

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 28, 2000

8:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - C. Zettel Vice-Chairperson - K. York
Members - N. Bethune, G. Fischer, W. Goetz, M. Lemme,
D. Slosser, J. Vanhaelemesch

Board Officials: V. Batte, C. Colton, J. Contois, P. Cureton

Student Trustees: S. Varsava, M. Weber

Regrets: B. Herney, J. Sheppard

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

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

00-206 *Motion By: Kathy York* and seconded by *Bill Goetz* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on November 28, 2000 be accepted as printed. *Carried*

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

B. Approval of Minutes

00-207 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 14, 2000 be approved as printed. *Carried*

C. DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Revised Estimates**

Cathy Colton presented the Revised Estimates and reviewed the process and timelines for preparing the Board's budget. School enrolment and government announcements were taken into account when preparing the revised budget. The \$28 million balanced budget for 2000-2001 shows an increase of 5.34%.

00-208 *Motion By: Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Mike Lemme* that the Board approve the Revised Estimates, as presented. *Carried*

2. **Plant Maintenance Projects**

Cathy provided a summary of the Plant Maintenance Projects for 2000-2001. This information will be shared with the principals at their upcoming meeting.

At this time Christine introduced the newly elected trustees to the Press and extended a welcome to Jules Vanhaelemesch and Dave Slosser.

3. **Student Trustee Report**

Matt Weber provided a very informative presentation about what's happening at Sacred Heart High School. Matt included various topics such as academics, extra-curricular activities, student activities and Catholicity. It sounds like the Student Council is very active and successful at Sacred Heart. *Well done Matt!*

Christine thought it would be interesting to have a "Take Mom/Dad to School Day". This would give parents a better awareness of their child's typical day at school.

4. **Board Policy Revision**

The Policy on Inaugural Meetings is being reviewed. It was suggested that the Chairperson make their address at the first meeting following the Inaugural Meeting. Other suggestions included: that item 2b) be inserted before 2a), that "Committee Preferences/Appointments" be reinstated and that 2c) should read at the 2nd November meeting.....his/her inaugural statement at the regular meeting following the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.

00-209 *Motion By:* Bill Goetz and seconded by Michael Lemme that the Board approve the revisions to the Policy on Inaugural Meetings.

Carried

5. **Cheque Register, October 2000**

00-210 *Motion By:* Kathy York and seconded by Norm Bethune that the Cheque Register to October 31, 2000 be approved as printed.

Carried

6. **Early Years Demonstration Project**

Jane Contois briefed the Board on this project which was introduced to test and evaluate different community-based approaches to early child development and parenting. The Early Years Demonstration Project has two parts: 1) Early Development Instrument (EDI), and 2) The National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth. The EDI is a questionnaire that was completed by our kindergarten teachers in April 2000. The instrument measures the child's readiness to learn in the school environment. Results show that 14% of the Grade 1's in Bruce and Grey were in the "least ready to learn" category. In Part 2 of this project, Statistics Canada will conduct a survey that follows students until they turn 25, with random selection to participate.

7. **National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth**

Statistics Canada is asking the Board to allow participation in this survey. It will involve parents of children who were involved in the original project. The nature of this request is to be carried out in April 2001 dealing specifically with a random sample of the students who are surveyed. Students would be administered a number of tests including a standard reading and

math test. Vern recommended we agree to be involved in the program.

00-211 **Motion By:** *Bill Goetz* and seconded by *Norm Bethune* that the Board agree to participate in the program as requested by Stats Canada.

Carried

At this point, on behalf of the Board, Christine thanked Gary Fischer and Kathy York for their years of service and dedication to our Board and to the betterment of education in Bruce and Grey. Kathy presented everyone with a chocolate treat.

D. INFORMATION and REPORTS

–For Information Only:

1. Correspondence from the Ministry of Education
RE: Special Assistance for Walkerton elementary schools
2. Correspondence from O.C.S.T.A.
RE: Trustee Elections
3. Thank you Notes re Scholarships/Bursaries
C Tim Lang
C Jamie Metcalfe
4. Thank you letter to TD Financial Group
RE: Donation of Books

E. FUTURE BUSINESS

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, **December 12**, 2000

Reminder: Board Christmas Dinner/Dance this Friday night.

F. ADJOURNMENT

–Closing Prayer

00-212 **Motion By:** *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Gary Fischer* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Carried

Christine Zettel
Chairperson of the Board

Vern Batte
Director of Education and Secretary

