



**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 7:00 pm
Boardroom**

Present: **Trustees:**
Joe McPherson (Chair, Committee of the Whole), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard,
Bonnie McKinnon, June Szeman

Senior Administration:
Wally Easton (Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer), Bill Chopp (Superintendent
of Education), Trish Kings (Superintendent of Education), Chris Roehrig (Superintendent of
Education)

Absent: Chris Radojewski (Student Trustee)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Joe McPherson, Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the April 20, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 23, 2010.

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes from the March 23, 2010 meeting.

Carried

2.4 Business Arising from Minutes: Nil



3. Presentations and Delegations:

- 3.1** Chair Joe McPherson welcomed Jacob McGivern and his family. Jacob, who placed first in the junior public speaking contest in the Holy Trinity Family of Schools competition, presented his speech on *Complaining*.
- 3.2** Chair Joe McPherson welcomed Sister Mary Walter, C.S.J., and presented a biography of her accomplishments as a teacher for our Board and in various missions, her ongoing dedication as a parish and school volunteer, and her passion for travel. Chair McPherson extended the Board's sincerest thanks for her years of selfless service and involvement in our community and presented her with a special token on the occasion of her *Golden Jubilee*, 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph.

4. Committee and Staff Reports:

4.1 Approved Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 10, 2010

Trustee Dennis Blake, representative on the Special Education Advisory Committee, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2010. Superintendent Bill Chopp commented on the success of the Grade 3 Reading Upgrade program whereby 57 of the 100 students who were identified in the fall as being "at risk" in literacy were no longer at the "at risk" level by January.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 10, 2010.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Regional Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010

Trustee Bonnie McKinnon, representative on the Regional Catholic School Council, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of March 1, 2010, which included presentations on the rollout of the Early Learning Program and highlights of the Safe Schools initiative.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: June Szeman

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Regional Catholic School Council meeting of March 1, 2010.

Carried



4.3 Unapproved Accommodations Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2010

Cliff Casey, Chair of the Accommodations Committee, reviewed the minutes from the meeting of April 6, 2010, which focused primarily on updates of current capital projects.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes from the Accommodations Committee meeting of April 6, 2010.

Carried

4.4 Board Enrolment – March, 2010

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig reported on the March 31, 2010 enrolment numbers, which are close to the projected enrolment numbers. The March 31 enrolment information is used by the Ministry of Education for grant purposes.

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the enrolment report for March 31, 2010.

Carried

4.5 2010-11 Grants for Student Needs

Associate Director Wally Easton reported on the provincial overview of the 2010-11 school board grants announced by the Ministry of Education on March 26, 2010. He briefly outlined some of the major impacts of this funding announcement for the next school year and added that information regarding board-specific funding has not yet been released.

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the 2010-11 Grants for Student Needs report.

Carried

4.6 Financial Report – February 2010

Associate Director Wally Easton reviewed the Board Expenditure Report for the period ended February 28, 2010. He reported that expenditures for the first half of the school year are on track with 51.9% of the total budget spent.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Financial Report – February 2010.

Carried



4.7 Early Learning Program

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings reported on the planning steps set out by the Ministry of Education for implementation of the Year 2 (2011-12) Early Learning Program including timelines, planning as well as school site selection parameters, required consultations, and identification of capital needs. The Ministry has provided the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board with four classes for 2011-12. After reviewing community needs, impact on existing child care and early year programs, Early Development Instrument reports and student achievement, the following schools have been selected for Year 2 of the Early Learning Program: St. Patrick's, Caledonia (1 class); Christ the King, Brantford (1 class); St. Stephen's, Cayuga (1 class) and St. Theresa, Brant County (1 class).

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Early Learning Program Year 2 school selection.

Carried

4.8 Bus Operators' Contracts

Associate Director Wally Easton explained that the bus operator's contract for 2009-10 is the first time a common contract has been developed by partners of the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN). Referencing the standard bus operator contract developed by the Ministry of Education, STSBHN staff met several times with bus contractors in an effort to standardize the terms of the contract and contract rates. The 2009-10 contract includes several new provisions such as vehicle age, a dispute resolution mechanism, and a fuel escalation calculation. One of the goals is to move towards a common rate for all operators by the end of the Bus Operator's Agreement on August 31, 2012.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Bus Operator's Agreement for the years September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2012 for all bus operators of the Student Transportation Services of Brant Haldimand Norfolk (STSBHN).

Carried

5. Information and Correspondence – Nil

6. Notices of Motion: Nil

7. Trustee Inquiries: Nil



8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an in-camera session.

Carried

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business from the in-camera session.

Carried

10. Future Meetings

The list of upcoming meetings and events was reviewed by Trustees.

11. Moment of Silent Reflection

12. Adjournment

Moved by: June Szeman

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of April 20, 2010.

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 - Boardroom