

**HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Regular Meeting of the Board**

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.  
Board Room, 802 Drury Lane,  
Burlington, ON

Members present:     A.A. LeMay, Chair                     J. Matters, Vice Chair  
                          A. Danko                                 B. Van de Vrande  
                          P. Houlahan                                 Father D. Wilhelm  
                          A. Iantomasi

Trustees excused:     R. Palmieri                                 E. Viana

Student Trustees:    N. Bourque                                 C. Restivo  
                          P. Cockburn

Staff present:         M. Pautler, Director                     F. Mazzetti  
                          L. Clifford                                 J. O'Hara  
                          G. Corbacio                                S. Rossini  
                          J. Langill                                 J. Rowles  
                          R. MacDonald                             C. Tobin  
                          P. McMahon                                M. Tessari

Also present:         L. Stocco, Administrator, Communications Officer  
                          K. Boyd, OECTA President, Secondary Panel

Recording Secretary: D. Ross

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting opened at 8:05 p.m. with a prayer led by Lorenzo Campanelli, Chaplaincy Leader, Assumption Catholic Secondary School. Trustees were asked to remember in their prayers: Armando Botelho Pereira, father of Amanda Pokolic, grade 6 teacher at Ascension Catholic Elementary School, Burlington and father-in-law of Peter Pokolic, grade 7 teacher at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School, Oakville who died on Sunday, August 31, 2008; Deborah Parker, mother of Tina King, LBS Instructor at the Adult Learning Centre, Oakville who died on Thursday, September 4, 2008; Alfredo Caldaroni, father of Milena Metcalfe, Secondary Teacher at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School, Georgetown who died on Monday, September 8, 2008; and Surraiya Imtiaz, mother of Saleem Hussain, Database Analyst, Information Technology Services, Catholic Education Centre who died on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

**1.2 Motions Adopted in Camera**

J. Matters read the motions adopted in camera:

**IC - # 139/08**

*Moved by: P. Houlahan*

*Seconded by: A. Iantomasi*

***RESOLVED***, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the Board's proposals for negotiations with CUPE Local 3166 for the renewal of a collective agreement for the period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2012.

## 5.2 Board Proposals for CUPE Local 2888 Custodians/Maintenance

<b>IC - # 140/08</b>	Moved by: P. Houlahan Seconded by: Father D. Wilhelm
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the Board's proposals for negotiations with CUPE Local 2888 for the renewal of a collective agreement for the period September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2012.	

## 5.3 Appointment of an Elementary Vice Principal

<b>IC - # 141/08</b>	Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm Seconded by: P. Houlahan
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Victoria Hogan to the position of Elementary Vice Principal effective September 22, 2008.	

<b>IC - # 143/08</b>	Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm Seconded by: A. Iantomasi
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the appointment of Lindsay Cheal as Acting Department Head effective September 1, 2008 and the hiring as probationary teachers of Rosemary Conte, Natalie Leggatt and Karen Moskal effective September 4, 2008 and Evonne Quintal effective September 8, 2008 and Michelle Vale and Sandra Costantini effective September 1, 2008 and John Sobiera effective September 9, 2008 and Janice Ozanic effective September 10, 2008 and the employment status increase of Denise Grightmire and Michelle Teixeira effective September 1, 2008 and Marie Carbone, Michael Cataldo, Karen Hutchings and Linda Scherer effective September 4, 2008 and Elaine Schmidt and Sven D'Souza effective September 5, 2008 and Carolyn MacKay and Mary McCurry effective September 8, 2008 and the resignations of Maureen Callan, Grace Centritto, Kathryn Grandgenett, Jonathan King, Michael Nicholas and James Sefeldas effective August 31, 2008 and the retirements of Deannie Sargent effective August 31, 2008 and Elaine Hine effective September 30, 2008.	

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Request to Write a Letter to the Principal at Mother Teresa and at St. Ignatius of Loyola

<b># 145/08</b>	Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm Seconded by: A. Danko
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the agenda be approved as amended.	<b>CARRIED</b>

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

## 5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – September 2, 2008**

<b># 146/08</b>	<i>Moved by: P. Houlahan</i> <i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the minutes of the September 2, 2008 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented. <b>CARRIED</b>	

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**7.1 **Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

A. Danko questioned the status of the Third Reading regarding the Policy on School Closures. P. McMahon concurred that the item should be added to the list of outstanding items and indicated that a committee will be formed to develop a generic valuation template.

The Chair indicated that Trustee Palmieri has resigned as Chair of the Catholic Education Centre Accommodation Centre. A recommendation to appoint a Chair to the Committee will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

<b># 147/08</b>	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. <b>CARRIED</b>	

8. **ACTION ITEMS**8.1 **World Teachers' Day in Halton – October 5, 2008**

The Chair reported that on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Halton Catholic District School Board will join hundreds of other organizations throughout the world in celebrating World Teachers' Day.

<b># 148/08</b>	<i>Moved by: A. Iantomasi</i> <i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
<b>RESOLVED</b> , that the Halton Catholic District School Board unanimously proclaim October 5, 2008 as World Teachers' Day in Halton and commend all of our teachers for their strong commitment and dedicated service to our students, recognizing the crucial role that teachers play in providing opportunities for students to be formed in their faith, and to achieve their full potential. <b>CARRIED</b>	

The Director commented that materials proclaiming World Teachers' Days 2008 are being developed and will be distributed to the schools, including announcements for the schools' newsletter and letters of congratulations. He briefly highlighted some of the activities that are planned and joined the Board of Trustees in congratulating teachers and staff for their dedication, for their commitment to Catholic Education and for serving the interest of our students.

B. Van de Vrande asked that the role of the United Nations not be emphasized in any of the publications.

The Chair called for a vote and the motion **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**9.1 **Proposed School Boundary Reviews for the 2008-2009 School Year**

P. McMahon informed trustees that staff are proposing two school boundary reviews for 2008-2009: the Alton Community (to realign the elementary school boundaries with the secondary school boundaries) and Milton # 4 (to address the new St. Peter and new Milton # 4 Catholic elementary schools). A School Boundary Review Committee will be established with representatives from the respective school communities. Recommendations to undertake

school boundary reviews will be presented to the Board for approval at the October 7, 2008 Board meeting.

In response to questions, G. Corbacio elaborated on the scope of the work of the School Boundary Review Committee and explained why it is essential to follow due process. D. Renzella noted that the review will potentially redirect eighty one (81) St. Gabriel students from the Alton Community to St. Elizabeth Seton. He acknowledged that the redirection of the Alton students from St. Gabriel would have an impact on the school's population.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 10.1 Student Senate Update

N. Bourque indicated that St. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Reding and Corpus Christi have not yet identified their student senators. He noted that each school would be represented by approximately five student senators. The first meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2008 at Corpus Christi. He also indicated that the student trustees would be attending the Fall OSTA-AECO General Meeting on October 2, 2008.

### 10.2 Approved School Educational Trips

P. Houlahan expressed a concern with the fact that the Tim Horton's Farm is not a Catholic Facility and questioned the type of spiritual activities planned. J. Rowles indicated that some elementary schools, in accordance with the confirmation retreat and combined with the outdoor education experience, make use of the Tim Horton's facility when Camp Brebeuf is not available. The confirmation is facilitated by the school's pastoral animator along with school staff.

P. Houlahan suggested that Christ the King include a session in Parliament to their trip scheduled on February 26, 2009.

F. Mazzetti will investigate why Christ the King are touring Harvard University rather than Boston College.

### 10.3 Halton Region Evacuation Plan – Use of Halton CDSB Facilities during an Emergency

#### 10.4 Cultural Proficiency Report

J. Matters thanked staff for providing the in-depth report on the Cultural Proficiency program in the schools.

When asked if the program would be implemented now that it has been received as information, F. Mazzetti clarified that Cultural Proficiency is a tool, not a program, intended to create awareness amongst staff and the school. The school will decide how it will create a welcoming environment as part of its school improvement plan.

There were further comments regarding the role of Simon Wiesenthal in the application of the tool. M. Tessari assured Trustee Houlahan that the Centre strictly provided an interactive tool for students to engage in the importance of being aware of cultural differences and will only enhance the students' knowledge on the topic of multiculturalism, racism and bullying initiatives.

### 10.5 Budget Report for September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 (Preliminary)

### 10.6 Capital Project Report for August 31, 2008 (Preliminary)

### 10.7 2007-2008 Year-End Audit Planning Report from KPMG

### 10.8 Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner – October 25, 2008 –

### 10.9 When Faith Meets Pedagogy – October 23, 24 and 25, 2008

M. Pautler commented that the Patrick Fogarty Awards Dinner and When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference both represent occasions where the Catholic Educational Community across the province in Ontario is able to celebrate its distinct character and the nature of its schools. Trustees were invited and encouraged to attend either or both events.

10.10 **First Annual Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Education**

10.11 **Letter to the Community**

The Chair indicated that Trustee Viana had suggested that a letter, co-signed by herself and the Director, be sent to the principal, staff, students and the entire school communities at St. Ignatius of Loyola and Mother Teresa to congratulate them on the way they gathered together as Catholic communities during the recent loss of a student.

F. Mazzetti noted that there have been a number of similar tragedies in other schools over the past months where all gathered to support the family and school community. She suggested that a similar response be sent to the school in the future.

<b># 149/08</b>	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
<b>RESOLVED, that the information items 10.1 to 10.11 be received.</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

12. **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**

13. **IN CAMERA**

14. **RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES**

The Chair indicated that Trustee Palmieri was away due to work-related commitment and Trustee Viana was away due to illness.

<b># 150/08</b>	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: B. Van de Vrande</i>
<b>RESOLVED, that Trustees Palmieri and Viana be excused.</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>

15. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

<b># 151/08</b>	<i>Moved by: Father D. Wilhelm</i> <i>Seconded by: J. Matters</i>
<b>RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. with a closing prayer led by J. O'Hara.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair