



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK  
Catholic District School Board**

**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 24, 2009**  
**Board Meeting**  
Catholic Education Center  
322 Fairview Drive  
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

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**PRESENT AT MEETING:**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair June Szeman.

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

**1.2 Attendance**

Trustees: Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Joe McPherson and June Szeman  
Student Trustee: Chris Radojewski  
Administration: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education and Secretary, Wally Easton, Associate Director and Treasurer; Bill Chopp, Trish Kings, Chris Roehrig, Superintendents of Education, Claire Dodgson, Recording Secretary and Tracey Austin, Coordinator of Communications & Community Relations

**2. Routine Matters**

**2.1 Approval of the Agenda**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the agenda of the November 24, 2009 meeting.

CARRIED

**2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil**

**2.3 Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting – October 27, 2009**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes from the Board Meeting of October 27, 2009.

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### **2.4 Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Trustee Cliff Casey asked if “stakeholders” included trustees at the community meeting regarding the Early Learning Program. Director of Education Cathy Horgan advised that the stakeholders referred to by the Ministry were the community members of the Best Start Network.

### **3. Presentations/Delegations:**

Superintendent of Education Bill Chopp introduced Patricia McLeod who is an educational assistant at St. Theresa School and the recipient of the Champion to Inclusion Award.

Superintendent of Education Bill Chopp introduced Grant Philoppot and Heather Gaukel who recognized the Board for their continued support with the Thank a Vet Program. This program is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and for the past seven years, it has been held at Assumption College School. This location has contributed to the success of the event.

### **4. Committee and Staff Reports**

#### **4.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee Of The Whole Meeting of November 17, 2009**

Chair of the Committee of the Whole Joe McPherson reviewed the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 17, 2009. At that meeting, the minutes were reviewed from SEAC, as well as the October 31 enrolment, Principal Performance Appraisal, the Regional Catholic School Council and the board’s insurance premium. Trustee Joe McPherson requested approval and receipt of the following recommendations:

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the approved minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 14, 2009

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the enrolment report for October 31, 2009.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Principal Performance Appraisal report.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Regional Catholic School Council report.



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THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the 2010 insurance premium, payable to the Ontario School Board's Insurance Exchange, in the amount of \$211,852., plus GST.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Cliff Casey, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 17, 2009.

On the motion of Joe McPherson and Cliff Casey, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 17, 2009.

CARRIED

**4.2 Notice of Motion**

Trustee Dennis Blake suggested that his Notice of Motion from the Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2009 be referred to the Policy Committee to allow for a full discussion and review. In his remarks, trustee Blake said that his motion could be incorporated in the board's by-laws. Director of Education Cathy Horgan stated the board by-laws should be looked at more closely and will be placed on the agenda of the Policy Committee.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Cliff Casey, that the Notice of Motion from the Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2009 be referred to the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

**4.3 Early Learning Program**

Superintendent of Education Trish Kings reviewed the five year phase-in plan for the Early Learning Program initiative. The Ministry has advised that boards must consult closely with school communities and co-terminous boards.

In phase one of the program, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board is eligible for seven classrooms to implement full day learning for the 2010-11 school year. The classes identified for this program are as follows:



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Jean Vanier, Brantford	three (3) classes
Sacred Heart, Langton	two (2) classes
St. Michael's, Dunnville	one (1) class
St. Pius, Brantford	one (1) class

There are still many details to be worked out and questions to be answered prior to the implementation of the program. The program will have one teacher and one early childhood educator. These classes will not be part of the primary class size but will have an aggregate enrolment average of 26 students. Where it is viable, before and after and after school programs are to be offered in the Early Learning Program schools.

In year two, the board is eligible for four additional classes and they have been identified as follows:

Christ the King, Brantford	one (1) class
Holy Cross, Brantford	one (1) class
St. Michael's, Walsh	one (1) class
St. Stephen's, Cayuga	one (1) class

All other schools will be phased-in by the 2015-16 school year.

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Joe McPherson, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the submission, with respect to school selection as outlined on the planning template, Early Learning – Phase 1 School Selection.

CARRIED

**5. Information and Correspondence:** Nil

**6. Notices of Motion:** Nil

**7. Trustee Inquiries:** Nil

**8. Business In-Camera:**

**Resolved:**

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

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**9. Report on the In-camera Session:**

**Resolved:**

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

**10. Future Meetings**

**11. Moment of Silent Reflection**

**12. Adjournment**

**Resolved:**

On the motion of Cliff Casey and Dan Dignard, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting of November 24, 2009.

CARRIED