

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2002
4:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Student Rep. A. Hanif, C. McGrath

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

Regrets: V. Batte

Absent: B. Herney

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

Addendum:

- i) Amendment to OSBIE Insurance Agreement

02-022 Motion By: <i>Mike Lemme</i> and seconded by <i>Norm Bethune</i> that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on February 12, 2002 be accepted as amended. <i>Carried</i>
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- 3) **Conflict of Interest** ~ *None were declared*

B. Approval of Minutes

02-023 Motion By: <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 15, 2002 be approved as printed. <i>Carried</i>
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C. Committee of the Whole Report

02-024 Motion By: <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> that the Board approve revisions to the school boundaries for Sacred Heart High School and St. Mary's High School, as presented.
02-025 Motion By: <i>Mike Lemme</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2002-02-12 and the recommendations contained therein. <i>Carried</i>

02-026 <i>Motion By: Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Mike Lemme</i> that the Board approve the extension of the computer services contract with Tri-Tech until June 30, 2002. <i>Carried</i>
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D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposal re Transportation Charter Rates

- Cathy Colton proposed a 3% increase for Charter Rates, effective March 1, 2002. Kevin Juffs reviewed an example of a charter trip to Toronto and calculated the increase would be equivalent to approximately 35 cents per student based on 48 students traveling on a fourteen hour excursion. The increase would assist the bus operators in meeting escalated costs of gas and insurance.

02-027 <i>Motion By: Norm Bethune</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemesch</i> that the Board approve the School Bus Charter Rates as presented, effective March 1, 2002. <i>Carried</i>
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2. Progress on Water Regulation

- The drinking water regulation applies to our schools in Chepstow and Formosa. We have met the deadline for minimum treatment requirement and have consulted the firm of Henderson Paddon from Owen Sound to assist with sampling requirements and the notice of compliance in order for us to meet the regulation.

3. GST Appeal

- The Trustees agreed to join a province wide fight over GST refunds. The Minister of Finance is trying to retroactively close the loophole that would allow boards to claim 100% of GST paid on transportation costs instead of the present 68%. This Board's claim with Revenue Canada amounts to \$455,000 dating back to 1993.

4. Pilgrimage of the Cross

- The Pilgrimage of the Cross which began in Rome in 1984 has traveled to many locations. It arrived in the Archdiocese of Ottawa in April 2001 and will continue its journey until July 2002. Steve Henry outlined the activities that will take place when the Pilgrimage arrives in Walkerton on February 18th. An in-school prayer service will be held at Sacred Heart High School at 9:30 a.m., followed by a procession of the Cross at 10:00 to Sacred Heart Church for a prayer vigil and then to the Walkerton Heritage Park at 11:00 for prayers and a blessing. The Cross will then be transported to the Wellington Catholic District School Board.

5. PLAR - Policy and brochure

- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-gaining process whereby students may obtain credits for prior learning. Patrick Cureton

presented a few minor changes that have resulted from input from our secondary schools and the committee that has been involved in the development of this policy. The committee worked together with Bluewater District School Board to create a parallel policy.

02-028 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), as presented.

Carried

6. **Cheque Register**

02-029 *Motion By: Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Cheque Register to January 31, 2002 be approved as printed.

Carried

7. **School Facility Survey**

- The purpose of the survey was to get an indication of the level of satisfaction with the overall cleanliness, condition, comfort, and safety of each school in Ontario. Cathy Colton mentioned that we continue to see a high level of satisfaction within our system and have had a much higher response rate than last year.

8. **Mentoring Program Survey Results**

- The Mentoring Program was introduced at the New Teacher Orientation in August, in an effort to assist teachers who are new to our Board. By September 14th all new teachers had been assigned to a mentor. Jim Sheppard recently distributed a survey to the participants and the results indicate the Mentees and the Mentors see the program as very successful and beneficial. Jim Sheppard advised the Board that he plans to continue this program in September.

9. **Special Education Resource Guide**

- Jane Contois provided copies of the Ministry's Special Education document that was publicly released in December. Jane noted that on page A-22, the date for the Secondary School Literacy Test should read 2000-2001. Jane also commented that Part E, the section about Individual Education Plans includes her favourite resource document.

Addendum:

i) Amendment to OSBIE agreement:

- O.S.B.I.E., the Reciprocal Organization that carries the Board's insurance, is asking that we approve some amendments to the original agreement. The amendments are mostly housekeeping items ~ changing the Board's name to the Catholic District School Board, updating insurance needs to include consortium groups where needed, and providing the Insurance Exchange with the ability to pursue school board business in other provinces. O.S.B.I.E.'s board of directors has approved the amendments and Cathy Colton asked for our Board's support.

02-030 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Board approve the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange's proposed amendments to the Reciprocal Agreement for School Boards, as presented.
Carried

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. **Correspondence to:**

- David Armstrong re Outdoor Education Facility

2. **Correspondence Received from:**

Ministry of Education:

- Approval of School Based Services (SBS) Program
- Implementation Plan of the Provincial Report Card for Grades 9, 10, 11

O.C.S.T.A.:

- Resolution #2-01 ~ School Board Administration and Governance Grant
- Resolution #68-01 ~ OCSTA petition re initiation of epidemiological research
- OCSTA 2002 AGM/Conference ~ April 11, 12 & 13

EQAO:

- Secondary Newsletter ~ January 2002
- Grades 3 & 6 Newsletter ~ January 2002

Thank you Notes:

- Brendan Green ~ Bruce-Grey System Bursary
- Matthew Weber ~ Oliver Goll Scholarship
- Mary-Jordan Reed ~ Dr. David Berberick Scholarship

3. Approved Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips

- Excursion Requests submitted from Jan 1 - 31, 2002

F. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, **February 26, 2002**

G. ADJOURNMENT

02-031 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:02 p.m.
Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary

