Cost-consciousness being foremost in their minds, Halton public education trustees took the cautious route in passing a couple of motions at Thursday night's board meeting.

Trustees agreed to hire a con-

sultant to come up with a short list of candidates for the position of director of education, as well as to investigate the possibility of reinstating activity buses for rural students involved after-school activities. However, reports on the

the board for approval.

Trustee Diane Leblovic's of a consultant to find a replacement for outgoing director Bob Williams was opposed by some colleagues for two

reasons. Some felt the process would be stalled while others believed the wording of her motion might empower the eight-person selection committee, not all 18 trustees, to approve the hiring of the consul-

Trustee Howitt expressed concerns about pos-

sible delays in identifying a consultant asked the search committee in addition to his transportation. accepted amendment that the cost of the board.

Board Chair Linda Glover, also

financial implications of both chair of the search committee, endeavors must come back to told trustees 10 letters already . had been sent out to potential consultants. She said she attempt to postpone the hiring expects a short list of consultants will be ready by Oct. 12, with interviews to follow.

The issue of activity buses was brought forward by trustee

Flo Belford, whose concerns were mainly for students participating in after-school events in passed that board staff should north Halton. "I'm not asking you to spend any money at the moment, just to investigate ways," to bring the buses back, said Ms Belford.

Fellow Milton Trustee Tim Kingsbury agreed with Ms Belford. "It is an equity issue in a big way. I have 16 students in my constituency who have had to drop out of extra-curricular to, "get on with it", activities," due to a lack of

But some trustees worried that the board was re-visiting a hiring a consultant budget issue that should be be brought back to considered history. "Clearly the pay for the activity buses," said

Vice-Chair Penny Siebert.

Ultimately, a motion was investigate possible options of providing activity buses and that a report be brought back to trustees with the financial implications.

The Sept. 26 board meeting was the last one for special education superintendent Ian Foster. The veteran of the Halton public board enjoyed a 35-year run with education in the region.

The Milton native taught for four years, and was a vice-printhe last being Glenview P.S. of Burlington in 1986.

Foster moved into the position of supervisory principal for educational programs between 1986-1993, before becoming acting superintendent in 1993 and superintendent of special education, his final post, in

The 53-year-old was born into an educational setting, as, his father was a principal and had an elementary school named after him in Milton, E. W. Foster.

Mr. Foster termed his departure from the Halton board, "more of a change of careers cipal and then principal at sev- than a retirement." He said he board has decided we will not eral Burlington and Oakville may remain in the education schools for a total of 26 years, field or pursue activities with

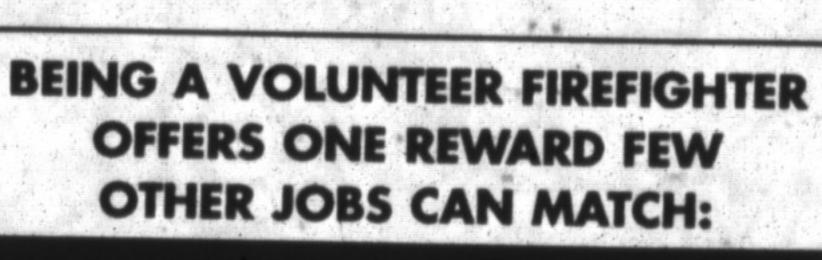
community organizations in the

Trustees passed a motion. Thursday not only to honour 100-metre Olympic sprint champion Donovan Bailey with an award of excellence at an upcoming board meeting, but & also to start a scholarship fund

in his name. No dollar value was attached to the fund, but trustees decided it should be awarded to one student across the board based on & his/her academic/athletic standing. Trustees agreed money would have to be raised in some manner, with Milton Trustee Tim Kingsbury pledging the first \$100.



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