



**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 28, 2014 ♦ 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** June Szeman (Chair), Rick Petrella (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Cliff Casey, Dan Dignard, Bonnie McKinnon, Georgia Athanasiou (Student Trustee)

**Absent:**

**Senior Administration:**

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Tom Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Bill Chopp, Jamie McKinnon and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Dignard.

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the January 28, 2014 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil**

**2. Presentations**

Chair Szeman introduced Chuck Beach of the Earth Week Event Committee who gave a presentation on the Committee's School Ground Greening initiatives, as well as their Brant Tree Coalition environmental renovation program. Holy Family Catholic Elementary School is this year's recipient of the Committee's annual \$9,000 grant to a Catholic or Public school in Brant in support of their school ground greening project(s). Holy Cross and Sacred Heart schools have been grant recipients in previous years.

**3. Delegations**

Chair Szeman welcomed Chris Friel, Mayor of the City of Brantford, who gave a presentation on Brantford's vision and community work over the past several years with the goal of becoming recognized as a Smart City that is prepared to compete globally in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He reviewed the six pillars of the Smart City program, with special focus on the "Knowledge Workforce" and "Digital Inclusion" pillars, areas where education can play a key role. Mayor Friel solicited the Board's support, involvement and commitment of resources towards becoming a true intelligent community.



**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1** THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives all reports and approves all motions under the Consent Agenda.

**Carried**

**5. Committee and Staff Reports**

**5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 21, 2014**

Vice Chair Petrella reviewed the business of the January 21, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. As a comment on the 2014-15 Budget Goals report, Trustee Casey suggested that the Board examine how it might help support initiatives in the area of mental health, which Director Roehrig agreed could be considered at a future Budget Committee meeting. Vice Chair Petrella presented the following recommendations for approval:

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the 2013-14 Revised Budget Estimates, in the amount of \$118,154,110, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Budget Planning report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval of the budget procedures as outlined in the 2014-15 Budget Procedures Manual

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Goals for the 2014-15 Budget.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Special Education Funding – High Needs Amount report and directs the Chair of the Board to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting redistribution of the High Needs Amount funding more equitably between all boards across the province.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Tri-Party Operating Agreement for Branlyn/Notre Dame School Community Centre.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for an excursion to New York City, New York from Thursday, May 15 to Monday, May 19, 2014.



THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board requests that the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Consortium re-examines the walking distance for primary students with an eye to reducing the walking distance from the current 1.6 km.

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 21, 2014.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 21, 2014.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Financial Report – November 2012**

Superintendent Grice presented the Board expenditure report for the period ending November 30, 2013. He reported that the budget is on track with 24.2% of the total budget spent at the quarter year mark and provided additional information regarding some of the larger budget items.

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Financial Report – November 2013.

**Carried**

## **5.3 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Athanasiou reported that Student Senators have finalized plans for their February 6, 2014 student leadership retreat being held at St. Pius X church, with the theme “Love and Compassion”. In school news, she reported on the success of various Advent season fundraising campaigns and drives, which assisted many local families and area charity organizations during the Christmas season. Chair Szeman expressed the Board’s appreciation to students and staff of the three secondary schools on their outstanding work in the area of community outreach.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee report.

**Carried**

## **6. Information and Correspondence**

Chair Szeman distributed information regarding trustee membership on the various Board Committees for 2014.



Trustee Dignard extended his congratulations to the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and staff for organizing last week's "Soul Play" event held at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford. He commented on how well the entire evening was received by the large number of staff and parents who attended. Trustee McKinnon commended the keynote speaker, Terry Nelson Johnson, on his ability to relate everyday life to the sacraments.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

That the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

**Carried**

**7. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**8. Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

**9. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

**Carried**

**10. Report on the In-Camera Session**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

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

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Vice-Principal Pools Appointments report.

**Carried**

**11. Future Meetings**

A listing of upcoming meetings and events was reviewed.

**12. Closing Prayer**

Trustee Blake led the closing prayer.



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**13. Adjournment**

Moved by: Cliff Casey  
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of  
January 28, 2014.

**Carried**