

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Minutes

Trustees Present: Chairperson - N. Bethune Vice-Chairperson - (absent)
Members - B. Eckensweiler, S. Finnie, F. Gross, J. Vanhaelemesch

Board Officials: P. Cureton (*Director of Education*); C. Colton (*Superintendent of Business*);
B. MacPherson, (*Superintendent of Education*); P. Morley, (*Programme Principal*) S. White
(*Human Resources Administrator*)

Student Trustees: J. Flear (S.M.H.S.)

Regrets: D. Slosser, T. Ellis (S.H.H.S.)

Recording Secretary: A. Dietz

A. 1) The meeting commenced with prayer led by Francis Gross.

2) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

06-227 Motion By: *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemesch* that the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on December 19, 2006 be accepted as printed.

Carried

B. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** ~ *None were declared*

C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

06-228 Motion By: *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Minutes of the Inaugural Board Meeting held on December 5, 2006 be approved as printed.

Carried

D. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

06-229 Motion By: *Norm Bethune* and seconded by *Sam Finnie* that the Board approve the Staff Report S.W. 2006-12-19 and the recommendations contained therein.

Carried

E. **DELEGATIONS / SUBMISSIONS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Chair's Inaugural Address** *Norm*
- Chairperson Norm noted that it is an honour and privilege to serve as Chair again for the next term and he promises to do his best to gain the confidence placed in him
 - last week Norm attended a meeting in Toronto with the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of

Education and School Board Chairpersons. Having the Premier in attendance was unprecedented and most welcome. Norm noted that he was very proud to be representing Bruce-Grey at the meeting – he had opportunity for lots of bragging about the good things that are happening in our system. If the meeting was established as a relationship builder, it was very successful.

- Norm shared some of the Minister’s priorities – keep student achievement front and centre, set targets, alignment of goals, accountability, use relevant local data as basis for goal setting, communicate with parents and communities at large
- message to the chairs: with good communications all things are possible. Set a positive tone with the Board, team build, promote public confidence, collaborate and celebrate successes. Also mentioned that trustees should visit more in schools with the purpose of affirming and acknowledging what is happening in the board
- the Premier noted that we must have students of character, best citizens who are engaged and who realize we are all connected by one another. Don’t give up on our devotion to young people.
- one of Norm’s priorities is to start the process for a new strategic plan, always keeping in mind the dimension of Catholicity. Another important focus is character education which reinforces values and nurtures the best of human and universal qualities. Character development is an integral part of school improvement plans.
- Norm looks forward to working together in a collaborative, team approach during the next year.

2. **Facility Condition Index (FCI) for BGCDSB Schools** *Cathy*
 - in 2003 schools were evaluated by the Ministry and the results are maintained in a data base
 - two separate approaches were identified to calculate the facility replacement value, and thereby the FCI – 1) On-the-Ground (OTG) capacity which reflects only the number of student spaces in a facility; 2) Gross Floor Area (GFA) to reflect the entire facility area.
 - the ministry deems an FCI equal to or greater than 65% is prohibitive to repair
 - Cathy noted that the presence of trustees on the School Maintenance Tour is appreciated

3. **Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey-Bruce** (*motion*) *Cathy*
 - Business Officials from 3 school boards (French Board, Bruce-Grey and Bluewater) drafted an agreement of informal arrangements including management committee structure, procedures and budgets. Cost sharing will be determined and decision making will be done by consensus.
 - not highly prescriptive at this point – started with something that solidifies what has been happening

06-230 *Motion By:* Francis Gross and seconded by Bev Eckensweiler that the Board approve the Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey-Bruce, effective January 1, 2007, as presented. *Carried*

4. **Travel Allowance Rates - 2007** (*motion*) *Cathy*
 - Cathy does an annual review of auto travel allowance rates using a formula to generate the calculation
 - using a 4 cylinder, 4 door Malibu LS, the rate will increase to 41 cents per km (from the current 39 cents)

06-231 *Motion By:* Jules Vanhaelemesch and seconded by Sam Finnie that the Board approve the Travel Allowance Rates for 2007, as presented. *Carried*

5. **Cheque Register, November 2006** (*motion*) *Cathy*

- Cathy recommended that, in future, the Cheque Register be presented in the Committee portion of the meeting and will not require a motion

06-232 **Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Cheque Register to November 30, 2006 be approved as printed. *Carried*

6. **Marketing our secondary schools** *Patrick*
- Kirk Scott was contracted to prepare marketing videos for each of our secondary schools
 - Patrick presented the video for SMHS and noted that Kirk did a good job of capturing the events that take place at the school.
 - trustees will view the video for SHHS at a future time

7. **Policy/Administrative Procedures Review: (motion)** *Patrick*
- **Student Services Programs**

06-233 **Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Student Services Programs, as presented. *Carried*

- **Gifted Students**

06-234 **Motion By:** *Sam Finnie* and seconded by *Jules Vanhaelemeesch* that the Board approve the Policy on Gifted Students, as presented. *Carried*

- **Individual Psychological Testing of Students**

06-235 **Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Beverley Eckensweiler* that the Board approve the Policy on Individual Psychological Testing of Students, as presented. *Carried*

F. INFORMATION and REPORTS

-Committee Reports

-For Information Only

1. **Correspondence from OCSTA:**
 - OCSTA Travel Accident Insurance Policy
 - proposed Administrative Expenditure Guidelines
 - approval to offer Religious Education Part I in the spring 2007
2. **Miscellaneous Correspondence:**
 - Carol Mitchell, MPP, Huron-Bruce
3. **Internal Reports/Miscellaneous:**
 - Excursion, Field Trips, Outdoor Education Trips – November 1-30, 2006
 - Scholarships/Bursaries ~ Amanda Wilhelm
 - Expression of Sympathy ~ the Kadlecik family, Rita Murray, Ann Schlatman & family

H. NOTICES OF MOTION

I. **CHAIR's REMARKS**

- New Trustee Seminar - January 12/13, Toronto

J. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Next Meeting: **January 16, 2007**

~ Committee of the Whole Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

~ Regular Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

K. **ADJOURNMENT**

06-236 **Motion By:** *Francis Gross* and seconded by *Beverley Eckensweiler* that the Regular Board Meeting be adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Carried

Norm Bethune
Chairperson of the Board

Patrick Cureton
Director of Education and Secretary