

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - W. Goetz
Members - S. Finnie, F. Gross, D. Slosser

Regrets: J. Vanhaelemeesch

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: L. Batte, M.R. Hillyer, J. Flear

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Norm Bethune.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Additions and re-numbering:

E - 1 Bluewater Regional Science Fair

E - 2 Pathways Report

05-134 Motion By: *Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2005 be accepted as amended.

Carried

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

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

05-135 Motion By: *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 24, 2005 be approved as printed.

Carried

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Ratification of OECTA Elementary Collective Agreement

05-136 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Bruce-Grey OECTA Elementary Collective Agreement be ratified as presented.

Carried

Ratification of OECTA Secondary Collective Agreement

05-137 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Bruce-Grey OECTA Secondary Collective Agreement be ratified as presented.

Carried

Staff Report

05-138 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2005-06-14 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

Staff Report

05-139 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report P.C. 2005-06-28 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

Student Trustees

05-140 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board accept the nominations of Jessie Flear and Natalie Huber as student trustees for the 2005-2006 school year.

Carried

Staff Report

05-141 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2005-06-28 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

Ratification of APSSP Contract

05-142 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board ratify the collective agreement for the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel (APSSP), as presented.

Carried

E. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Bluewater Regional Science Fair** (*Clive Card, Patti Jo and Brad Lacey*) *Bruce*
 - Bruce welcomed Clive, Patti Jo and Brad and thanked them for their dedication to the Bluewater Science and Technology Fair; this is a fabulous opportunity for our students.
 - Clive mentioned that it is a pleasure to address the board and extended regrets from John

- Twelves who was attending another commitment
- on behalf of the Bluewater Science Fair, Clive brings thanks to the Board for the support given to this event and the Canada-Wide
- this is the first year Clive has attended the Canada-wide Fair and he had an amazing time – can’t even describe how special it is!
- 8 students attended from the two boards - they had an exceptional trip and represented their communities, schools and the Board very well – a rich, rich experience for all
- arranging for Canada-wide starts very early in the process
- BW Science & Tech Fair is deeply blessed with the people who organize the event (the paper work, meetings, arrangements to meet kids, revisions to projects, etc etc etc.)
- two people who have been absolutely phenomenal in making the Science Fair a huge success are Patti Jo and Brad Lacey – thanks to the board for letting the committee have these two people
- Claire Lafortune (St. Anthony’s School) did her project on recycling, “The Rotten Idea”
- Patti-Jo explained that after reviewing Claire’s project, she was advised to make enhancements before heading to Canada-wide; Patti-Jo feels that taking these extra steps has certainly contributed to the great success of these students – this is a great learning experience for these kids who are going to be “our leaders”
- on behalf of the Board, Norm thanked the committee for all their efforts and commitment

2. **Pathways Report** (*Steve Peck*) *Patrick*

- Steve thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide an overview of the successful Pathways program
- the Student Success Program is based on an At-Risk Initiative from the Ministry in January 2003
- 4 main pillars of the program: literacy, numeracy, program pathways, and community, culture and caring; Steve highlighted some of the things we have done as a Board in these 4 areas.
- Future directions: continue PD, provide financial support to schools, developing new technology-related programs, expansion of School-to-Work Fairs to include coterminous board, enhanced data analysis, enhancements in the area of community, culture and caring
- summary: the program has been very beneficial to students; the Ministry continues to be committed to the program; initiatives we have started will grow and will have the benefits we expect
- success would not have happened without the support of the Board and Steve extended his thanks to the Board for doing so
- Norm thanked Steve for his efforts on behalf of our students

3. **Cheque Register, May 2005** (*motion*) *Cathy*

05-143 Motion By: *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Bill Goetz* that the Cheque Register to May 31, 2005 be approved as printed.

Carried

4. **2005-06 Budget** *Cathy*

- Cathy presented the Board with a balanced budget in the amount of \$34,391,660.
- highlights include:
 - Enrolment: down 2.0% overall or 72 students
 - Revenue: increased by 3.20% over last year. This includes 2% salary benchmaks for 05-06, Primary Class Size Funding, Student Success Teacher for each Secondary School, one-time funding increase for Declining Enrolment, Transitional funding for “net new needs” in Spec. Education, and a 3.5% increase in transportation to address cost pressures.

- Expenditures: directly spent in the classroom = 67.60%; salaries and benefits = 77% of budget
- Challenges for 2005-06: monitor enrolment, tight budget controls, continue to examine business processes, return to long-range planning, many reporting challenges
- Recommendation: we proceed with the budget, significant changes (if any) will be reviewed at August Board Meeting; minor changes will be reviewed in November with Revised Estimates

05-144 *Motion By: Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Estimated Revenue and Expenditures for 2005-06 be approved as presented.
Carried

5. **Special Education Plan (motion)** *Bruce*
- Bruce announced that there were only a few changes from last presentation
 - details of board's budget allocation in area of spec ed = \$17,406;
 - ISA level 1 Guidelines – \$274,115 spent in 2003-2004 on equipment
 - Accessibility of School Buildings – annual plan developed in 03/04 and the board commits \$30,000 annually to accessibility
 - projects will be posted on the website

05-145 *Motion By: Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Board approve the Special Education Plan, as presented.
Carried

05-146 *Motion By: Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that this meeting be extended for approximately another hour.
Carried

6. **Policy/Administrative Procedures Review:** *Bruce*
Dress Code and School Uniforms

05-147 *Motion By: Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Dress Code and School Uniforms, as presented.
Tabled

Anti-Bullying

05-148 *Motion By: Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Anti-Bullying, as presented.
Carried

7. **Policy/Administrative Procedures Review:** *Cathy*
Independent Learning Credits – Policy & A.P.

05-149 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Francis Gross that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Independent Learning Credits, as presented.
Carried

Child Care — Policy & A.P.

05-150 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Sam Finnie that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Child Care, as presented.
Carried

8. The next three policies, brought forward from the Committee of the Whole agenda, were presented by the Director of Education:
- Policy on French, Native and Heritage Language Instruction
 - Policy on Animal Care in the Classroom
 - Policy on Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programmes

9. **Policy/Administrative Procedures Review:** Patrick
Curriculum and Professional Development

05-151 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Curriculum and Professional Development, as presented.
Carried

Teaching of Acquired Human Immune Deficiency Virus (H.I.V.)

05-152 *Motion By:* Dave Slosser and seconded by Sam Finnie that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Teaching of Acquired Human Immune Deficiency Virus (H.I.V.) as presented.
Carried

AntiRacism and Ethnocultural Equity

05-153 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on AntiRacism and Ethnocultural Equity, as presented.
Carried

Policy on Meetings of the Board

- Patrick suggested that under Section 1, we need to add the meeting in August
- we also need to add 1-d) proposed schedule for monthly meetings and 1-e) in an election year the inaugural meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Tuesday in December
- another addition, item 7-e) Quorum – trustees to advise the secretary of the board when they will not be in attendance at meetings
- trustees then voted on reducing the number of board meetings to eleven/year – this did not have a 2/3 majority

05-154 *Motion By:* Sam Finnie and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Meetings of the Board with a schedule of 11 meetings per year, as presented.

Defeated

- next, the trustees voted on having 15 meetings/year, for a one year trial, at which time the policy will be reviewed. This option did receive 2/3 majority.

05-155 *Motion By:* Bill Goetz and seconded by Norm Bethune that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Meetings of the Board with a schedule of 15 meetings per year and re-evaluate at the end of the first year, as presented.

Carried

Policy on Student Progress Reports & Record Keeping

05-156 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Dave Slosser that the Board approve revisions to the Policy on Student Progress Reports and Record Keeping, as presented.

Carried

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–Committee Reports

–For Information Only:

1. **OCSTA Correspondence**
 - Collective Agreements With Teachers
2. **Other Correspondence**
 - St. Clair Catholic DSB ~ on-going delay re grant regulations
 - Students Engaged in “Me” Celebration (taken from The Point, June 16,2005)
3. **Internal Reports/Correspondence**
 - Minutes of Joint Health and Safety Committee Meeting - June 16, 2005
 - Excursion Requests Submitted from April 1-30, 2005
4. **Miscellaneous**
 - Note of Appreciation re Recognition Event – Pat Mercey
 - Expression of Sympathy ~ Kathy Liesemer & family

G. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS by TRUSTEES

Sam – attended appreciation luncheon for sponsors and community involved in Robotics

Francis – referred to the Excursion report and suggested that we need more emphasis on teaching swimming lessons

H. NOTICES OF MOTION

I. CHAIR’s REMARKS

- Norm thanked Laura and Mary Rose who have been outstanding Student Trustees on the Board and presented them with a small token of our appreciation

- Laura thanked the Board for its support. She said she has encountered so many things and it was an amazing experience.
- Mary Rose mentioned that she and Laura recently attended the OSTA AGM and Mr. Kennedy spoke about changes in legislation – and the possibility of students voting at the table. Mary Rose noted this was very exciting to hear. She thanked the Board for always being there and keeping the students at the heart of catholic education which is what it is all about.

J. FUTURE BUSINESS

Teleconference: Tuesday, July 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: **August 23, 2005**
 ~ Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Board Meeting

K. ADJOURNMENT

05-157 Motion By: *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Francis Gross* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. *Carried*

Norm Bethune
 Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
 Director of Education and Secretary