

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2001

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - W. Goetz Vice-Chairperson - N. Bethune
Members - M. Lemme, D. Slosser, J. Vanhaelemeesch, C. Zettel

Board Officials: V. Batte, C. Colton, J. Contois, P. Cureton, J. Sheppard

Student Trustees: S. Varsava, M. Weber

Regrets: B. Herney

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

- A. 1) The Board was led in prayer by Bill Goetz.
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda

Addendum:

- i) Walkerton Water Update
- ii) Report on OCSTA Orientation for New Trustees

01-007 **Motion By:** *Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on January 16, 2001 be accepted as amended.

Carried

- 3) **Conflict of Interest** ~ *None were declared*

B. Approval of Minutes

01-008 **Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 12, 2000 be approved as printed.

Carried

C. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Chairperson's Inaugural Address

Bill delivered a very interesting and informative address which focused on the financial needs of rural Boards, the anticipated changes and reforms in education, and the fact that if all partners work together, the Board's goals can be realized.

2. **W.R.A.P. ~ 1st Term Report** (*Christina Smith & Leslie Hastie*)

Following a brief overview of the initiation of a partnership between our Board, the Bluewater DSB and the Bruce-Grey Children's Services in the fall of 1999, Jane Contois introduced Christina Smith and Karla Lang, the Board's Social Workers as well as Leslie Hastie and Dennis Boyle from the Bruce-Grey Children's Services, who reported on the successes of the W.R.A.P. program. Christina and Karla presented a first-term report which referred to the number of cases they have dealt with, the length of service, and the feedback they have received. A question and answer period followed their presentation.

Leslie mentioned that the primary goal of the WRAP program is to deal with high needs students in a more effective and integrated way. The program is for students who have needs beyond the typical stages of development, who are creating severity issues at home or at school. Dennis mentioned that this is the only program of this type across the Province. Although the agency is scrambling with limited funding, Dennis believes it is, without a doubt, the best program he has ever encountered to assist high-end kids. The Social Workers and the Agency have reported tremendous success and support for the program.

3. **Trust Funds**

Cathy Colton presented the Trust Fund's Annual Report and the Scholarship/Investment proposal for the upcoming year, and mentioned that she has been successful in getting the name changed to the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board Charitable Trust.

<p>01-009 <i>Motion By:</i> <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Norm Bethune</i> that the Board approve the investment of \$43,100. in long-term Bonds/GIC and that \$37,938. be awarded in bursaries/scholarships in 2001 in accordance with donor's direction.</p>
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Carried

4. **Class Size and Secondary Teaching Assignment Reporting**

Cathy presented a summary of these reports as at October 31, 2000 that she is required to submit to the Ministry of Education.

The reports show that the Board is compliant with Ministry Regulations pertaining to Class Sizes and Secondary Teaching Assignment.

5. **Committee Selection and Appointment**

Vern provided Trustees with a summary of their appointment to the various Board Committees. If there is any problem with the appointments, please advise as soon as possible. Bruce Herney has agreed to join the SEAC/SALEP/Spec. Ed. Committees.

6. **Geographic Alignment**

As a follow-up to discussions at the Trustee Orientation Session re attendance at School Council Meetings, it was decided that Principals and School Council Chairs will be advised that Trustees are available upon request and are open to invitations to attend the meetings.

7. **Annual Health & Safety Report**

Jim Sheppard provided a review of the Occupational Health and Safety Program and outlined some suggested objectives for 2001.

8. **Cheque Register**

01-010 *Motion By:* Mike Lemme and seconded by Norm Bethune that the Cheque Register to December 31, 2000 be approved as printed.

Carried

9. **Policy on School, Student and Teacher WebPages**

01-011 *Motion By:* Christine Zettel and seconded by Jules Vanhaelemeesch that the Board approve the Policy on School, Student and Teacher WebPages, as presented.

Carried

10. **Revisions to/Amalgamation of Policies ~ Section 6, Page 32 and 33**

Pat Cureton presented a draft policy on Acceptable Use Policy for Telecommunications. Pat highlighted the changes that he is proposing which would amalgamate pages 32 and 33 into one more concise policy. Trustees are asked to review the draft and Pat will recommend approval at the second meeting in February. The draft will also be shared with the principals at their upcoming meeting.

Addendum:

i) **Walkerton Water Update**

Vern advised that pipe reconnections and flushing took place during the Christmas break and extensive water testing at all of the schools took place on Jan 3 & 4. All test results were clear. Although all drinking fountains and taps will be open and available for use, each school will continue to provide the option of bottled water until the end of the school year.

ii) **Report on OCSTA Orientation for New Trustees**

Jules Vanhaelemeesch reported on the recent OCSTA Trustee Seminar that was held in Toronto. Jules and Sarah Varsava, Student Representative from St. Mary's High School, attended this event and briefly reported on the various topics that were addressed.

D. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from OCSTA
RE: Catholic Education Week 2001
2. Correspondence from Ministry of Education
C Provincial Model for a Local Police/School Board Protocol
C Ontario Regulation 612/00 and 613/00
3. Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips
RE: Submitted and Approved, Nov. 30 to Dec. 31, 2000
4. Thank you Notes:
C Scholarships/Bursaries

(*Luke Hillyer, Michael Fischer, Erin Dudgeon, Jason Fedy*)

C Compassionate

(*Ann-Marie Deas, Stephanie Fortney*)

E. FUTURE BUSINESS

District School Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2001
7:00 p.m. at C.E.C.
(Trustees are invited)

Deanery Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2001
4:30 p.m. at C.E.C.~ Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
(Trustees are invited)

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, **February 13, 2001**

F. ADJOURNMENT

-Closing Prayer

01-012 Motion By: *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary