



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre John Paul II Boardroom

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	P. Keane
J. Courtney, Vice-Chair	J. Macri, Chair
B. Holland	S. Porcellini
C. Janisse	L. Soulliere
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
L. Willson, Student Trustee	

Regrets:

M. DiMenna

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	R. Limarzi
M. Iatonna	P. Littlejohns
M. Seguin	S. O'Hagan-Wong
L. Staudt	P. Picard
C. Geml	R. Sasso
K. Gignac	

Recorder:

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee DiMenna sent regrets due to her vacation.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

- Addition: 12c WALK-ON Report: Appointments to Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Keane that the February 13, 2007 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda – None.
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. – None.
7. Presentations – None.
8. Delegations
 - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda – None.
 - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda – None.
9. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, January 30, 2007
Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 30, 2007 be adopted as amended. Carried.
 - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 30, 2007
 Amendments:
 - Trustee Holland asked that the minutes be amended to note that she entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m. due to her attendance at a School Advisory Council meeting at L. A. Desmarais Catholic Elementary School
Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 30, 2007 be adopted as amended. Carried
 - b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of February 13, 2007

 Vice-Chair Courtney reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on February 13, 2007 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to obtain legal advice, consider specific personnel, real property issues and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustees Keane, Courtney and Porcellini declared a conflict of interest during the February 13, 2007 In-Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion items.

Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its In-Camera meeting of February 13, 2007 be approved. Carried.

 Vice-Chair Courtney made the following announcements:
 - Interim appointment of Mario Iatonna to the position of Acting Superintendent of Business and board signing authority

- Interim appointment of Paul Picard to the position of Acting Controller, Facilities Services
- The recruitment process for the position of Superintendent of Business will begin immediately

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) dated January 29, 2007 re: Update on GST Campaign

Administration will follow up with a letter of support to local Members of Provincial Parliament and the Minister of Finance.

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) dated January 29, 2007 re: Update on GST Campaign as information. Carried.

- ii) Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance & Economic Affairs Pre-Budget Consultations January 2007

Administration will follow-up with a letter to the Standing Committee on Finance in support of Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Submission. It was also noted that nominations for the position of OCSTA regional directors will soon need to be submitted to OCSTA.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance & Economic Affairs Pre-Budget Consultations January 2007 as information. Carried.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report
Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated February 13, 2007 for information. Carried.

- ii) Report: Child Care Interim Report

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board receive the Provision of Child Care – Interim Report as information.

Follow-up discussion to the motion on the table occurred with regard to proceeding with the proposed roundtable discussion prior to the Board dealing the deferred motion pertaining to child care that will be considered at the February 27 board meeting.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board defer receipt of the Provision of Child Care – Interim Report until the pending notice of motion pertaining to the provision of child care is dealt with. *Withdrawn.*

Trustee Porcellini reported that trustee members of the Child Care Committee met today to discuss the pending motion concerning the provision of child care and the proposed roundtable discussion process. Trustee Porcellini reported that a consensus was reached on how to proceed with the concerns previously brought to the board table about the implementation of the current Board Policy on Child Care. Administration will contact child care providers operating in the board's schools to apprise them of the decision not to proceed with the roundtable discussion as outlined in the child care interim report.

Amended motion: **Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Child Care Interim Report be received as information and that administration not proceed with the outlined round table discussions. *Carried.***

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Field Trips:

i) Catholic Central High School – Quebec City

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the Catholic Central Catholic High School Band/choir field trip to Quebec City on May 24 - 27, 2007. *Carried.*

b. Report: Canada Day Designation

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board approve the designation of July 2, 2007 as Canada Day with the exception of CUPE Local 1358.1 which would be June 29, 2007. *Carried.*

c. WALK-ON Report: Appointments to Special Education Advisory Committee

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board approve the following member and alternate member to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the four year term, December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2010.

ASSOCIATION

MEMBER

ALTERNATE

Learning Disabilities Association

Carla Ellis

Community Living Windsor-Essex

Dave Beresford

Carried.

13. Committee Reports

a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 23, 2006

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive the Minutes of the November 23, 2006 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried.*

- b. Report: Audit Committee Meetings of December 11 and December 18, 2006 and January 25, 2007

Administration will provide trustees with the current actuarial valuation of the board's post retirement benefits.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the notes from the Audit Committee dated December 11 and December 18, 2006 and January 25, 2007 as information. Carried.

14. Notice of Motion

- Trustee Porcellini: *“At the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that Policy A:21 Policy Child Care be reviewed by the Child Care Committee established as per policy and report back to the Board in May 2007.”*

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri reported on his attendance at the January 31st Teacher Leadership Program session where he participated in a discussion on the role of school board trustee.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume thanked Elaine Poirier and her team for their work on the JK/SK registration program and on the outstanding display at the Devonshire Mall. Director Berthiaume reminded trustees of Janet Ouellette's retirement celebration.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet - No comments this evening.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini distributed note cards created by students of our school system and Walkerville Collegiate in conjunction with the Arts Council – Windsor & Region which are being sold as a fundraiser to help support children orphaned by aids in South Africa.
- Trustee Janisse congratulated Superintendent Iatonna and Supervisor Picard on their new assignments. Trustee Janisse asked to be included as part of the next Muskoka Woods Leadership excursion. Trustee Janisse commented on his interest in bringing his name forward as a nominee for the position of OCSTA Regional Director.
- Trustee Keane thanked Elaine Poirier and the numerous volunteers involved in the JK/SK display at Devonshire Mall.
- Trustee Alexander reinforced Trustee Holland's suggestion of notifying the stakeholders of the decision not to proceed with the roundtable discussion on child care.
- Trustee Holland commented that the Ad Hoc Policy Committee scheduled to be held prior to tonight's board meeting was cancelled and tentatively rescheduled to 5:00 p.m. February 27
- Trustee Courtney inquired into the programs and initiatives to assist schools in providing and / or selling healthy snacks, and inquired into receiving an update as to which schools are offering only healthy snacks.
- Student Trustee Willson briefly commented on the recent Student Senate meeting and reported that he will be attending the Ontario Student Trustees' Association's English Catholic Board Council meeting in Ottawa this weekend.

17. Pending Items
- a. Deferred from June 27, 2005: Board Policy Review Committee – Board Policy Revisions: *A:12 Code of Ethics / Conflict of Interest (Amended Policy)*
 - b. Deferred Motion from October 24, 2006 to February 27, 2007: *“Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board, in adherence with Policy A:21 Child Care, require all daycare service providers housed in Board schools to be not-for-profit, and further, that the Board encourage those daycare service providers that are currently for profit and housed in our system, to complete the conversion process prior to March 31, 2007, after which all contracts for the provision of daycare services by any for profit providers will be terminated and subject to tender, for award and installation by July 1, 2007.”*
18. Continuation of In-Camera – Not required.
19. Future Board Meetings: (unless stated otherwise all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor)
- Tuesday, February 27, 2007
 - ~~Tuesday, March 13, 2007~~ (CANCELLED DUE TO MARCH BREAK)
 - Tuesday, March 27, 2007
 - Tuesday, April 10, 2007
 - Tuesday, April 24, 2007
 - Tuesday, May 8, 2007
 - Tuesday, May 22, 2007
 - Tuesday, June 12, 2007
 - Monday, June 25, 2007
20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2007 adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved.

John Macri
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer