

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2002**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

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

Student Rep. A. Hanif, C. McGrath

Regrets: D. Slosser

Absent: B. Herney

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

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

**02-077** *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on May 14, 2002 be accepted as printed.

*Carried*

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

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**02-078** *Motion By: Michael Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 10, 2002 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

**C. Committee of the Whole Report**

**02-079** *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Christine Zettel* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2002-04-23 and the recommendations contained therein.

*Carried*

**02-080** *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the remuneration schedule as presented.

*Carried*

**02-081**     *Motion By:* Michael Lemme and seconded by Jules Vanhaelemeesch that the Board accept the recommendations of the Transportation Department, as presented.  
*Carried*

**02-082**     *Motion By:* Christine Zettel and seconded by Jules Vanhaelemeesch that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2002-05-14 and the recommendations contained therein.  
*Carried*

**02-083**     *Motion By:* Christine Zettel and seconded by Jules Vanhaelemeesch that the Board accept the recommendation in regard to Demutualization.  
*Carried*

#### **D.     DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **1.   Gr. 3 Winner of Provincial Story-Telling Competition (Tom Fischer)**

- The Board of Trustees was privileged to have Tom Fischer, the Grade 3 Provincial Story-Telling Champion, in attendance to share his story entitled “Mrs. Stein”. Tom, a student of Sacred Heart School in Teeswater, has gone through six levels of competition and recently gained the provincial title in Orillia.
- Tom’s presentation was very well done and enjoyed by all.
- Bill Goetz, Chairperson, thanked Tom for sharing his story and congratulated him on this exciting accomplishment.

##### **2.   Course Profile Project (Angelo Bolotta)**

- Patrick Cureton introduced Angelo Bolotta, Provincial Co-ordinator from ICE who has been involved with course profiles for four years. The Course Profiles are sample guidelines and a road map designed to give secondary teachers a running start with the new curriculum
- Angelo expressed his gratitude to the staff of Bruce-Grey who participated on the Course Profile Writing Team: Steve Henry, Patrick Hrycak, Steve Peck, Matt Fitzsimmons, Donna Vanderwal, Deb Carter and Patrick Cureton
- \$12,000,000 was funded to develop the curriculum expressly for use in Catholic Schools
- the team assisted with the writing of 234 profiles for students in grades 9-12
- On behalf of the Board, Bill Goetz accepted a plaque in appreciation of a valuable leadership contribution to the development of curriculum support for Ontario Catholic Schools.

##### **3.   Co-operative Education (CKNX News Clip) (Ed King)**

- Ed King provided some background information about the Cooperative Education Program at Sacred Heart High School. The Board’s support in transportation funding has been very beneficial to the 122 students who participate in the program.
- Not all students will proceed to college or university. Some students would like to remain in Bruce County in the farming industry. Ed would like to see more emphasis on placement for students in this area who may otherwise drop out of school.
- Ed shared a CKNX News Clip showing one of the Co-op students at his placement on the farm of Ralph and Jane Dietrich, Mildmay, in a non-conventional setting.

4. **Solving the Student Fee Issue** (*Alia Hanif, Debbie Hicks, Sarah Jagelewski*)

- Student Trustee, Alia Hanif, made a brief presentation to the Board about Student Fees at Sacred Heart High School.
- A student fee was introduced a couple of years ago in lieu of fundraising.
- Alia surveyed 20 students from each grade to find out if they were in favour of the student fee rather than fundraising and if they felt they were benefiting from their student fee.
- Alia feels this was a very productive survey. Although most students did not know how their money was being spent, many of the students surveyed felt they would purchase another card next year.
- Alia would like to promote the student benefits and increase communication among the student body.

5. **Policy on Trespassing to Board Property**

- Cathy Colton advised that there has been an amendment to the existing policy which originated in 1983
- The changes are as a result of recommendations from OSBIE who suggested we look at tightening up procedures used for visitors who enter the schools
- The draft policy has been sent to principals to discuss with staff and school councils

**02-084**     *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Board approve the Policy on Trespassing to Board Property, as presented.

*Carried*

6. **Average Class Size ~ Secondary Schools**

- Cathy Colton mentioned that a Ministry requirement states that the average class size for secondary schools must be made available to the public.
- Bruce-Grey's average class size at the secondary level is 21.85 ~ the ministry requirement is 22.

7. **Cheque Register**

**02-085**     *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Cheque Register to April 30, 2002 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

8. **Communications Plan for 2002-2003 (draft)**

- Jim Sheppard provided an update on how the draft was developed. With the assistance of Kim Denstedt over the past year, a communications audit was prepared to find out how the Board was viewed by its shareholders. Then the results of the audit were to be widely distributed and priorities were set. Now we are at the stage of sharing draft plans and seeking feedback.
- As a result of the audit, the Board would like to improve its communication with its shareholders and the community. The Board will work with the media to ensure information is getting to them in a timely manner, continue to enhance additional training, work with parishes, promote the Board and its programs especially Junior Kindergarten.
- A meeting on May 21 with the Advisory Committee may bring about some minor changes and the draft will then be shared with principals for feedback.

9. **Policy on Reporting Children in Need of Protection (draft)**

- This draft policy is really an update to the present Child Abuse policy. The CAS has been involved in the preparation of this policy in order to make it reflective of their practices.

- Bruce MacPherson and Glenn Miller are working with the CAS to develop a protocol
- Jim Sheppard hopes to bring it back to the Board for approval in June

## E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. **Ministry of Education Correspondence:**
  - Funding for Professional Learning
  - Upcoming Teacher Entry-to-Profession Exam to be Province-Wide Field Trial
  - Supporting Teaching Excellence
  - User Fees for Student Transportation
2. **O.C.S.T.A. Correspondence:**
  - Letter to Premier expressing gratitude for allocation for textbooks and learning materials
  - Trustee Appointment to Minister’s Advisory Council on Special Education
  - Criminal Background Checks (Regulation 521/01)
  - CCSTA By-Laws
3. **C O D E Correspondence:**
  - Janet Ecker’s response to CODE re education funding
4. **Correspondence from Other School Boards:**
  - St. Clair Catholic congratulating Elizabeth Witmer on her appointment and asking for Grant announcements to accommodate contractual obligations and needs of students
  - St. Clair Catholic requesting an independent review of the compensation of trustees
  - Greater Essex County re education funding
  - Durham District School Board re processing of EQAO’s test results
5. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
  - Media Release ~ People for Education proposal
  - Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips
  - Knights of Columbus recognizing various teachers and students
6. **Other:**
  - Bi-Board Highlights

## F. FUTURE BUSINESS

Upcoming Events: Retirement Event at Governor’s Inn, Kincardine  
Thursday, May 23, 2002

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

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

Tuesday, **May 28**, 2002

## G. ADJOURNMENT

**02-086 Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

*Carried*

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William Goetz  
Chairperson of the Board

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Vern Batte  
Director of Education and Secretary