

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 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: M. Weber, S. Varsava
Regrets: B. Herney
Recording Secretary: D. Metcalfe

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

01-047 Motion By: *Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on March 20, 2001 be accepted as printed.
Carried

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

B. Approval of Minutes

01-048 Motion By: *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 27, 2001 be approved as printed.
Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

01-049 Motion By: *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2001-03-20 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

01-050 Motion By: *Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Out-of-Area Request for the student from Thornbury to attend the French Immersion Program at St. Basil's School, Owen Sound, pending approval from the Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board, commencing September 2001.
Carried

01-051

Motion By: *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Jules VanHaelemeesch* that the Board bargaining team for the Occasional Teacher collective bargaining be given the mandate to negotiate a collective agreement that falls within the parameters of the funding formula and that such agreement is subject to ratification by the Board.

Carried

D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Saugeen Career Centre Update (*Ed King*)

Jane Contois welcomed the new acting Vice-Principal from SHHS, Ed King, who has served with Jane for the last 5 years on the committee working with the Saugeen Career Centre.

Ed distributed handouts outlining what has been happening at the Saugeen Career Centre. To date, 919 students from 8 of our schools have attended sessions at the Saugeen Career Centre. The Centre offers such programs as:

- Trades & Apprenticeship Workshop ~ March 21st
- Volunteer Fair with SHHS & WDSS - 644 students involved
- Bridges, building portfolios
- Next Step Program - students who have dropped out and are to be reintegrated back into the highschool
- A new program will start involving grades 1-6 students - this is to help develop career options earlier

Ed presented a portfolio developed by a grade 10 student at Sacred Heart High School. This portfolio was created through the Saugeen Career Centre and the Career/Guidance course. The Career Centre has been an excellent learning experience for our students and we are fortunate to have access to it.

2. OYAP Presentation (*Barb Wright*)

Pat Cureton introduced Barb Wright, who since May 1998 has been on a contract with our Board & the Bluewater District School Board as a coordinator for the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Barb Wright presented an overview of what the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) is, the apprenticeships available, the benefits of OYAP to the student and the employer, program requirements, costs of the apprenticeship, and what happens next.

3. Focus Project (*Mike Bethune*)

In the spring of 1999 Pat Cureton was contacted by the Bluewater District School Board to see if our Board would be interested in participating in the Focus Project. Mike Bethune graciously agreed to serve on this committee, which also consisted of Bluewater Board members, local health units, and alcohol drug counseling organizations. Their goal was to develop teaching resources regarding substance abuse.

Mike distributed a binder entitled, "Bruce-Grey Curriculum Resources Lesson Plans for Drug Education and Personal Safety and Injury Preventions" which will be presented to teachers within our Board. Mike stressed the importance of this project as there is a noted problem of substance abuse in Bruce & Grey counties and prevention needs to start as early as possible (grade 1). There will be a joint inservice with the Bluewater Board on March 30th allowing

one representative from each school.

4. **HR Planning Committee ~ Update**

Jim provided an update on the Human Resources Planning Committee activities. Issues reviewed were:

- recruitment
- orientation
- mentoring
- leadership
- performance evaluation

The top three areas of concern were ~ orientation, mentoring, and leadership.

Orientation

The committee has decided to change the orientation program format to a day-time program (August 28th, 2001) instead of after work. Non-teaching staff would attend for a half a day and teaching staff for the whole day.

Mentoring

Mentoring needs to be started this spring to make sure it is ready for the orientation day in August.

Leadership

Need to de-emphasize the program as a principal preparation course and emphasize it as development of skills that will help teachers become more comfortable in taking leadership roles.

5. **Health and Safety**

C training for principals

In January, Jim reviewed the health and safety program ~ priority is now training, WHMIS and principal group.

C Certification Training, Part 2

6. **Transportation Update**

Cathy Colton mentioned two letters received relating to student transportation. The first letter was from Nancy Naylor telling us we were successful in our loan to complete implementation of transportation software.

The second letter, also from Nancy Naylor, talks about the testing of a new transportation funding model which our Board and the Bluewater Board will be piloting. Our goal is to allow the Ministry of Education and our software supplier to be able to use our database. Our Board was selected because they were interested in boards where a partnership existed and also the fact that our Board is in one of the greatest states of readiness.

7. **Cheque Register, February 2001**

01-052 <i>Motion By: Norm Bethune</i> and seconded by <i>Mike Lemme</i> that the Cheque Register to February 28, 2001 be approved as printed.
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Carried

8. **Grade 10 Literacy School Results**

Jane distributed the results that our Board obtained for the Secondary Literacy Test. 217 students participated in this 2-day, 5-hour test. Using Method 1 (all students, including those who didn't write) our Board received a 61% average. Using Method 2 (only those students who wrote the test) we received a 65% average. We achieved the same as the provincial average of 61%. It was felt that this is an unfair way to test students as not all students perform at the same level, so should not be tested at the same level.

D. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from Ministry of Education
 - Payment to French Board
 - School Board Appropriate Dress Policies
 - ISA 1 ~ Level One Equipment Claims
2. O.C.S.T.A. Press Release ~ March 8, 2001
RE: Decision on Bill 160 released by Supreme Court of Canada
3. Grey and Bruce County Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program
RE: Letter of Appreciation for \$2000 donation
4. Letter from Terry Fox Foundation
RE: SHHS and St. Basil's participation in Marathon of Hope
5. Approved Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips
RE: January 31 to February 28, 2001
6. EQAO Newsletter
February 2001

E. FUTURE BUSINESS

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

Next Regular Board Meeting - **4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, **April 10**, 2001

F. ADJOURNMENT

01-053 Motion By: *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Bethune* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary

