

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
Meeting of the 2007 Board – Tuesday, September 23, 2008

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

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

Student Trustee: Chris Radojewski

Administration: Cathy Horgan, Director of Education; Wally Easton, Associate
Director; Bill Chopp, Trish Kings, and Chris Roehrig, Superintendents
of Education; Tracey Austin, Communications and Claire Dodgson, Recording Secretary

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe McPherson.

OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Memorial Statements were read in memory of Agnes O'Connell and Ed Loncke.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the agenda for the September 23, 2008 Board meeting.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Nil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, approve the in-camera minutes of the June 24, 2008 Meeting of the Board and the July 10, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Nil

C. PRESENTATIONS & DELEGATIONS: Nil

D. STAFF REPORTS

1. Unapproved Minutes and Approval of Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole – September 16, 2008

Chair of the Committee of the Whole June Szeman reviewed the in-camera minutes and recommendations from the meeting of September 16, 2008. June requested approval of the following recommendations:

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct the recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting of May 20, 2008, to the Board for approval.

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves and refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval, the joint school project with the Grand Erie District School Board in south west Brantford subject to the Board approving a satisfactory cost sharing agreement, and

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approves and refers to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval to authorize staff to proceed with the architect selection for a school in south west Brantford.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the following Board and Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule 2008-09 as follows:

A Board meeting be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 with no Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled in December 2008.

A Committee of the Whole be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 and the Board meeting be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the continued membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and remit the annual fee of \$46,900 for the 2008-09 school year.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board continue to support the Father Fogarty Awards by purchasing two tickets per secondary student, at a cost not to exceed \$690.00

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve a By-Law authorizing the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (the "Board") to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of section 247 of the Education Act (the "Act") for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this By-Law be approved.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvement as detailed in Schedule "A" attached to this By-Law;

- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) for a capital loan for the purpose of finance the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the projects is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Director of Education and Secretary and the Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$14,900,000 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time-to-time with CIBC.
2. The Director of Education & Secretary and the Associate Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer are authorized for, and on behalf of the Board, to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this By-Law.

Resolved:

On the motion of Bonnie McKinnon and Dennis Blake, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the unapproved in-camera minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 16, 2008.

CARRIED

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Dan Dignard, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 16, 2008.

CARRIED

2. Enrolment Update

Superintendent of Education Chris Roehrig reviewed the preliminary enrolment. Senior administration will continue to monitor enrolment and look at needs school by school.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Dan Dignard, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the report enrolment.

CARRIED

3. EQAO Results: Primary, Junior and Grade 9

Superintendents of Education Trish Kings and Chris Roehrig reviewed the results of the primary, junior and Grade 9 EQAO results. Trends, as well as next steps with strategies to address the results will be analyzed.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Dan Dignard, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the report on the EQAO Primary, Junior and Grade 9 results for 2007-08.

CARRIED

4. Awarding of Construction Contract for OLF/SJB School

Associate Director Wally Easton advised trustees of the tender process which took place regarding the construction contract for the replacement school for Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jean de Brebeuf schools.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Dennis Blake, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the awarding of the contract for the replacement school for St. Jean de Brebeuf and Our Lady of Fatima, Brantford to STM Contractors, in the amount of \$6,859,000 plus GST, subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

5. Student Trustee Report

Chris Radojewski, Student Trustee provided trustees with an update on Student Senate and the secondary schools.

Resolved:

On the motion of Dennis Blake and Dan Dignard, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receive the Student Trustee report.

CARRIED

E. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS: Nil

F. NOTICES OF MOTION: Nil

G. TRUSTEE INQUIRIES: Nil

H. BUSINESS OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION

Resolved:

On the motion of Dan Dignard and Dennis Blake, that 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 June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the business from the in-camera session.

CARRIED

J. FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

K. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

L. ADJOURNMENT

Resolved:

On the motion of June Szeman and Bonnie McKinnon, that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourn the meeting of September 23, 2008.

CARRIED