BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2017

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD IN-CAMERA REPORT:

(*Meetings of a Committee of the Board, including a Committee of the Whole Board, may be closed to the public in accordance with the Education Act. The Board meets in Committee of the Whole, private session, when the subject under consideration involves: the security of the property of the Board; the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee of the board or a pupil or his/her parent or guardian; the acquisition or disposal of a school site; decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; and litigation affecting the board.*)

The Board of Trustees approved the recommendations and directions of the Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera session of April 11, 2017. The following recommendations were received:

- A verbal report on the Audit Committee Meeting of March 30, 2017 both public and in-camera items.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Presentations:
The Arts – Assumption Music Program
The Assumption College Catholic High School Music program is under the direction of Mr. Brian Zanier, a teacher and professional musician who is also a graduate of our Catholic School system. The Assumption music program includes the junior band, senior band, jazz band and choir. They are comprised of students from grades 9 through 12 and come from a variety of academic streams; open, applied, academic and International Baccalaureate. Through their involvement in music, these students continually learn many lifelong skills such as dedication, commitment, perseverance, team work, and the pursuit of excellence. These skills will undoubtedly serve them well in their various career paths and future endeavours.

International Education
Nadia Desjardins, the Board's International Education Coordinator commented that the International Education program has been a priority for WECDSB for more than five years. One third of all Public school boards across Canada are actively pursuing International Education. In June 2015, the Ministry of Education put forth an International Education Strategy and identified International Education as a priority to assist boards with declining enrolment. The Ministry recognized the benefits of this strategy extend beyond the classroom and into our communities, building social, cultural, and economic opportunities.

The Board's decision to target Asia was strategic. In September 2016, the Board had 128 International students, 78 who came from the 4 countries members of administration recently visited. For the past two years, the Board has been actively building relationships with this market.

In order to further strengthen the Board's relationships with our Asian Partners, a face-to-face meeting was essential to reinforce the Board's commitment to the International Education Strategy put forth by the Ministry of Education.

<u>Received the following items for information:</u>
- Community Hubs Capital Funding – Minor Retrofits and Accessibility
- 2016-2017 Second Interim Financial Variance Report
- 2017-2018 Budget Development and Budget Outlook Update
- Verbal Report: Holy Names High School Renovations Update
- Fourth Annual State of the Board Report to the Windsor-Essex Catholic Community
- Strategic Directions and System Priorities for 2017 for the Director of Education and Senior Administration

<u>Received the following items for approval:</u>
- Request For Proposal Approval – Building Automation System – St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Secondary School and St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School
- Regular Board Meetings for 2017-2018 School Year and for the Months of July/August 2017
- 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

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Next Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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