



# Board Meeting Digest

## Monday, August 24, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board

### DISCUSSION/DECISION

- ☆ **Accounts Paid May 1 – May 31, 2009 and June 1 – June 30, 2009 and Financial Statements for Periods Ended May 31, 2009 and June 30, 2009.**

**Consent Items:** The first item on the agenda, marked with a star, was received by the Board of Education through a single motion that indicated trustees approved of all recommendations contained in the above-noted item.

### **Humboldt Collegiate Institute – Final Design**

Trustees reviewed the final design colours, site parking, access plan and revised construction schedule for Humboldt Collegiate Institute, which is being built on the site of the Humboldt Uniplax.

The schedule indicates that tenders were to be called and construction would begin this fall. Construction is scheduled to be completed in spring 2011. The school will open in fall 2011.

### **Humboldt Collegiate Institute – Land Purchase Agreement**

The Board of Education approved the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of 7.02 acres from the City of Humboldt for the new Humboldt Collegiate Institute, at a price of \$79,238 per acre, or \$556,250 in total.

### **Tender of Annual Audit Services**

Trustees received information about administration's evaluation of three proposals to perform the division's annual audit. Proposals were submitted from three accounting firms: Deloitte & Touche, Hergott Duval Stack and KPMG. These were evaluated using various criteria, including school division audit experience, ability to meet deadlines and professional fee structure. The results were:

Deloitte & Touche:	93.33 points
Hergott Duval Stack:	64.33

KPMG: 91.33

Trustees awarded a three-year contract to Deloitte & Touche LLP. There is an option for a two-year extension.

### **Approval of Operating Budget 2009-2010**

Trustees reviewed and approved the 2009-2010 Operating Budget. It is based on a moderate enrolment increase. While cuts were made to some areas – like technology – the budget maintains current staffing levels, program offerings and division facility maintenance.

### **Continuous Agenda of the Board**

The board reviewed its continuous agenda, which sets out a schedule for annual activities the board undertakes each year, including liaison with provincial and municipal politicians, its faith formation retreat, program tour of division facilities, and receipt of monitoring reports to track progress on board goals.

### **Catholic School Community Councils: Board Liaison**

The board of education reviewed a plan presented by Supt. Greg Chatlain to help trustees liaise with Catholic school community council (CSCC) members. It is proposed that three city-wide meetings be held over the course of each school year. The meetings are intended to:

- strengthen understanding of the relationship of each CSCC as an official arm of the Board of Education, and
- provide an opportunity for contact/conversations with Board members and CSCC members around an established, shared agenda.

The fall meeting will focus on orientation, a meeting in January will discuss Learning Improvement Plans and the May meeting will centre around budget.

### **Julian Paslawski Meritorious Award Nomination**

The board was asked to consider whether it wanted to nominate an individual for the above-noted award, which recognizes those who have displayed leadership in Catholic Education. The board chose not to submit a nomination.

### **Opening Day Institute 2009**

The board received a brief overview of plans for the opening day institute later in the week.