



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre**  
**John Paul II Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

F. Alexander	P. Keane
M. DiMenna	J. Macri, Chair
B. Holland ( <i>via teleconference</i> )	S. Porcellini
C. Janisse	L. Soulliere
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
N. Bradley, Student Trustee	
C. Resendes, Student Trustee	

**Regrets:**

J. Courtney, Vice-Chair

**Administration:**

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	J. Bumbacco
C. Geml	K. Gignac
M. Iatonna	R. Limarzi
P. Picard	P. Littlejohns
M. Seguin	R. Mousaly
L. Staudt	R. Sasso

**Recorder:**

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Courtney attended the Committee of the Whole In-Camera meeting and sent regrets for the Regular Meeting due to illness. Trustee Holland participated electronically.
4. Approval of Agenda  
**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the September 11, 2007 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. Carried.**

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda – None.
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. – None.
7. Presentations
  - a. Blessing and Commissioning of 2007 – 2008 Student Trustees

Fr. Brunet, Board Chaplain, performed a Commissioning and Blessing of the 2007-2008 Student Trustees Nerissa Bradley and Chynna Resendes as they commence their duties.
  - b. Principals' Mentoring Program

Velma Cocchetto-Picco, Principal was in attendance to present an overview of the new Principal Mentoring Program that has been created to support the development of school and system leaders in order to enhance student achievement through quality Catholic leadership and instruction.
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, August 28, 2007  
**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of August 28, 2007 be adopted as distributed. Carried.**
    - ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 28, 2007  
**Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 28, 2007 be adopted as distributed. Carried.**  
Abstained: Trustee Soulliere.
  - b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of September 11, 2007

Trustee DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board re-convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on August 28, 2007 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to receive legal advice, to consider specific personnel, real property matters, labour relations and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Trustees Macri, Porcellini and Holland declared a conflict of interest during the August 28, 2007 In-Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion items.

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**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its reconvened in-camera meeting of August 28, 2007 and its in-camera meeting of September 11, 2007 be approved.**

*Carried.*

Trustee DiMenna made the following announcement from the September 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting:

- Approval of a remuneration adjustment for the position of Controller of Finance.

10. Communications

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry) – None.

b. Internal (Reports from Administration)

i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the *Administrative Staff Report* on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated September 11, 2007 for information. *Carried.***

ii) Report: Long Term Accommodation Study (Watson & Associates) – Status Reports

Superintendent Iatonna reported that the timelines for the development and receipt of the Long Term Accommodation Study from Watson & Associates has been extended to mid-October due to extenuating circumstances. Recommendations regarding the identification of feeder schools will be finalized prior to the distribution of secondary option sheets.

**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive as information the report on the revised timelines for the Long Term Accommodation Study (Watson & Associates). *Carried.***

iii) Report: 2007 – 2008 Operating Budget Update

Superintendent Iatonna presented an update on the Board's 2007/2008 Budget to reflect the changes announced by the Ministry in their Memo 2007 B9, issued on August 14, 2007. On June 29, 2007, the Board filed its Original Estimates with the Ministry of Education and the operating revenues at that time were \$206,234,561. The August 14<sup>th</sup> announcement indicated that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board would receive an additional \$2,002,015 thereby increasing revenues to \$208,236,576. Administration will provide a future report providing recommendations for the disposition of the additional

funding once the final 2006/2007 Budget position is determined and once the Ministry advises regarding the funding of currently unfinanced long-term debt.

**Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the Board receive the 2007/2008 Budget Report as information. Carried.**

- iv) Verbal Report: St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School – Prohibitive to Repair Status Report

Director Berthiaume reported that administration is continuing to pursue the issue of the St. Bernard prohibitive to repair application with Ministry officials. The Ministry has indicated that the Prohibitive to Repair School Review Process is still in process for several schools across the province. Administration will seek verification of a possible moratorium on announcements pertaining to schools that have been identified as prohibitive to repair until after the October election has been held.

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

- a. Field Trips:

- i) Muskoka Woods Secondary Leadership Experience

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the Muskoka Woods Secondary Leadership Experience field trip of October 29 – November 2, 2007 for the following secondary schools: Assumption College School, F.J. Brennan Catholic High School, Cardinal Carter Catholic High School, Catholic Central High School, Holy Names Catholic High School, St. Anne Catholic High School, St. Joseph's Catholic High School, St. Michael's Alternative High School and St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic High School. Carried.**

13. Committee Reports

- a. Report: City / School Board Liaison Meeting of June 27, 2007 (J. Berthiaume)

Administration will place the topic of Infill Housing for the City of Windsor core area on the next City / School Board Liaison meeting agenda.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board receive the draft Minutes of the June 27, 2007 City and School Boards Liaison Committee Meeting as information. Carried.**

14. Notice of Motion – None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri – No comments this evening.

- b. Director of Education Berthiaume commented on a recent announcement from the Ministry related to funding for a supervisor's position to support the internal capacity building process for

literacy and numeracy initiative. Director Berthiaume commended the system on the smooth start to the new school year and indicated that a detailed report will be coming to the Board on staffing, enrolment numbers and the pupil: teacher ratio (PTR) at each school following September 30. Director Berthiaume extended a welcome to new Student Trustees Resendes and Bradley.

c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet - No comments this evening.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini extended a welcome to the student trustees, the new vice-principal at Immaculate Conception and the new principal at St. Anne French Immersion.
- Trustee Alexander presented his concerns and the concerns of his constituents around the deteriorating condition of St. Bernard school and the lack response from the Ministry regarding the board's application for identifying the school as prohibitive to repair. Trustee Alexander summarized the actions of the community and the Board over the past four years to meet several information requests from the Ministry to complete the provincial review process. Trustee Alexander urged local provincial politicians to provide a definitive answer to the school community so that the students of St. Bernard school can be provided with a clean and safe learning environment.
- Student Trustee Resendes expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a student trustee.

17. Pending Items – None.

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, September 25, 2007
- Tuesday, October 9, 2007
- Tuesday, October 23, 2007
- Tuesday, November 13, 2007
- Tuesday, November 27, 2007
- Tuesday, December 4, 2007 (Organizational Meeting – 7:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, December 11, 2007

20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of September 11, 2007 adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Approved.*

**John Macri**  
*Board Chairperson*

**Joseph Berthiaume**  
*Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer*