



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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

**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, June 15, 2021 ♦ 7:00 pm
Microsoft Teams**

Members: **Trustees:**
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard,
Mark Watson, Alex Medeiros (Student Trustee)

Regrets:

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 Vice Chair Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the June 15, 2021 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.5 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2021

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil



4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting – May 18, 2021

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of May 18, 2021.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk Board of Directors Meeting – May 25, 2021

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board received the unapproved minutes of the Regional Catholic Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of May 25, 2021.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Bank Operating Credit

Superintendent Keys reviewed requirements under the *Education Act* regarding borrowing by way of bank notes. He outlined the operating requirements and how the operating credit enables the Board to meet its financial obligations during timing issues surrounding payment and receipt of grants.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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")

- 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, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2022 (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.



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- 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 Proposed Changes to CEAC

Trustee Dignard, Chair of the Catholic Education Advisory Committee, provided a summary of the terms of reference. Superintendent Temple provided an outline of proposed changes including a change of name to Faith Advisory Committee, changes to membership and invitations and included community partners. The proposal also includes including updates from the committee as a standing item at Board meetings and establishing regular communications regarding faith events.

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 proposed changes to the Catholic Education Advisory Committee.

Carried



6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 COVID Update

Director McDonald provided an update regarding vaccinations for education workers. The government is anticipating having all education workers fully vaccinated by September 2021. Staff continue to plan for re-opening schools in September and await direction from the Ministry of Education. Chair Petrella requested updates be provided on the FAQ page of the board website.

6.2 Virtual School Update

Superintendent De Rubeis provided an update regarding virtual elementary school. Registration opened May 26 and closed June 4. The registration process included guidelines for families to assist them in determining if remote learning is the best choice for them. There are approximately 175 students currently registered. There will be one crossover date for students to change modes of learning. A secondary virtual school survey was conducted to gather feedback which will be used to establish the school. Discussion was held regarding course selection.

6.3 Literacy Plan and Math Update

Superintendent Temple shared the literacy plan. The plan was created with input from Special Education. It was noted that over years that there has been focus on math and numeracy and there is a need to focus efforts on literacy plan. Staff are currently in the process of obtaining phonological software and the Student Achievement Team is developing a balanced literacy course in Brightspace.

Superintendent Temple advised the new math curriculum arrived last week from the Ministry of Education. The new curriculum builds onto the new Grades 1-8 program which was released last year. Coding has not been mandated but is being offered through our board. It was noted that the new curriculum allows for equitable outcomes in math, harnesses diversity and is integrativ

6.4 Summer Programming Update

Superintendent Temple provided an update on Camp Blast. The camp is free and runs for three weeks in summer. The goal of the camp is to close gaps in reading achievement. Campers will participate in whole group and small group exercises. She also provided an outline of a new program called "Roots to Success" which will target students going into the new Destreaming math program.

Superintendent De Rubeis provided an overview of e-learning at summer school and the Ready Set Go program. There will be 1242 credits offered.

Superintendent Greco provided outline of funding available to support students which will be used to hire staff to implement a number of supports and programs for students such as Closing Gaps, transition programs, special education and mental health support, re-engagement and early reading intervention.



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Moved by: Dan Dignard

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.

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7. Trustee Inquiries

Trustee Casey recognized Father Dufraimont's retirement announcement.

8. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Mark Watson

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.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the June 15, 2021 meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom