



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Budget Committee
Thursday, July 30, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Rob De Rubeis, Dan Dignard, Kevin Greco, Scott Keys, Jagoda Kirilo, Carol Luciani, Mike McDonald, Sara McLellan, Lorrie Temple

Regrets: Mark Watson

1. Opening Prayer

Rick Petrella opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Budget Committee approves the agenda of July 30, 2020.

Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee approves the Minutes of January 21, 2020.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Dignard declared a conflict of interest in item 6.1 and left the call. He did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

6. Staff Reports and Information Items

6.1 Operating and Capital Budget

Superintendent Keys provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2020-21 Operating and Capital Budget. Total funding for the sector is estimated to be \$25.5 billion or about 3.3% increase from prior year (2019-20, \$24.7 billion). The average per-pupil funding is projected to be \$12,525 (2019-20, \$12,275).

A summary of the Ministry of Education's announcement regarding the 2020-21 funding was provided and included highlights on Mental Health and Technology Support. Staff are continuing to work with budget holders to assist them in their understanding of the budget process. There will be continued investments in STEM and a strategic investment in technology.



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Superintendent Keys highlighted key changes such as additional consumables (i.e. cleaning supplies), the decrease in international students due to COVID-19 and the closure of borders and that St. Mary's Catholic Learning Centre is now officially considered a secondary school and will receive some funding.

Superintendent Temple provided an overview of curriculum and faith formation. Math continues to be a priority along with professional development. Funds have been dedicated to diagnostic and gap closing resources.

Superintendent De Rubeis provided an overview of experiential learning. The board has also created opportunities for schools to tell us what their students and communities would like to see as experiential learning.

Superintendent Greco reviewed the commitment to Special Education including professional learning and certification, program supplies, EA support plan, restorative practices and supporting parents, students with psycho educational opportunities to improve well-being.

Director McDonald underscored the boards commitment to our people, wellness, Catholicity, technology, and community.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2020-21 Other Operations Budget, in the amount of \$31,017,570.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2020-21 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$4,644,284.

Carried

7. **Trustee Inquiries - Nil**

8. **Business of the In-Camera Committee**

Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee moves to an in-camera session.

Carried

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

Trustee Casey, Chopp and Dignard declared a conflict of interest in item 5.1 of the in-camera session and left the meeting they did not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question with relation to this item.



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Moved by: Rick Petrella

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee approves the business of the In-Camera Session.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Budget Committee adjourns the meeting of July 30, 2020.

Carried

Next Meeting: TBD