

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

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

02-166 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2002 be accepted as printed.
Carried

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

B. Approval of Minutes

For clarification purposes a change was made to a notation under section D. 1.

02-167 *Motion By: Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 24, 2002 be approved as amended.
Carried

C. Committee of the Whole Report

02-168 *Motion By: Dave Slosser* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Staff Report J.S. 2002-10-08 and the recommendations contained therein.
Carried

02-169 *Motion By: Mike Lemme* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the appointment of Chela Breckon as Student Representative from St. Mary's High School for one year.
Carried

D. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. SEAC Chair (*Jane Contois*)

Jane reported that Regulation 306 states that school boards must review their board plan annually and submit any amendments to the Minister. In this regard, Jane informed the Board that Andrea Wist, SEAC Chair, has resigned from her position, citing new program and committee obligations. Nancy Weatherhead, SEAC Vice-Chair, will assume the duties of Chair.

02-170 **Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the amendment to its Special Education Plan 2001 whereby Nancy Weatherhead will assume the duties of SEAC Chair effective September 2002.
Carried

2. Criminal Background Checks (*Jim Sheppard*)

- Jim mentioned that Ontario Ministry of Education Regulation 521 requires school boards to obtain Criminal Background Checks on employees and service providers. In the past, it was necessary to have a criminal background check for new hires only.
- The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) has been established to assist boards in the process of collecting Criminal Background Checks from current employees.
- The process provides the board with three options: i) ask employees to obtain their own Criminal Background Check at a cost of \$25 to \$50; Note: OECTA will not sign any collective agreements throughout the province unless boards pick up the cost; ii) follow process set up by OESC with the employee paying a \$12 fee; or iii) for the Board to use the services of OESC and pay the \$12 fee for each employee.
- Jim recommended that the Board support option 3.

02-171 **Motion By:** *Jules Vanhaelemesch* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* 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 records will be absorbed by the Board.
Carried

3. Cheque Register (*Cathy Colton*)

02-172 **Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Cheque Register to August 31, 2002 be approved as printed.
Carried

4. Procedures for Establishing Board Agendas (*Christine Zettel*)

- Christine feels that at times items are discussed in the Committee of the Whole portion of the meeting, when they should be presented at the Regular Board Meeting. She feels we need to look at how the agenda is established and be sure we are compliant with the Education Act.
- Presently the agenda is set up in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-chair and the Director
- Some changes to the structure of meetings have already been implemented, and therefore some felt the motion was redundant. However, Christine would like to formalize her request to ensure we don't let this slide.
- Most trustees felt that there has not been a problem in the past, they are not afraid of public debate and nothing has been intentionally withheld from the public.

02-173 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board review and, if necessary amend, the procedure for establishing the agenda for Committee of the Whole meetings to ensure compliance with the Education Act, Section 207 (1) and (2).

Defeated

5. **Robert's Rule of Order** (*Christine Zettel*)

- Christine feels that it would be beneficial to have some training on Robert's Rules of Order.
- Trustees agreed to adapting a set of rules that will work for this small assembly, but are not in favour of adopting "Robert's Rules" as such.
- Patrick referred to a Handbook for Educators by OCSTA which lists 16 areas that may be pertinent for meetings of the Board..

02-174 *Motion By: Christine Zettel* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board provide in-service on Robert's Rules of Order for all trustees.

Carried

E. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
 - Aiming for the Top Tuition Scholarships
2. OCSTA Regional Meeting Report
3. OCSTA Resolution 11 and 14
4. World Teachers' Day

F. NOTICES OF MOTION

G. CHAIR's REMARKS

- Prayer Cards from OCSTA are in Trustee mailboxes
- Please remember in your prayers, Doris Oosthoek. Visitation is on Wednesday and the Funeral Mass is at Holy Family on Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

H. FUTURE BUSINESS

October 29, 2002 - Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

02-175 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Dave Slosser* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Carried

William Goetz
Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
Director of Education and Secretary