

Committee of the Whole Tuesday, June 18, 2019 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom

Trustees:

Members: Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Mark Watson, Kaiya Daly (Student Trustee)

Absent: Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella.

1.2 Attendance

As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the June 18, 2019 meeting. **Carried**

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2019

Moved by: Carol Luciani Seconded by: Dan Dignard THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting. **Carried**

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

- 2. Presentations Nil
- 3. Delegations Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 13, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.



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- **4.2** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 21, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- **4.3** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Friends of the Educational Archives Committee Meeting of May 21, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- **4.4** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Meeting of May 28, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- **4.5** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting of June 4, 2019 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.
- **4.6** THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Educational Field Trips Summary report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

In response to a trustee inquiry regarding Item 4.4, Director McDonald indicated that he would provide additional information on the Active School Travel Grant. He also indicated that the inclement weather policy is out for stakeholder feedback and he will advise on its potential impact on the transportation consortium, if applicable.

Moved by: Cliff Casey Seconded by: Carol Luciani THAT the Committee of the Whole of 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 Bank Operating Credit

Superintendent Keys presented the Bank Operating credit report that enables the Board to meet its financial obligations when a timing issue occurs between payment by the Board and receipt of grants by the Ministry. The credit has a renewal date of September 1, 2019. In response to a trustee enquiry about the number of credit cards and the card limits, Superintendent Keys indicated that he would advise the exact numbers.

Moved by: Cliff Casey Seconded by: Dan Dignard THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF MONEY TO MEET CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (THE "Board")



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- A. In accordance with Subsection 243(1) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990) (the "Act"), the Board considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to Seven Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,300,000) to meet, until current revenue is received, the current expenditures of the Board for the period commencing on January 1, 2010 and ending on August 31, 2020 (the "Period").
- B. Pursuant to Subsection 243(3) of the Act, the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution together with the total of any similar borrowings and any accrued interest on those borrowings is not to exceed the unreceived balance of the estimated revenues of the Board for the Period.
- C. The total amount previously borrowed by the Board pursuant to Section 243 that has not been repaid is \$0.
- D. The amount borrowed for current expenditures is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education and Training from time to time.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note, or overdraft, or bankers' acceptance from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act] a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate Seven Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,300,000) to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the Board for the Period (including the amounts required for the purposes mentioned in Subsection 243(1) and 243(2) of the Act), and to give to CIBC promissory notes or bankers' acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by any two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC;
- 2. The interest charged on all sums borrowed pursuant to this Resolution plus any related charges, is not to exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate of the chartered banks listed in Schedule 1 of the Bank Act (Canada) on the date of borrowing;
- 3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed plus interest, all the moneys collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board;
- 4. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver to CIBC from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the total amount of unpaid previous borrowings of the Board for current expenditures together with debt charges, if any, and (b) the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenue already collected. **Carried**



5.2 Special Education Services Department Annual Report 2018-19

Superintendent Shypula commended the work done by the Special Education team and the impact that the Board had made to improve student achievement in our district. She reviewed areas of professional development, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) audit, the successful launch of the PowerSchool Online IEP Engine and the Lexia Core 5 Reading program.

Superintendent Shypula responded to trustee inquiries regarding funding of after-schools autism program, the DRA Reading levels, cost of using an agency for the services of qualified psychologists and student calming spaces.

Moved by: Carol Luciani Seconded by: Dan Dignard THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Special Education Services Department Annual Report 2018-19. **Carried**

5.3 Excursion – Germany, Switzerland, Italy

Director McDonald presented a request from St. John's College for students to travel to Germany, Switzerland and Italy from March 12 – March 21, 2020. Students will experience local culture and history by visiting museums, galleries and churches and will allow students an opportunity to look at the arts.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College School for an excursion to Germany, Switzerland and Italy from Thursday, March 12 (evening) to Saturday, March 21, 2020. **Carried**

5.4 Excursion – New Orleans, Louisiana

Director McDonald presented a request for an excursion to New Orleans, Louisiana from Assumption College School from Friday, April 17 to Monday, April 20, 2020. Students will have the opportunity to perform at a music event and participate in a professional music workshop. They will also enjoy an authentic experience by witnessing the cultures and architecture that New Orleans has to offer. There was a trustee concern raised about the cost of the trip. Director McDonald indicated that a fund raising activity was held to help defer the costs.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from Assumption College School for an excursion to New Orleans, Louisiana from Friday, April 17 to Monday, April 20, 2020. **Carried**



5.5 Tuition Fee for Non-Resident in Ontario Students

Superintendent Keys presented The Tuition Fee regulation under the Education Act that requires that school boards to charge a tuition fee for all students who are not resident to Ontario. The grant formula contains a calculation for the minimum fee a school board can charge, which is based on actual operating costs. Superintendent Keys indicated that we currently have 15 students and the revised formula claws back \$1300 per student and that surveys were being done with other Boards. There was a trustee inquiry if the Board takes responsibility for the stay to which Superintendent Keys indicated that the Board was only responsible only for education.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the annual tuition fee of \$13,280 for secondary non-resident in Ontario students, as defined by the Education Act.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the annual tuition fee of \$12,685 for elementary non-resident in Ontario students, as defined by the Education Act.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves a non-refundable Administration/Application Fee of \$400.

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves that a Cancellation Fee of \$100 be charged to non-resident students should they not be granted a Study Permit, otherwise a \$500 Cancellation Fee be charged to non-resident students. Graduated refunds of tuition fees will be granted to non-resident students pro-rated based on the date on cancellation within the term, subject to review and approval by the Superintendent of Business & Treasurer.

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Student Achievement Measurement Data

Superintendent Telfer presented a chart on the Grade 2 and Grade 5 measurement diagnostic data in terms of questions, average scores and by school. For Grade 2 - there was growth in results from 55% to 76% seeing an overall nine-month gain in all our schools.

Grade 5 saw an increase from 40% to 61%. Superintendent Telfer responded to a trustee inquiry indicating that age is taken into consideration by teachers while conducting this assessment.

Moved by: Carol Luciani Seconded by: Cliff Casey THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence since the last meeting. **Carried**

7. Trustee Inquiries - Nil



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8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Carol Luciani Seconded by: Dan Dignard THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session. **Carried**

9. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dan Dignard Seconded by: Cliff Casey THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session. **Carried**

10. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

11. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard Seconded by: Cliff Casey THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the June 18, 2019 meeting. **Carried**