



**Special Meeting of the Board
Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:00 a.m.
Boardroom**

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

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

Absent:

1. Call to Order

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by June Szeman, Chair of the Board.

2. Routine Matters

2.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda for the
Special Meeting of the Board of August 25, 2010.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Interest: Nil

3. Committee and Staff Reports

3.1 Student Transportation

Associate Director Wally Easton introduced Phil Kuckyt, Manager of Transportation. Mr. Easton provided an update on the ongoing changes being implemented by the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk consortia, primarily the harmonization of walking distances between the three partner boards (1.6 km for elementary students; 3.2 km for secondary students), access by parents to current transportation information via an online portal, increased route efficiencies, and stricter enforcement of policy and procedures regarding courtesy ridership. Some of these changes have resulted from Ministry recommendations following its Efficiency and Effectiveness Review of September 2009. Over 30 bus routes have been



eliminated, which represents an approximate savings of \$1 million for the consortia. Concerns regarding services for special needs students, walking route hazards, and out of boundary requests were addressed by Mr. Easton and Mr. Kuckyt.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

Carried

3.2 Construction of St. John's College Addition

Associate Director Wally Easton outlined the results of the August 24, 2010 tender opening for Phase 2 of the St. John's College addition. The lowest bid of \$8,277,000 by PM Contracting is still approximately \$1.2 million over the original estimate and amount approved by the Board for this project. Mr. Easton outlined possible options such as the issue of a new tender listing different expectations, including a cost breakdown, which would assist staff in determining where savings might be realized. Trustee questions were addressed. Staff will continue to evaluate options and will report back to trustees in the near future.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information on the Construction of St. John's College Addition.

Carried

4. Information and Correspondence

- 4.1** Director of Education Horgan advised that interviews for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Business are scheduled for August 31 and confirmed trustee membership on the interview team. A start date will be determined if/when a successful candidate is selected.
- 4.2** Chair Szeman brought trustee attention to a District School Board of Niagara letter to the Premier of Ontario regarding underfunding for the Early Learning Program. Trustee Casey gave a notice of motion for the next Board meeting regarding the alignment of the number of kindergarten classes that can be offered in future years with the total funding provided by the Ministry.
- 4.3** Chair Szeman also drew trustee attention to a letter from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration regarding adult non-credit language training program funding for 2010-11.
- 4.4** Chair Szeman extended the Board's congratulations to Associate Director Wally Easton, who has been chosen by the Ontario Catholic School Business Officials' Association (OCSBOA) as recipient of their "Outstanding Contribution" Award for 2010. Mr. Easton will be recognized for his significant contribution to the ongoing activities of the Association and to the cause of Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario at the Association's Annual Conference in September.



**Brant Haldimand Norfolk
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Moved by: Cliff Casey
Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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

Carried

5. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

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

Carried

6. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Joe McPherson
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

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

Carried

5. Moment of Silent Reflection

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon
Seconded by: Joe McPherson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Special Meeting of the Board of August 25, 2010.

Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 - Boardroom