



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue
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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Board Room**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees: F. Alexander B. Mastromattei
F. Costante L. Soulliere
M. DiMenna, *Vice-Chair* S. Tope
F. DiTomasso F. Valentinis
B. Holland, *Chair*

S. Binjamin, Student Trustee
L. Zovko, Student Trustee

Regrets: Rev. L. Brunet

Administration: P. Picard (Resource) S. Fields G. McKenzie
T. Lyons D. Fister C. Norris
E. Byrne J. Ibrahim M. Seguin
P. King J. Ulicny
R. Lo Faso

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:21 pm.

Chair Holland welcomed members in the audience and delegations.

Chair Holland thanked Constable Danby and Constable Armstrong and Paladin Security for assisting with this evening's meeting.

2. Opening Prayer – Trustee Alexander opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All Trustees present. Fr. Brunet sent his regrets due to his vacation.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Tope that the October 25, 2016 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. Carried

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.: *None*
6. Presentations: *None*
7. Delegations:
 - a. Don Ouellette, Parent of Holy Names Catholic High School students to speak to fairness of secondary school busing.

Addressing fairness and equity, Mr. Ouellette suggested charge every bus user in the district of any grade a fee to ride a bus to school. This fee would be based on the difference of the total cost of busing minus the budget supplied by the Ministry divided by all the users of the bus system. If the Board wishes to restrict the paying users to secondary only, that too would be acceptable.

- b. Raymond Hoang, Community Member would like to give support to the motion and suggest the school board make the bus pass a part of the registration fees.

Mr. Hoang suggested, similar to a student's education, busing should be a right and not a privilege.

8. Action Items:
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of September 13, 2016

Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of September 13, 2016 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 27, 2016

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 27, 2016 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 11, 2016

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on October 11, 2016 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, labour relations matters and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Trustee DiTomasso declared a conflict of interest during the In-Camera Session and excused himself from the relevant discussion items.

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its in-camera meeting of October 11, 2016 be approved. *Carried*

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

From the October 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

- Approved Cafeteria and Vending Services Agreement – ARAMARK Canada Ltd;
- Received a verbal report on Audit Committee Meeting of September 21, 2016 public and in-camera items;
- Received the Audit Committee Annual Report to the Board of Trustees;
- Approved the 2015-16 External Audit Plan; and
- Approved the 2016-17 Internal Audit Planning.

9. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)

- i) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum dated September 26, 2015: Trustee Award of Merit

Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Costante that Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Memorandum dated September 26, 2015: Trustee Award of Merit be received as information. *Carried*

- ii) Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum, dated September 26, 2016: 2017 AGM & Conference Resolutions

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum, dated September 26, 2016: 2017 AGM & Conference Resolutions be received as information. *Carried*

- iii) Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum, dated September 28, 2016: 2017 Student Trustee Alumnus Award

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum, dated September 26, 2016 re: 2017 Student Trustee Alumnus Award be received as information; and

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board nominate former Student Trustee Luke Willson for the OCSTA Student Trustee Alumnus Award. *Carried*

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

- i) Report: Enrolment/Staffing School Organization Information for Elementary and Secondary Schools September 2016

Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board receive the report Enrolment/Staffing School Organization Information of our Elementary/Secondary Schools – September 2016 as information. Carried

10. Committee Reports: *None*

11. Unfinished Business:

a. Notice of Motion from the September 27, 2016 Regular Board meeting:

Trustee Costante presented a friendly amendment to the motion. Discussion and debate was held on concerns and issues brought forward by the delegations, the role of the Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) consortium and the Board's fiscal responsibility. The amended motion was defeated.

AMENDED MOTION: Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee Valentinis that Administration request the Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) consortium negotiate with Transit Windsor bus passes for those secondary students residing in the City of Windsor, who require passes; and

THAT the cost be shared between the students and their respective boards. *Defeated.*

ORIGINAL MOTION: Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that Administration request the Windsor Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) consortium negotiate with Transit Windsor bus passes for those secondary students residing in the City of Windsor, who require passes, at the reduced cost of \$48.40; and

THAT the cost be equally shared between the students and their respective boards.
Defeated

12. New Business:

a. Report: Tender Approval - New St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Tope that approval be given to the award of tender and the issuance of a purchase order contract for the construction of a new Catholic Elementary School to Wincon Construction 1986 Inc. in the amount of \$7,570,931.00 plus HST. Carried

b. Report: Snow Removal Services 2016-17

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that approval be given to the extension of the existing 2 year arrangement with Landscape Effects Group, Quality Turf and Creative Homescares for the provision of snow and ice removal for an additional one year term for the 2016/17 season, as a charge to Snow Removal account 000-40-430032-6-000. Carried

13. Notice of Motion: *None*

14. Remarks and Announcements:
 - a. Chairperson of the Board – No comments this evening.
 - b. Director of Education – No comments this evening.
 - c. Board Chaplain - Absent

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Alexander thanked the Ministry of Education and Trustees for their unwavering support for the new St. Bernard school. Trustee Alexander also thanked administration, the Director, taxpayers and especially former Executive Superintendent of Corporate Services Mario Iatonna for the incredible amount of work on this project.

Trustee Costante commented on the Parent Involvement Committee's post secondary night event held at St. Clair College.

Student Trustee Benjamin informed Trustees of the following high school events:

- Second senate meeting was held at Student Trustee Zovko's home on October 19th. All high schools representatives were present.
- F. J. Brennan and Cardinal Carter started their first Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs.
- Holy Names hosted their first pep rally of the year, and even due to current circumstances, spirits were positive and uplifting.
- Due to the inability to host a blood drive at the school, St. Joseph's is planning to donate blood on October 28th at the Red Cross.

Student Trustee Zovko commented on the following:

- Although some ideas and negotiations for future events such as school dances and fundraisers have been temporarily halted, our student senate and student councils are fully functioning and acting positively.
- Plans for Faith Day continue to be underway, and dates for the Faith Day video filming and editing have been set. The theme of the video, as well as Faith Day activities will play into the theme of Catholic Education (Walking Together in the Light of Christ).
- In conclusion, regardless of the current circumstances, our student councils and student bodies are moving forward in a positive manner to support our staff and school board.

16. Pending Items: *None*

17. Future Regular Board Meetings: *Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre - 1325 California Avenue, Windsor beginning at 7:00 p.m.*

- Tuesday, November 22, 2016
- Tuesday, November 29, 2016 – *Trustee Organizational Meeting, 7:30pm start*
- Tuesday, December 13, 2016
- Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017
- Tuesday, March 28, 2017
- Tuesday, April 25, 2017
- Tuesday, May 23, 2017

- Tuesday, June 13, 2017
- **Monday**, June 26, 2017

Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions).

18. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required: *Not Required.*
19. Closing Prayer – Trustee Alexander closed the meeting with a prayer.
20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of October 25, 2016 adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Original signed by B. Holland and P. Picard

Barbara Holland
Chairperson of the Board

Paul A. Picard
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board