

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 2001

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - W. Goetz Vice-Chairperson -
Members - M. Lemme, J. Vanhaelemeesch, C. Zettel
Board Officials: V. Batte, C. Colton, J. Contois, P. Cureton, J. Sheppard
Regrets: N. Bethune, D. Slosser, B. Herney
Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

01-271 *Motion By: Michael Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on September 11, 2001 be accepted as printed.

Carried

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

B. Approval of Minutes

01-272 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 28, 2001 be approved as printed.

Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

01-273 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Collective Agreement be ratified as presented.

Carried

01-274 *Motion By: Michael Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2001-09-11 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

01-275 *Motion By:* Christine Zettel and seconded by Michael Lemme that for the 2001-2002 school year, the Board accept Colleen McGrath and Alia Hanif as the Student Representatives from Sacred Heart High School, Walkerton.

Carried

D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome and Introduction of Student Representatives

Student Representatives, Alia Hanif and Colleen McGrath, were invited to this meeting as spectators only. Vern Batte welcomed Alia and Colleen and advised that they will be officially sworn in at the next meeting followed by an orientation session in October.

2. Initial Enrolment & Organization

Vern Batte presented the initial enrolment report as of September 4, 2001. Overall, we have an enrolment decrease in the elementary panel by 139 and an increase in the secondary by 131, leaving a net decrease of 8. Vern reported some interesting facts ~ reports show that grade 7 has the largest numbers in the elementary panel, and once these students go through the system, our enrolment figures will decrease considerably. The number of students graduating from grade eight is approx. 50% greater than the number of students entering at the JK level. Based on this information, we expect that in 2008-2009 our enrolment will be at its lowest.

Vern then reported on average class sizes across the system. The provincial requirement for JK-3 is 24.00, while JK-8 cannot exceed 24.5. Bruce-Grey's average is well within the requirement with the JK-3 average being 20.73 and in JK-8 the average is 22.95.

Jim shared a comprehensive list showing the staffing at each school.

3. Borrowing Resolution

Cathy Colton mentioned that although this board has not been in a borrowing position during the past 4 years, it is important to have a borrowing resolution in place.

01-276 *Motion By:* Christine Zettel and seconded by Jules Vanhaelemesch that the Board adopt the "Borrowing Resolution" for the fiscal year 2001-02, which will authorize the Treasurer of the Board to borrow from a Canadian Chartered Bank by way of Promissory Notes.

Carried

4 . St. Basil's Update

Cathy provided a slide show of the 2.2 million dollar project at St. Basil's School. Cathy reported that she is pleased with the progress and is hoping to occupy the new addition by Christmas.

5. Orientation Program

This year, the Orientation Program to welcome new employees was held on August 23 with a full day of information sessions. Previously, this program was conducted after school, later

in the month of September. Jim Sheppard advised that it was difficult to cover all the necessary topics in the shorter time period, and therefore suggested that the program be revamped.

6. Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program has been in place for the past 3 years, but was somewhat revised to create a more structured program to ensure that all staff is receiving sufficient support. Jim Sheppard distributed the program outline and mentioned that the purpose of the mentoring program is to encourage beginning teachers to recognize their needs, and then set up a program to follow with a mentor.

Administration will monitor the program so beginning teachers get off to a good start, which in turn will benefit the students.

7. Comprehensive ISA Review

Pat Cureton attended the ISA Review which was held in Toronto in the latter part of August. The Comprehensive Review provided training for school boards, school authorities, district offices and validators. Pat mentioned that the review is a 14 month process and promises improvements. The objective of this Ministry initiative is to ensure predictability and responsiveness to needs. In future years, boards will process claims for new students only, reducing the administration burden significantly.

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Ministry of Education Correspondence
 - Back to School - 2001/02

F. FUTURE BUSINESS

SHHS Graduation - Sept 23rd at 1:00

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

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

Tuesday, **September 25**, 2001

G. ADJOURNMENT

01-277 Motion By: *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Michael Lemme* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary