



**Special Meeting of the Board
Monday, February 15, 2017 ♦ 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Bonnie McKinnon

Absent: Rosalin Dubois (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Thomas R. Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Patrick Daly, Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendent of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer and Welcome

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella. He welcomed members of the public and expressed the Board's appreciation for the work done by the Accommodation Review Committee, the community and Board staff leading up to the final staff report being presented for receipt on the matter of the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) for Our Lady of La Salette, St. Frances Cabrini and St. Bernard of Clairvaux schools.

1.2 Attendance – as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of February 15, 2017.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

2. Committee and Staff Reports

2.1 Pupil Accommodation Review – Norfolk County: Final Staff Report

Director Roehrig provided an overview of the contents of the Final Staff Report, which includes but is not limited to background information outlining the Ministry and Board Policy requirements for a Pupil Accommodation Review; how the requirements were met and exceeded; various data and related analyses; a community consultation section that reflects the feedback from the ARC and public discussions, as well as any relevant information obtained from municipalities and other community partners prior to and during the pupil accommodation review; and details with respect to the various accommodation options.



Specifically, Director Roehrig drew attention to the analysis of the On-The-Ground (OTG) capacity for the Board, each of the geographic areas of the Board, for the schools within the review area, and for each of the individual schools; the comparative analysis of operational costs of school in Norfolk County; costs on a per-pupil basis in comparison to the Board average; and potential cost savings in the event of a school closure. He also pointed out the funding analysis for Our Lady of La Salette School and explained that the rules around funding rural schools have changed based on the proximity of other schools, impacting the top-up funding that the Board receives. In the summary of community partners' meetings chart (pages 7-9), which he noted was an example of how the Board exceeded the minimum requirements prescribed by Board policy, he drew attention to the hyperlinks imbedded in the report which lead to the Board's website where all of the meetings' documentation/discussions and additional resources are posted.

In reviewing the accommodation options, Director Roehrig noted the evolution of the options during the PAR process, from the initial eight possible options to the final four options contained in the final staff report. Director Roehrig explained that for each of Options 1, 2, and 3, transportation/ride time projections, OTG capacity projections and actuals, potential capital investments, and boundaries were considered. Option 4, which the majority of the public supports, proposes a two-year moratorium on the PAR whereby Our Lady of La Salette School remains open, status quo in the meantime. Included are the community's reasons for supporting Option 4. Director Roehrig stated that staff's recommended accommodation option is Option 3, drawing attention to the reasons for the recommendation and available funding in relation to Option 3.

Director Roehrig noted the timelines for the remainder of the PAR and advised that a summary of the feedback received during the March 2, 2017 delegation presentations will be added to the final report, and that the final decision will be made at the March 23, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board. No questions of clarification as to the content of the final staff report were raised.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Pupil Accommodation Review – Norfolk County Final Staff Report.

Carried

3. Adjournment

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Special Meeting of the Board of February 15, 2017.

Carried