

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2007**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - D. Slosser  
Members - B. Eckensweiler, S. Finnie, F.Gross, J. Vanhaelemesch

Board Officials: P. Cureton (*Director of Education*); C. Colton (*Superintendent of Business*);  
B. MacPherson (*Superintendent of Education*); P. Morley (*Programme Principal*) S. White  
(*Human Resources Administrator*)

Student Trustees: J. Flear (S.M.H.S.), T. Ellis (S.H.H.S.)

OECTA Reps: Anna Morrison, Bill King

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Dave Slosser.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**07-107 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on June 19, 2007 be accepted as printed.

*Carried*

B. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** ~ *None were declared*

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**07-108 Motion By:** *Jules Vanhaelemesch* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 15, 2007 be approved as printed.

*Carried*

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**07-109 Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2007-06-19 and the recommendations contained therein.

*Carried*

**07-110 Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Bev Eckensweiler* that the Board approve the appointment of Catherine Montreuil as Supervisory Officer reporting to the Director of Education, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

*Carried*

<b>07-111</b>	<b>Motion By:</b> <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Bev Eckensweiler</i> that the Board approve the appointment of the following student trustees for the 2007-2008 school year: Kelsey Young representing Sacred Heart High School and Bridget Schrempf representing St. Mary's High School.	<i>Carried</i>
<b>07-112</b>	<b>Motion By:</b> <i>Dave Slosser</i> and seconded by <i>Francis Gross</i> that the Board approve the purchase of property at 641 15th Street East in Owen Sound as per the details contained in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.	<i>Carried</i>

**E. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Science Fair Presentation** (*John Twelves*) ..... *Patricia*
  - Bruce welcomed John Twelves and the students who participated in this year's Canada-wide Science Fair in Nova Scotia
  - John thanked the Board for allowing this presentation and for their support of the science fair. We had great success in Nova Scotia – came home with the Manning Innovation Award, an honourable mention, 4 bronze medals and a gold medal in addition to \$9300 in scholarships.
  - we have had a Canadian champion for 4 years in a row – we are well above the curve
  - thanks to Patti Jo and Brad Lacey who prepare the students to attend Canada-wide and they do a great job
  - John is the 2007-2008 vice-chair of the National Science Chair committee and is hoping to host the 2012 Canada-wide science fair in Bruce-Grey
  - Inez Durrer and Susan Schlorff thanked the Board for allowing them to go to Science Fair – it was a fantastic experience and the kids were amazing and very focused on science fair. All the events were well planned – above and beyond – we were so immersed in the culture and the events - a whole person experience; great that our Board supports it in such a powerful way
  - Susan mentioned that on June 4 she had opportunity to go to Queen's Park to represent the team Bluewater. Students who participated in the Canada-wide were invited to showcase their projects. We certainly want to see Science Fair continue in our Board.
  - Jenna Schlorff and Megan Schlorff spoke briefly about their projects and thanked the Board for their support
  
2. **Presentation on Accelerated Integrated Method (AIM)** (*Erin Wilke*) ..... *Bruce*
  - Bruce introduced Erin Wilke, a teacher at Immaculate Conception School, who is using the AIM program with great success
  - Erin mentioned that the AIM program engages the children physically, it is kind of like a sign language, and is very effective in teaching methodology – it's fun to teach and the kids enjoy the program and learn quickly from it
  - Bruce and Norm thanked Erin for sharing the presentation and for the good job she is doing
  
3. **Policy on School Accommodation Review** (*motion*) ..... *Cathy*
  - first presented last October, has been on the website for public consultation and now is in its final form for approval

<b>07-113</b>	<b>Motion By:</b> <i>Francis Gross</i> and seconded by <i>Jules Vanhaelemesch</i> that the Board approve the Policy on School Accommodation Review, as presented.	<i>Carried</i>
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4. **Transportation Rates 2006-2007** ..... *Cathy*
  - the rates were adjusted by 2% and took into consideration 188 days rather than 190

- age of buses - we spent a huge amount of time in negotiations discussing the age of buses. Bus operators will endeavour to minimize the use of 1993 buses.
- we are working on a single contract so there will be one rate schedule for every student in Bruce-Grey and Bluewater
- we have provided for a one time fuel payment to each bus operator based on share of transportation
- first aid training - due diligence item - \$59 per pro-rated route will ensure operators have funds to provide training
- we are pleased to have a contract in place

**07-114 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Transportation Rates for 2006-2007, as presented. *Carried*

5. **Budget 2007-08** ..... *Cathy*

- enrolment is the key factor – an important generator for revenue and expenditures
- when comparing 2006-07 Actual to 2007-08 Estimate, the overall enrolment is down 2.8%
- Cathy presented a balanced budget of \$37,992,394 which is an overall increase of 4.4%
- Operating Grants per pupil for 2007-2008 is \$9,958 per student
- primary class size – we will be compliant with the provincial primary class size
- Cathy noted some of the challenges and opportunities for 2007-2008 including declining enrolment, primary class size, 4-year labour framework, St. Mary’s High School Capital project, next phase of Capital plan, specially funded projects, PSAB & Reporting Entity Requirements, Staff Retirement/Continuity
- this budget is conservative and it has provisions for what we have to do over the next year

**07-115 Motion By:** *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the 2007-2008 Budget, as presented. *Carried*

6. Policy/Administrative Procedures Review: (*motion*) ..... *Patrick*

**Teacher Performance Appraisal**

- this has been modified to reflect the new legislation of 2007
- our policy reflects on the fact that we are a faith based system

**07-116 Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Bev Eckensweiler* that the Board approve the Policy on Teacher Performance Appraisal, as presented. *Carried*

**Student Representation on the Board**

- a section on the back is all new, taken directly from a Ministry of Education memorandum to include Conflict of Interest for student trustees

**07-117 Motion By:** *Jules Vanhaelemesch* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the Policy on Student Representation on the Board, as presented.

**School Water Systems**

- this is a new policy in response to a Memo from Nancy Naylor instructing all schools to implement Flushing water systems immediately. We have always done this – now it is mandatory. Testing procedures take place on a regular basis.
- User groups who use board facilities during weekends or holidays will be provided with

directions on how to flush the system of lead. Instructions will be included in the administrative procedure for Community Use of Schools

- schools on wells will continue to follow testing requirements
- records of the daily testing must be maintained

**07-118 Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Policy on School Water Systems, as presented.

*Carried*

## F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

### *–Committee Reports*

#### *–For Information Only*

#### 1. **Correspondence from OCSTA and/or OECTA:**

- Approval to offer Religious Education Course in the Fall
- Additional Qualification Courses in Religious Education
- Cyber-Bullying Policies
- *We Are Called* - Theme For Catholic Education Week 2008
- Survey re: Budget Allocations Related to Catholic Education

#### 2. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**

- Tony Martin Honours Huron Superior Catholic School Community
- Letter from Legislative Assembly of Ontario
- Correspondence from Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Invitation from Bluewater District School Board

#### 1. **Internal Correspondence / Reports:**

- Excursion Requests, May 2007
- Thank You Notes:
  - Expression of Sympathy ~ *Teresa Robertson & family*
  - Recognition Dinner ~ *Linda Folmer, Marilyn Grubb, Mary Jane Low*
  - Scholarships/Bursaries ~ *Aaron Donnelly, Natalie Huber*
  - Encounters with Canada - *essay by Hillary Weppler*

## G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES

## H. NOTICES OF MOTION

## I. CHAIR's REMARKS

## J. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Meeting: **August 21, 2007**  
~ Committee of the Whole @ 1:30 p.m.  
~ Regular Board Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

**07-119**    **Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

*Carried*

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Norm Bethune  
Chairperson of the Board

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Patrick Cureton  
Director of Education and Secretary