

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2001**

**4:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - W. Goetz Vice-Chairperson - *(absent)*  
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: N. Bethune, B. Herney  
Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

**01-220** *Motion By: Michael Lemme* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on June 12, 2001 be accepted as printed.  
*Carried*

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

**B. Approval of Minutes**

**01-221** *Motion By: Michael Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 22, 2001 be approved as printed.  
*Carried*

**C. Committee of the Whole Report**

**01-222** *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2001-06-12 and the recommendations contained therein.  
*Carried*

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

1. **Technology Review Report** (*Nola Collins, Steve Peck*)  
Steve Peck and Nola Collins were co-chairs of the Technology Review Committee which

undertook a review of the Board's technology program from Grades 1-12 in the 2000-2001 school year. The review was intended to identify areas of strength in the current programs as well as to make recommendations to the board concerning areas to be improved.

To accommodate input from all teachers, the committee devised a survey of the strengths and weaknesses of the current technology program. In addition to the survey, information was gathered by visiting schools and examining the program in other boards.

Steve and Nola presented a list of recommendations along with the rationale for each. The first and foremost recommendation is to appoint a full-time Science and Technology Resource Teacher for one year, to co-ordinate the science and technology programs for the Board. Most teachers don't feel comfortable with technology ~ they need someone to provide support and help to increase the comfort level.

2. **Professional Development Update**

Steve Henry announced the theme for the Board-wide Faith Development Day in September 2001 ~ Jesus: Prophet, Teacher & Healer. The venue for the professional development day is Sacred Heart High School.

3. **Early Literacy Teacher Feedback** (*Agnes Casey, Theresa Coburn, Catherine Penner*)

Jane Contois provided some background information about the Jolly Phonics program which was introduced to Bruce-Grey in 1999, followed by the addition of two early literacy resource teachers, Agnes Casey and Theresa Coburn.

Catherine Penner presented the *Literacy Belief Statements* and then reviewed the *Literacy Plan* from September 1999 to present prior to introducing Agnes and Theresa.

Agnes Casey & Theresa Coburn cover 5 schools within our board and assist approx. 130 students. They stressed the importance of early intervention as the most effective method of identifying and remediating learning difficulties. In addition to sharing samples of student work, Agnes and Theresa presented evidence of the overwhelming support from teachers and principals.

4. **Canada Wide Science Fair Winners** (*Patti-Jo Lacey, John Twleves*)

In attendance at the board meeting was Rona Lynn Ferguson, chair of the Bluewater Regional Science and Technology Fair, John Twleves and Patti-Jo Lacey, chaperones for Team Bluewater, as well as four students from our schools who participated in the Canada Wide Science Fair at Queen's University in Kingston.

Maria Schrempf, a grade 7 student at Notre Dame School won an honourable mention for her project "Bridges" while Paige Buttenaar (St. Joseph's School), Mark Czuczman (St. Joseph's School) and Leo Fischer (Immaculate Conception School) all received outstanding marks from their judges.

The students presented a brief overview of their science projects which everyone found very interesting and exciting. This was the first year competing at the national level. The students felt it really boosted their self-confidence and will enhance their ability for the competition next year in Saskatoon.

Bill Goetz congratulated the students for their great presentation and for being wonderful ambassadors for our system, and then presented each with a small gift from the Board.

5. **St. Basil's Tender**

Cathy Colton recommended that the board accept the tender from Allen-Hastings Limited as the general contractor for this \$2.2 million project at St. Basil's School. Funding will be completed by August 31, 2003 with no long term debt.

<p><b>01-223</b>     <i>Motion By: Christine Zettel</i> and seconded by <i>Michael Lemme</i> that the tender from Allen-Hastings Limited, Miller Lake, in the amount of \$1,798,000. plus GST, for addition and renovation to St. Basil's School be accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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6. **Cheque Register, May 2001**

<p><b>01-224</b>     <i>Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch</i> and seconded by <i>Michael Lemme</i> that the Cheque Register to May 31, 2001 be approved as printed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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**E. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from O.C.S.T.A.
  - Tax Credit Issue – *Ontario Student Trustees' Assoc. Conference, June 1-2, 2001*
2. Correspondence re Tax Credit:
  - Is Catholic funding at risk? (Toronto Star)
  - Algoma District School Board
  - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
  - Thames Valley District School Board
  - Chair of C.O.D.E.
3. Correspondence from Cook School Bus Lines
  - transportation grant
4. Correspondence re funding for textbooks:
  - Near North District School Board
  - Niagara Catholic District School Board
  - St. Clair Catholic District School Board
5. Ministry of Education
  - Approval of electronic calendar submission
6. Excursion, Field trips, Outdoor Education Trips
  - requests submitted from May 1-31, 2001
7. Notes of Appreciation:
  - Roots of Bruce
  - Knights of Columbus

- Susan Sakal

**F. FUTURE BUSINESS**

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

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

Tuesday, **June 26**, 2001

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**01-225** *Motion By:* *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

*Carried*

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William Goetz  
Chairperson of the Board

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Vern Batte  
Director of Education and Secretary