue has been received, for the year (including the amounts required for the purposes mention in subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Act), plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time-to-time with CIBC.
- 2. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums plus interest, all of the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenue of the Board.
- 3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC, from time-to-time upon request, a statement showing (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowing of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected.

CARRIED

## **D.5 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Director of Education, Cathy Horgan provided an update on the Board's Strategic Plan. The development of a new strategic plan came from recommendations from the Operational Review of the Board conducted by the Ministry. The new Strategic Plan would provide the Board with specific priorities which would then be used to determine budget, planning and accountability processes. Trustees felt that the new plan should be reviewed yearly and that the duration of the Plan be two or three years.

### **Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the report on the Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

## **D.6 EXCURSION: ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL MUSIC/DRAMA TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY**

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig requested permission for Grade 9 to Grade 12 students from Assumption College School to participate in an excursion to New York City.

### **Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and June Szeman, that the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to New York City from Thursday, April 30, 2009 to Sunday, May 3, 2009.

CARRIED

## **D.7 EXCURSION: ASSUMPTION COLLEGE SCHOOL HISTORY TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY**

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig requested permission for the Grade 11 and Grade 12 History students from Assumption College School to participate in an excursion to New York City.

### **Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to New York City from Thursday, April 30, 2009 to Saturday, May 2, 2009.

CARRIED

## **E. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Vice Chair, Joe McPherson reported that he had attended a session facilitated by Rick Johnson regarding new roles for trustees and trustee expectations. Vice Chair McPherson will forward information from this session to everyone.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

CARRIED

**F. NOTICES OF MOTION: Nil**

**G. TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:**

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon reported that she will be absent from the January 2009 Board Meeting.

Trustee Cliff Casey reported that he may not be available during the first two weeks in February 2009.

Trustee Dignard asked for an update regarding the school bus accident on January 20, 2009. Associate Director & Treasurer, Wally Easton reported that only a few students were taken to the hospital and there were no serious injuries.

Chair June Szeman extended congratulations to the Transportation Department for their radio announcements regarding snow day/cancellation of bussing procedures. She felt that Sally O'Brien, Transportation Supervisor, spoke very well and provided parents with clear times to listen to the radio and processes to follow.

**H. BUSINESS IN-CAMERA:**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board move to an in-camera session.

CARRIED

**I. REPORT ON THE IN-CAMERA SESSION:**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Cliff Casey and Dan Dignard, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the business of the in-camera session.

CARRIED

**J. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Trustee Dignard wondered if the FirstClass Meetings and Events Calendar could be changed to show new items had been added to the calendar and that red flags be removed when the calendar had been read. Director of Education Cathy Horgan responded that she would look into the matter and report back to trustees.

**K. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Cliff Casey and Dennis Blake, that the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, adjourn the meeting of January 20, 2009.

CARRIED