

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 12, 2000**

**8:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - C. Zettel Vice-Chairperson - K. York  
Members - N. Bethune, G. Fischer, W. Goetz, M. Lemme  
Board Officials: V. Batte, C. Colton, J. Contois, P. Cureton, J. Sheppard  
Absent: B. Herney  
Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

<p><b>00-155</b>     <i>Motion By:</i> Norm Bethune and seconded by Kathy York that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on September 12, 2000 be accepted as printed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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- 3) **Conflict of Interest** ~ None were declared

**B. Approval of Minutes**

<p><b>00-156</b>     <i>Motion By:</i> Bill Goetz and seconded by Kathy York that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 22, 2000 be approved as printed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Carried</i></p>
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**C. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Initial Enrolment**

Vern Batte announced that we are extremely pleased with the initial enrolment report which is down from our numbers in June but higher than projected. As of today we have an increase from projected enrolment of 49 students at the elementary level and are well within projected enrolment at the secondary level. However, the projected enrolment for upcoming years does not paint a similar picture. We are anticipating a steady decline until 2009, and anticipate a decrease of some 800 students between now and then, due to the large number of graduates and fewer JK/SK registrations.

Due to the large JK/SK class sizes at St. Basil's School, Vern recommended the addition of a .5 teacher.

2. **Announcement re Superintendent of Education and Media Release**

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, Patrick Cureton has been assigned the position of Superintendent of Education. Vern congratulated Patrick on his assignment and welcomed him as a member of the Sr. Admin team.

Patrick responded by thanking the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board for this opportunity and mentioned that the last two years as Program Principal have been the most challenging and rewarding years of his career. He welcomes the opportunity and is looking forward to working with the Sr. Admin team and the Board in its pursuit in Catholic education in Bruce and Grey Counties.
3. **Major Responsibilities - Superintendents of Education**

Because of the designation of another Superintendent, a list of major responsibilities has been created as a reference tool for trustees and principals.
4. **Student Trustees**

An election process for student trustees will be used for the upcoming term. Sacred Heart High School has three individuals currently campaigning to be student trustees. Elections will take place at both secondary schools during the week of Sept. 18-22. It is our hope to have two new student trustees at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and prior to, or shortly thereafter, to conduct an orientation session for the new student trustees. To encourage students to participate at the Board Level, their experience and attendance at Board Meetings may be applied towards a credit in the social sciences area.
5. **New Employee Orientation ~ October 3/00**

Jim Sheppard advised the trustees that an orientation for new employees (teaching and non-teaching) will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, commencing at 4:30 p.m. It will be similar to last year's event with Fr. Steve LaCroix conducting a welcoming ceremony followed by presentations from Sr. Admin, Heather Cullen and Union Executive Members. A meal will be provided and trustees are encouraged to attend.
6. **ISA Funding and Results for 2000-01**

Patrick Cureton was pleased to announce that the government will be granting our Board an additional \$600,000 for special education funding. We have overspent this budget by approx. \$1,000,000 over the past two years and therefore this money will be very beneficial as we try to keep within this year's budget. Pat also announced that we are anticipating a debriefing session later this fall that will assist staff when preparing the ISA files for validation. Vern thanked Pat for the outstanding job he has done in preparing claims and then expressed his interest in an explanation from the Ministry on those files that were not approved.
7. **Walkerton Update**

On September 5<sup>th</sup> the schools in Walkerton opened with no apparent problems. Obviously all the systems were operating as planned although there were a few complications prior to school opening. Vern mentioned that the pumps at Sacred Heart High School are turned off at 11:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday), thus allowing outside groups to use the facility. Since the pumps at Mother Teresa School are turned off at 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday), there is a little more restricted access for outside user groups. The cafeteria at Sacred Heart High School is limited to pizza and pre-packaged foods as well as soft drinks etc. due to the water situation.

Vern mentioned that with our Grade 9 enrolment being the highest ever, it is obvious that parents have shown a tremendous amount of confidence in the water supply and the measures

that have been taken by the Board.

Christine Zettel reported that she had received a call from the Minister of Education, Janet Ecker, who congratulated the Board on getting the schools ready for opening day. The Minister also congratulated the principals at the Walkerton schools for their endeavours.

**8. Board Meeting Schedule**

The Trustees were given a schedule for upcoming Board Meetings. However, January 9<sup>th</sup> falls within the first week back to school after the Christmas break, so Vern suggested that we have only one Board Meeting in January on the 16<sup>th</sup> day. Also, we are hoping to conduct a Board Meeting electronically on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**9. September 29 P.A. Day ~ Update**

The committee has put together a tentative agenda for the board-wide P.A. day on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Since Christine and Kathy are unable to attend, Vern asked for another trustee to extend some welcoming remarks that day. An impressive list of speakers has been put together and a sign up sheet will be sent to all staff asking them to select their top 2 choices. An invitation will be extended to parent councils, trustees and deanery.

**D. INFORMATION and REPORTS**

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from Ministry of Education  
RE: Funding for Student Transportation
2. Thank you Note:  
RE: Scholarships/Bursaries

**E. FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
Next Regular Board Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, **September 26**, 2000

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

–Closing Prayer

**00-157 Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Gary Fischer* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Carried*

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Christine Zettel  
Chairperson of the Board

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Vern Batte  
Director of Education and Secretary