

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

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

02-159 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Christine Zettel* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2002 be accepted as printed.
Carried

- 3) **Conflict of Interest** ~ *Norm - item #4 ~ Criminal Background Checks*

B. Approval of Minutes

02-160 *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 27, 2002 and September 10, 2002 be approved as printed.
Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

02-161 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2002-09-24 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

02-162 *Motion By: Jules Vanhaelemeesch* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Board accept the proposal from Wightman Communications to supply high speed internet connection to our schools in Mildmay, Teeswater and Formosa.
Carried

02-163 **Motion By:** *Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Board ratify the tentative collective agreement between the Board and the OECTA Occasional Teachers, as presented.

Carried

Since at the time a motion was presented by Christine Zettel, during the Committee of the Whole Meeting, and was not voted upon, the motion was not brought forward to the Open meeting. Christine insisted that the motion be presented now during the open session; the Chair explained that this was not in accordance with parliamentary procedure and offered to bring the motion forward at the next board meeting. Christine refused the Chair's offer and insisted that the motion be brought forward at this time during the open meeting; the request was ruled Out of Order. Christine excused herself from the table at 4:20 p.m. Those remaining were Chair Bill Goetz, Vice-Chair Norm Bethune and Trustee Jules Vanhaelemesch.

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

1. **In-School Mentoring Program** (*Marg Wettlaufer*) (*Patrick Cureton*)
 - Marg Wettlaufer is here to promote the programs offered by Big Brothers/Sisters of Hanover, especially the In-School Mentoring Program.
 - As explained by Marg, Big Brothers/Sisters now serve children in many areas of Bruce and Grey Counties. Their programs are about children and friendships. Friendships that promote self-esteem and feeling good.
 - The In-School Mentoring Program is a partnership with the Bruce-Grey CDSB, Bluewater DSB, Human Resources Development Canada and Big Brothers/Sisters of Hanover
 - An additional \$59,000 is being funded to expand the program this year
 - Some of the benefits to children in the program include:
 - generally improved grades and stay in school longer
 - are half as likely to use drugs
 - get along better at home and with peers
 - are less likely to have police involvement
 - For more information about the Big Brothers/Sisters, visit their website at www.bbshanover.ca

Due to lack of a quorum, the remaining items will be presented for Information Only, and necessary motions will be deferred to next meeting.

2. **OSSLT Board Results** (*Jane Contois*)
 - Jane presented the results from the February 2002 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). EQAO requires that results be shared using Method 1 (OSSD students minus those not working towards a diploma) and Method 2 (OSSD students who wrote both parts of the test and were present on both days). Method 1 is EQAO's primary method of reporting because publicly funded schools are accountable for the achievement and progress of all students.
 - 69% of the students successfully completed the OSSLT under scoring Method 1 and 74% using Method 2. This is an increase of 8% from the last report of OSSLT results. There was a 6% decrease in the number of students who failed both subjects.
 - Individual secondary school results will be released by September 30th. This is the targeted date for EQAO to release the results for the province as well.
3. **SEAC Chair** (*Jane Contois*)
 - As per Regulation 306, school boards must review their board plan annually and submit any amendments to the Minister.

- Jane noted that Andrea Wist, SEAC Chair, representing the Learning Disabled Association, has resigned from SEAC and will be replaced by Vice-Chair Nancy Weatherhead, effective September 2002. A motion in this regard will be presented at the next board meeting.
 - Jane will forward a thank you letter, on behalf of the Board, to Andrea.
4. **Criminal Background Checks** (*Jim Sheppard*)
- Ontario Ministry of Education Regulation 521 requires that District School Boards obtain a Criminal Background Check (CBC) on employees and service providers.
 - The regulations stipulate that employees hired after April 1, 2002 must provide a CBC prior to commencing employment. Employees hired prior to April 1, 2002 need to provide this information to the Board by July 31, 2003.
 - The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC), in cooperation with the Ontario Provincial Police, will assist in the process of collecting CBC's.
 - The OESC will assist Boards with legal advice if managing those situations when an employee has convictions that are deemed to be relevant to their current role.
 - Most Boards will utilize the OESC to obtain the Criminal Background Check at a cost of \$12.00 each.
 - Jim Sheppard recommended that the Board approve the plan to utilize the Ontario Education Services Corporation to obtain Criminal Background Checks and approve that the costs of obtaining these will be absorbed by the Board. A motion will be presented at the next meeting.
5. **Cheque Register** (*Cathy Colton*)
- Motion deferred to next meeting
6. **St. Basil's Project Update** (*Cathy Colton*)
- Cathy mentioned that the Official Opening of St. Basil's Addition is scheduled for this Thursday, commencing at 5:00 p.m.
 - The budget for this project was set at \$2.2 million and with only a few outstanding expenditures, Cathy noted that we are slightly under budget having spent \$2.1 million.
 - The project will be completed within budget, and the Board will continue to be debt free.
7. **Scholarship/Investment Projections** (*Cathy Colton*)
- From time to time, money is donated for scholarships/bursaries that are managed by the Board
 - Each year 2/3 of the fund is distributed to graduating students while the remaining 1/3 is reinvested to ensure there will be funds for the next year
 - Cathy anticipates that we will be reinvesting in some sort of a certificate that will yield in the neighbourhood of 5%
 - in 1979 we started with \$64,000 and now we have \$723,400 to invest
 - next year we should be able to pay \$38,583 in scholarships/bursaries
 - in June 2003 we will experience the double cohort situation with twice as many graduates - At a future meeting, Cathy intends to bring forth a proposal to address this issue.
8. **OSR Manual** (*Bruce MacPherson*)
- Bruce mentioned that to fulfil one of the requirements of the Ministry, we need to create a Board Ontario Student Record (OSR) Policy and Procedure Manual.
 - Bruce presented some background information from the Ministry website
 - An OSR is a folder that will follow students from Kindergarten to grade 12, containing information that is conducive to the improvement of the instruction of the student
 - Bill Jack Consulting Services will assist our Board in producing a draft OSR Policy and Procedure Manual
 - A small board committee has been formed and Bruce asked trustees to notify him if they were interested in participating on the committee

- October 18th has been set aside for a meeting with Bill Jack and the committee to review the draft document.

9. **High Speed Internet Connectivity for Chepstow** (*Patrick Cureton*)

- Chepstow has been our only school without highspeed internet
- Last Monday, Chepstow was connected to high speed through HuronTel
- The school principal has advised that staff is delighted with the service as they can now receive and download information quickly and without being timed out

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

Correspondence:

1. Bill Murdoch, MPP
 - Submission to Dr. Rozanski on behalf of our Board
2. O.C.S.T.A.
 - Appoints Director of Catholic Education
2. Children’s Aid Society
 - Distribution of Newsletter ~ “Broadcast Bruce”
3. Bluewater District School Board / Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l’Est ontarien
 - Supervision and Evaluation of teachers
4. Near North District School Board
 - Flawed funding formula

Thank you Notes / Letters:

- Computers for Kids ~ re donation of computers
- Mrs. Lynn Ayres ~ re approval of her son’s attendance at St. Mary’s H.S.
- Nola Collins & family ~ re bereavement
- Tammy Ross ~ re Co-op placement at CEC

F. FUTURE BUSINESS

Upcoming Events:

St. Basil’s Official Opening

September 26/02 ~ 5:00 pm

Faith Development Day at SHHS

Friday, September 27, 2002

Next Cte of the Whole Meeting

October 8, 2002 @ 2:30 p.m.

Next Regular Board Meeting

October 8, 2002 @ 4:00 p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
Director of Education and Secretary