



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Budget Committee
Monday, June 21, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.
Boardroom / Microsoft Teams**

Trustees:

Present: Rick Petrella (Chair), Bill Chopp, Cliff Casey, Carol Luciani, Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Rob De Rubeis, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was noted as above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee approves the Agenda of June 21, 2021.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest: Nil.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes – December 14, 2020

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Budget Committee approves the Minutes of December 14, 2020.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.

2. Staff Reports & Information Items

2.1 2021-22 Operating and Capital Budget

Director MacDonald commented that the 2021-22 budget allows the Board to meet the goals of Strategic Plan and the goals will be achieved with Excellence for All. He felt that superintendents, managers and others involved in the budget process have shown stewardship over the past year and a balanced budget was being presented to the Board for 2022-22.

Superintendent Keys presented details of the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2021-22. The operating budget comprises the major annual revenues and expenditures of the Board. Revenues are received through operating grants from the Ministry of Education, primarily Grants for Student



Needs (GSN) and Priorities and Partnership Funds (PPF). He reviewed the findings from the Board's Budget Consultation Survey noting that respondents suggested improvements in facility services, technology, faith formation and well-being activities. Mr. Keys reviewed changes in revenues which could be attributed to an increase in GSNs and local taxation and decreases in PPF funding and other revenue for an overall increase of \$1,945,8121 or 1.3%.

Superintendent Keys noted that a combination of an expected decline in kindergarten registrations and conservative estimates from the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and a significant increase in families moving into the Board's jurisdiction resulted in an overall increase in student enrollment.

The Capital Budget includes HVAC upgrades, asphalt and roofing projects, AODA improvements, new portable purchases and child care facilities at Holy Trinity Catholic High School and Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School.

Trustees asked questions for clarification regarding the depletion of computer devices, the Board's Mental Health Grant, E-Learning courses, Indigenous courses and extended French courses.

Trustees asked for a review of technical education facilities, i.e., courses promoting the trades, as students are disadvantaged when they cannot take all the trades courses at their school. They would like to see more equity across the system and asked that an update report be scheduled for the September/October Board meeting.

Chair Petrella thanked Senior Administration for maintaining the high-quality of the budget and for their work in bringing a balanced budget to the Board.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2021-22 Salaries and Benefits Budget, in the amount of \$116,084,135.

Carried

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2021-22 Other Operations Budget, in the amount of \$31,611,437.

Carried

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2021-22 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$4,306,226.

3. Trustee Inquiries: Nil.



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4. Business of the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

Carried

5. Report on the In-Camera Session

Trustee Chopp and Trustee Casey declared a conflict of interest in Item #2.1 of the In-Camera session and left the room. They did not take part in the consideration of the discussion of or vote on any question with relation to this item.

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

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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

Carried

6. Future Meetings

Chair Petrella noted that the next Budget Committee Meeting will be scheduled in December 2021.

7. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Budget Committee adjourns the meeting of June 21, 2021.

Carried

Next Meeting: December 2021.