

HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.
Board Room, 802 Drury Lane,
Burlington, ON

Members present: A.A. LeMay (Chair) R. Palmieri
 A. Danko S. Koso
 P. Houlahan B. Van de Vrande
 A. Iantomasi E. Viana

Member excused: J. Matters

Student trustees: B. Culbert C. Gray
 S. Slowka

Staff present: M. Pautler, Director of Education & Secretary of the Board
 G. Corbacio P. McMahon
 J. Herman J. O'Hara
 J. Langill S. Rossini
 F. Mazzetti M. Tessari
 C. Tobin

Also present: C. Jewell, Administrator, Communications Services

Recording Secretary: D. Ross

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A.A. LeMay welcomed guests to the Board Meeting.

1.1 **Opening Prayer**

The meeting opened at 8:05 p.m. with a prayer led by Kandy James, Chaplaincy Leader at Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School. Trustees were asked to remember in their prayers: Joseph Patrick Walsh, retired principal with the Halton Catholic District School Board, Laura Tildesley, French Teacher, St. Joan of Arc Catholic elementary School, Oakville and Bertilla Basso, mother of Danielle Hansuld, Itinerant Educational Assistant, Assistive Technology Learning Centre, St. Michael School, Oakville.

1.2 **Motions Adopted in Camera**

There were no motions read.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 10.6 Meeting Dates for the Architect Selection Committee: G. Corbacio
- 10.7 Trustee Membership Committee List: A.A. LeMay
- 10.8 Response to Bill 177: A.A. LeMay
- 10.9 Reminder – Catholic Council of Chairs' Meeting – October 28, 2009: J. Rowles
- 10.10 Resurrection Theatre of Haiti: M. Tessari

<p># 183/09</p> <p><i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: S. Koso</i></p> <p>RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as amended.</p>	<p>CARRIED</p>
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3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

In the interest of time, the Chair proceeded to Item 6.1.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6.1 **Regular Board Meeting – October 6, 2009**

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Moved by: E. Viana
Seconded by: R. Palmieri

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 **Summary of Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

Trustees, by consensus, agreed with B. Van de Vrande's suggestion to move the Religious Assessment Item from the November 17th Board meeting to the November 3rd Board meeting.

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Moved by: B. Van de Vrande
Seconded by: A. Danko

RESOLVED, that the summary of outstanding items from previous meetings be received as information. **CARRIED**

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

8.1 **Amendments to Board Operating Policy I-32 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices**

J. Langill addressed the proposed revisions that prohibit the use of hand held devices while operating a motor vehicle and that discourages the use of "hands free" devices. The revisions are as a result of legislation that will come into effect on October 26th.

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Moved by: R. Palmieri
Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve the amendments to Board Operating Policy I-32 – Use of Personal Electronic Devices. **CARRIED**

8.2 **New Operating Policy II-42- Medical Conditions – 1st Reading**

J. Langill explained that this new policy is in response to a recommendation from OSBIE that Boards develop policies and procedures to ensure that proper standards of care and response are implemented for all staff and students who may require medical treatment for acute or ongoing medical conditions. The policy provides and supports existing procedures and protocols.

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Moved by: P. Houlahan
Seconded by: E. Viana

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board approve Policy II-42 Medical Conditions in first reading and forward to the appropriate stakeholders for their input and comment.

B. Van de Vrande questioned whether or not the policy was sufficiently comprehensive and asked if it should acknowledge and recognize other types of conditions. J. Langill referenced the general nature of the *Purpose*. Once procedures are developed arising from the new legislation, the various medical conditions will be cross referenced and staff will continually add to those identified.

J. Langill acknowledged that the adoption of this policy does not impact existing policies such as the Anaphylactic policy. In essence, it's an attempt to capture all conditions rather than talk distinctively on each one.

A.A. LeMay asked if school staff would be able to recognize when a student is having a high or low glycemic reaction, J. Langill elaborated on the existing procedures and protocols that extensively address this matter.

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

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

9.1 **Summer School Credits Earned Abroad**

M. Pautler commented that at the June 30th Special Board meeting, trustees, by motion, requested a Staff Report regarding the Summer School Credits Earned Abroad Program. The report not only references the courses offered in Italy but also begins to explore other possibilities and options in terms of making other types of opportunities available. There were no questions.

The Chair moved to Item 5.1

5.1 **Delegations**

Field Lighting – Oakville Schools

Mr. Quinn and Mr. Johnston delegated to the Board on behalf of SCORA (Southwest Central Oakville Residents' Association) as well as Oakville residents. Mr. Quinn, in his presentation, raised several concerns regarding the proposed lighting. He specifically addressed the potential impact on the neighbourhood such as an increase in noise pollution, in traffic, and in litter as well as the loss of quiet darkness and home values. In its concluding remarks, the delegation urged the Board to withdraw its application for field lights on the basis that the installation of the lights will significantly impact the quality of life in their neighbourhood.

In response to clarification, the recording secretary read the requirement of Policy I-6 governing delegations. A. A. LeMay confirmed that the response that will be drafted by G. Corbacio would come to the Board for consideration and approval.

A.A. LeMay thanked the delegation.

10. **INFORMATION**

10.1 **Student Trustee Update**

S. Slowka reported that the student trustees have recently completed the applications for several grants. He briefly expanded on some of the intended projects. S. Slowka also provided background regarding the annual conference, specifically in terms of what the student trustees would like to achieve. The Student Senate will also be discussing the prospect of undertaking a Habitat for Humanity type project. Dates and times of this event will be provided at a later date. Trustees were advised that all three student trustees attended the Fall General Meeting of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association. The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for October 29th at Christ the King Catholic School.

10.2 **Approved School Education Trips**

10.3 **Multicultural Initiatives**

10.4 **Azorean Exchange Program**

A. Danko asked if it was a common practice for a trustee to attend cultural exchange programs. In response, M. Pautler commented that a Trustee and a Superintendent accompanied the students, the first year of the long standing exchange with the City of Neyagawa, Japan. In subsequent years, it was treated as a more routine excursion with appropriate teacher supervision.

10.5 **Construction Update: St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School**

G. Corbacio briefly addressed the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Construction report for September.

10.6 **Meeting Dates for the Architect Selection Committee**

G. Corbacio indicated that a number of potential meeting dates for the Architect Selection Committee would be e-mailed to trustees. The purpose of the meeting is to review the sketch plans, the budget and scope of work for the St. Ignatius of Loyola and the St. Thomas Aquinas

projects. Trustees were asked to promptly respond to the notice in terms of their availability on the proposed dates.

10.7 **Trustee Membership Committee List**

Trustees were asked to identify the Board committee(s) on which they wish to participate. The membership will be brought back in December for review.

10.8 **Bill 177**

The draft response to Bill 177 and the final report from OCSTA was circulated to the Board of trustees prior to the meeting. Trustees were asked to review the report and submit their comments to the Chair by Thursday, October 22, 2009. B. Van de Vrande suggested adding a comment to the effect that the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the Ontario Legislature, must at all times, be respectful of denominational rights of Catholic School boards.

10.9 **Catholic Council of Chairs' Meeting**

Trustees were reminded that the Catholic Council of Chairs' Meeting is on Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima. Directions will be forwarded to their attention.

10.10 **Resurrection Theatre of Haiti**

When asked if the troupe was in affiliation with our Board's commitment to the Helping Hands Haiti Project, M. Tessari indicated this year's goal is about education awareness. This project is an opportunity to bring that education and awareness to students. Trustees were invited to attend the presentation at one of four elementary schools or the November 9th community performance at Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School.

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Moved by: E. Viana
Seconded by: S. Koso

RESOLVED, that the information items 10.1 to 10.10 be received.

CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

12. **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

13. **IN CAMERA**

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Moved by: E. Viana
Seconded by: A. Iantomasi

RESOLVED, that the move in-camera.

CARRIED

The meeting moved in camera at 9:06 p.m. and resumed into regular session at 9:30 p.m.

B. Van de Vrande read the following motion adopted in camera:

IC - # 140/09

Moved by: E. Viana
Seconded by: P. Houlahan

RESOLVED, that the Halton Catholic District School Board receive as information the hiring as probationary teachers of Kathryn Beauchamp effective September 28, 2009 and Liana Kontenis-Moore effective October 2, 2009 and Janet Ebos and Renee Murray effective October 5, 2009 and Elisa Calla effective October 7, 2009 and the employment status increase of Melanie Johnson (from 0.7 to 0.9) effective October 5, 2009.

14. **RESOLUTION re ABSENTEES**

J. Matters was absent for personal reasons.

# 190/09	<i>Moved by: R. Palmieri</i> <i>Seconded by: E. Viana</i>
RESOLVED, that J. Matters be excused.	CARRIED

15. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

# 191/09	<i>Moved by: E. Viana</i> <i>Seconded by: A. Iantomasi</i>
RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.	CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. with a closing prayer led by A. Iantomasi.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

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Secretary of the Board

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Chair