



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue  
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6

CHAIRPERSON: Fred Alexander

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
John Paul II Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

F. Alexander, Chair	P. Keane
J. Courtney	J. Macri
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse	

M. Colman, Student Trustee  
L. Limarzi, Student Trustee  
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

**Regrets:**

**Administration:**

P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne
J. Bumbacco	P. Murray
C. Geml	S. O'Hagan-Wong
M. Iatonna	J. Shea
J. Braid	M. Seguin
P. Littlejohns	J. Ulicny

**Recorder:** B. Marshall

1. Call To Order - Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance - All trustees present.
4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the October 26, 2010  
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

*Trustee Alexander and Trustee Porcellini introduced trustee elect Bernie Mastromattei.*

7. Presentations:
  - a) System Staffing and Initiatives - Student Achievement K-12

Superintendent Geml introduced staff members from the following areas: Consultants, Educational Program - Other Staffing namely Student Work Study, Homework Study, and Board Strategy Team, English as a Second Language Teachers and Supervisors.

8. Delegations: None
  - a. Delegation Regarding Items Not on the Agenda
  - b. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda

9. Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Minutes
    - i) Minutes of In-Camera Meeting, October 12, 2010

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 12, 2010 be adopted as distributed. *Carried***

- ii) Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 12, 2010

**Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Porcellini that the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 12, 2010 be adopted as distributed. *Carried***

- b. Items from the convened In-camera meeting October 26, 2010

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board meeting on October 26, 2010 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, potential litigation matters and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

As a matter of record, Trustee Macri disclosed interest in an item discussed at the October 12, 2010 In-Camera Session and further indicated he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Keane that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of October 26, 2010 be approved. *Carried***

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

from the October 26, 2010 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting

- receipt of the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, leave of absence, return from leave of absence, retirement and resignation of staff, dated October 26, 2010
- a verbal report on potential litigation matters affecting the Board
- the appointment of Marisa Wismer to Vice Principal effective October 27, 2010

10. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum, dated October 14, 2010 Request for Information re: Municipal Election Problems resulting from inaccuracies in voters' list

Trustee Soulliere requested administration to contact area municipalities to obtain the total amount of inaccuracies in the voters' list and inform trustees via email. Superintendent Iatonna will also respond to OCSTA.

**Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the Memorandum, dated October 14, 2010 re: Request for Information re: Municipal Election Problems resulting from inaccuracies in voters' list as information. Carried.**

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

**Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of staff dated October 26, 2010 as information. Carried**

- ii) Report: Legal Services - September 2010

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the report Legal Services – September 2010 as information. Carried**

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

a. Field Trips:

- i) Report: Assumption College Secondary School - Field Trip to Nashville, TN April 14-17, 2011

**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the Assumption Secondary School field trip to Nashville, TN from Thursday, April 14 to Sunday, April 17, 2011. Carried**

- ii) Report: St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School - Field Trip to France, Italy and Greece, March 10-22, 2011

**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School field trip to France, Italy and Greece, from Thursday, March 10 to Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Carried**

- iii) Report: St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School - Field Trip to Ottawa, Ontario November 27 to December 4, 2010

**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board approve the St. Joseph Catholic High Schools' Field Trip to Ottawa, Ontario from Saturday, November 27, 2010 – Saturday, December 4, 2010. Carried**

- b. Report: Board Policy Review (*final approval*) Amended Policy A:08 Board Name and Corporate Status and Amended Policy A:11 Naming of Schools

**Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board provide final approval to Draft Amended Board Policy A:08 Board Name and Corporate Status.**

**and, that the Board provide final approval to Draft Amended Board Policy A:11 Naming of Schools. Carried**

- c. Report: Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) 2010-11 Membership Fees

**Moved by Trustee Macri and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board renew its annual membership with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) and that payment for the 2010-11 membership fees in the amount of \$78,302 be funded with \$73,000 from the 2010-11 approved budget (Acct. No. 31-701000-6-000) and \$5,302 to be added to this account from other sources, at the time of the submission of the 2010-11 Revised Estimates. Carried**

13. Committee Reports:

- a. Report: City and Schools Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2010

**Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Macri that the Board receive the draft Minutes of the May 27, 2010 City and School Boards Liaison Committee Meeting as information. Carried**

- b. Report: High School Council Meeting Notes of June 3, 2010

**Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Macri that the Board receive the report for the June 3, 2010 High School Council meeting as information. Carried**

14. Notice of Motion: None

15. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson Alexander enjoyed his visit to Muskoka Woods and complimented and congratulated the organizers of this worthwhile event and also congratulated and thanked trustees for their contribution over the years.
  
- b. Interim Director of Education Picard provided comment on recent activities supporting the Board's strategic priorities namely;  
*Employee Development and Student Achievement:* Mentoring for newly appointed School Leaders and Principals continues as well as Academic and Support Staff Leadership programs and Family of schools meetings have been begun under the direction of Assistant Supervisory Officers.  
*Community Engagement and Partnerships:* Attended the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting yesterday.  
*Celebrating Achievements:* Tyler Girard, a 16-year-old Holy Names high school student was a recipient of the Rev. Dr. W. Kenneth Jaggs Community Award this year. Tyler has been volunteering with the Canadian Cancer Society for the last six years; Lauren Miceli is a Grade 11 student in the International Baccalaureate Program at Assumption. She has been awarded the Youth Volunteer Leadership Award from the Provincial office of Autism Ontario for her countless hours of volunteering.  
*Miscellaneous:* Welcomed newly elected Bernie Mastromattei and congratulated all trustees who are returning and those who chose to run for other offices; Director and Superintendents visiting schools during the next two weeks; Attending the English Catholic Council of Ontario Directors of Education (ECCODE) Conference in Toronto next week; The Annual Employee Long Service Banquet has been scheduled for Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ciociaro Club - trustees are encouraged to attend to share in this important celebration of our employees' milestones; The elementary soccer finals were held last week; The high school SWOSSA Cross Country meet is scheduled for tomorrow; Elementary Cross Country Divisional Meets are being held Tuesday through Thursday. This year we had three hundred more participants than last year, a total of 2800 students participating including 5 students with various exceptionalities. All this is due to the phenomenal efforts of the teachers and educational assistants that coach our school teams.
  
- c. Board Chaplain Brunet congratulated returning trustees and trustees elect.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Janisse congratulated returning trustees and trustee elect Jim McMahon.

Trustee Holland commented on the Bishop's dinner and the possibility of the Salvation Army closing its door due to a lack of funds. She requested the Catholic School Board staff, once again, support those who are in need through a monetary contribution.

Trustee Soulliere congratulated all trustees.

Trustee Keane attended the Memorial Mass for Fr. Cullen and commented on the success of the Shout Out program.

Trustee DiMenna praised the staff and students of Queen of Peace for their four years of fundraising to build a school sponsored by Free the Children.

Trustee Porcellini congratulated her colleagues.

Trustee Macri congratulated trustees elected and commented on the lack of trustee media coverage on Election Day.

Trustee Courtney mentioned it was an honour to work with those trustees not returning, wished them all the best and congratulated trustees re-elected and new trustees.

Student Trustee Colman commented on the Speak Out grants and the November 8 coterminous boards meeting.

Student Trustee Limarzi also congratulated re-elected trustees, Tyler Girard and Laura Miceli and mentioned a number of students attended the Excellence in Leadership seminar.

17. Pending Items
  - a. Draft Board Policy H:07 Selection Process - Principals and Vice Principals (*deferred March 10, 2009*)
  - b. Deferred Report: Play Surface Material Standard – Rubber (*deferred from April 28, 2009*)
18. Continuation of In-Camera, if required. - 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 with the In-Camera Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the Public Session beginning at 7:00 p.m.*
  - Tuesday, November 9, 2010
  - Tuesday, November 23, 2010
  - Tuesday, December 7, 2010 (*Mass at 6:45 p.m., Organizational Meeting - 7:30 p.m.*)
  - Tuesday, December 14, 2010
20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
21. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of October 26, 2010 adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

*Approved*

**Fred Alexander**  
Board Chairperson

**Paul A. Picard**  
Interim Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer