# Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

# Tuesday, April 11, 2006 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
M. DiMenna
S. Porcellini
B. Holland
L. Soulliere

C. Janisse

A. Kishek, Student Trustee

J. Devos, Student Trustee (Alternate)

**Regrets:** L. Willson Student Trustee Designate

Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

P. Marchini, Superintendent of Business

**Administration:** M. Moher (Resource) C. Marier

J. Berthiaume R. Mousaly
J. Ouellette P. Picard
S. Freeman E. Poirier
C. Geml L. Staudt
K. Gignac W. Wong

**Recorder:** D. Steffens

- 1. Call To Order Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 723 p.m.
- 2. Opening Prayer The meeting opened with a prayer.
- 3. Recording of Attendance All trustees present. Fr. Brunet sent regrets. Trustee Janisse entered meeting at 7:32 p.m.
- 4. Approval of Agenda

Chair Macri noted that the handouts pertaining to agenda items 10b(ii) *Director's Annual Report to the Community 2005*, and 12b *Debenture Issue* (previously provided to trustees) are at trustee places. **Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Holland that the April 11, 2006 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed.** *Carried*.

- 5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda None.
- 6. Disclosure of Interest <u>Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</u>. Trustee Porcellini disclosed interest in agenda items 10b(v) *Report: Implementation of Learning Support Team Model of School Organization for 2006/07* and 11c *Verbal Report: Requests for Proposal Benefits Consultant Update*.

#### 7. Presentations

a. Crime Stoppers Presentation to Norm Innocente – Ruth Liebman, Vice-President of Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers, Ken Koekstat, Windsor Police Crime Stoppers Coordinator and Dave Ferris, OPP Crime Stoppers Co-ordinator presented Norm Innocente, law teacher at F. J. Brennan Catholic High School with a plaque in recognition of his on-going support of the Crime Stoppers program over the last 20 years.

*Trustee Janisse entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m.* 

b. H. J. Lassaline Elementary School Wireless Writing Project

Doris Baggio, principal of H. J. Lassaline Elementary School, Jan Semeniuk – grade four teacher and students Sarah Jarvis, Sara Jalalifar, Holly Rivard, Jordan Molloy, Sean Sales, Kenny Manley and Ashley Costello were present to provide a demonstration of the Wireless Writing Project at their school. Parent, Mrs. Manley, indicated that the technology has been effectively integrated into improving grade three student academic performance and learning attitudes as well as increased parent involvement.

c. St. Michael's Alternate Catholic High School – Project Hope

Ron Donaldson, principal and Joe Ibrahim, Site Administrator of St. Michael's Alternate Catholic High School provided an overview of "Project Hope." The initiative was created as part of the Learning-to-18 initiative, whereby former students of the Board who left school early are contacted and offered options to obtain an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

# 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, March 28, 2006

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting of March 28, 2006 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*.

Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 28, 2006

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Holland that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006 be adopted as distributed. *Carried*.

b. Items From In-Camera Meeting of March 28 and April 11, 2006

Vice Chair Courtney reported the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on April 11, 2006 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. Trustee Porcellini declared a conflict of interest in the April 11, 2006 In-Camera Session and excused herself from the relevant discussion item.

Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of April 11, 2006 be approved. *Carried*.

Vice Chair Courtney made the following announcements from the March 28, 2006 In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting:

• appointment of Rosemary Limarzi as Communication Coordinator

Vice Chair Courtney made the following announcements from the April 11, 2006 In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting:

• appointment of Carl Bull as Principal Summer School Program

#### 10. Communications

- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry)
  - i) Deferred Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Resolutions to be Considered at the 2006 AGM (*original document provided to trustees previously*)

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Resolutions to be Considered at the 2006 AGM be received as information *Carried*.

ii) Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Minister's Mini Discussion Paper – "Respect for School Trustees"

Discussion occurred around the tight timelines that the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association were given by the Ministry to gather feedback from around the province and formulate into a collective response back to the Ministry. Discussion also occurred about the disparities of proposed remuneration contained as appendix A of the *Respect for School Trustees* discussion paper. Administration will prepare a letter to be

sent to the Ministry expressing the stance the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has on the proposed limits and distribution of trustee annual honorarium.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Memorandum from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association re: Minister's Mini Discussion Paper – "Respect for School Trustees" be received as information. *Carried*.

- b. Internal (Reports from Administration)
  - i) Report: Administrative Staff Report

    Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the Board
    receive the Administrative Staff Report on hiring, retirement and resignation of
    staff dated April 11, 2006 for information. Carried.
  - ii) Report: Director's Annual Report to the Community 2005

Director Moher commented on the *Director's Annual Report to the Community 2005*. Director Moher provided an overview of the challenges and successes of the school system and conveyed his appreciation to trustees, administration and staff, both present and past, for their support over the past seven years.

- iii) Report: School Council Insurance Coverage

  Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board
  receive the school council insurance coverage report as information. Carried.
- iv) Report: Best Start Capital Plan

Superintendent Ouellette reported that, in 2005, the Federal Government entered into a ten-year agreement with the provinces to develop an integrated early learning and care system. This is known as the Best Start initiative in Ontario. The recently elected Federal Government has just announced its intention to terminate this agreement by March 2007 in favour of a *Choices in Child Care Allowance* to families with children 0-6. Under the initial plan of Best Start, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board would have received 180 child-care spaces in 9 schools with renovations/new construction equalling \$1,796,600. Due to the recent announcement of the Federal government to only agree to honour the Phase I portion of the agreement with the provinces, the local Best Start Steering Committee has had to consolidate the available funds and devise a new plan which would provide the best use of the available funds for capital as well as operational expenses. The following sites belonging to the board have been chosen for full day child-care for school age children (80 child-care spaces) that should be up-and-running by September 16, 2006: Sacred Heart (LaSalle), St. Pius X (Tecumseh), L. A. Desmarais (Windsor) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Windsor).

Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the Best Start Capital Projects report as information. *Carried*.

b. Report: Implementation of Learning Support Team Model of School Organization for 2006/07

Trustee Porcellini declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the recommendation.

Superintendent Ouellette provided an overview of the plan contained in the report and indicated that once school organizations are finalized, a report will be brought back to the Board. Superintendent Ouellette reported that Ministry of Education provincial agreements require school boards to ensure that all teachers have 36 minutes of prep time beginning in September 2006 and 40 minutes per day by September 2007. In addition to this requirement, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board must address the following issues: a minimum of 20 minutes per day of physical activity for all elementary school students; an increase to 40 minutes per day of French as a Second Language instruction for grades 4 – 8; and, implementation of the Education For All document through differentiated instruction and support for all students, including those identified as requiring special education intervention and those who are "at risk" in an integrated setting.

Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receives the report: Implementation of Learning Support Team Model of School Organization for 2006/07 as information. *Carried*.

 Report: Revised Legal Services – January 2006
 Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the report Revised Legal Services – January 2006 be received as information. Carried.

#### 11. Unfinished Business

a. Notice of Motion – Trustee Porcellini: "At the next regular meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that the Board direct Administration to revise policy "ST:11 Medication Administration at School (including Epi-Pen," and the attached "Safe and Healthy School Protocol for Anaphylactic Students," to include regular anaphylactic "drills" in schools, either each semester or each term depending on how the school is administered."

Trustee Porcellini indicated that upon further discussion with administration the issue will be addressed through upcoming policy review and withdrew the notice of motion.

- b. 2006 Capital Plan Special Meeting Date Chair Macri noted that a Special Board Meeting will be scheduled after Easter.
- c. Verbal Report: Requests for Proposal Benefits Consultant Update

  Trustee Porcellini declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the recommendation.

Discussion occurred around the need to revise the timelines contained in the Request for Proposal – Benefits Consultant in order to have the Superintendent of Business present to assist with the process.

Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Janisse board notify the individuals who submitted proposals and inform them of a timeline delay to May 23 due to illness of the Superintendent of Business. *Defeated*.

Director Moher indicated that Chris Erina from the Payroll department could provide administrative resource to the Committee in the absence of Superintendent Marchini.

Moved by Trustee Holland and seconded by Trustee Alexander move deferral for four weeks in which time all who have applied will receive a letter that the RFP Committee will meet in three weeks time to form a shortlist and bring a report for the May 9 meeting. *Carried*.

### 12. New Business

- a. Fieldtrips:
  - Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience Spring 2006
     Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve the 2006 Spring Muskoka Woods Leadership Experience field trip.
     Carried.
  - ii) Cardinal Carter Catholic High School Chicago

    Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board
    approve the Cardinal Carter Catholic High School field trip to Chicago, Illinois,
    Museum of Science and Industry for May 4 to 6, 2006. Carried.
- b. Report: Debenture Issue

Ken Gignac, Controller of Finance reported that on March 28, 2006 Board resolution 2006-01 authorized participation in one or more of the 2006 Offerings by the issue of debentures over a maximum term of 25 years in the maximum principal amount of \$63,000,000 to the Ontario School Board Financing Corporation (OSBFC). The OSBFC in conjunction with CIBC World Markets has completed the sale of 25-year debentures for \$245,000,000 effective April 6, 2006 and maturing April 2031. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board has been advised that their proportionate share of the debenture issue is \$45,000,000. The next debenture will include the additional \$18 million plus any difference in actual building cost estimates for the two new high schools.

Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the Board approve Bylaw 2006-01 (deemed to be read three times) to authorize the issue of 25-year amortizing debentures Series 2006-A1 in the aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000 for various permanent improvements. *Carried*.

#### **BY-LAW NUMBER** 2006-01

A by-law to authorize the issue of 25 year amortizing debentures (Series 2006-A1) in the aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000 for various permanent improvements.

WHEREAS Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation ("OSBFC") has been incorporated as a non-share capital not-for-profit special purpose corporation to purchase debentures and other prescribed instruments issued by Ontario school boards ("Boards") and to sell undivided co-ownership interests in such debentures and other prescribed instruments;

**AND WHEREAS** CIBC World Markets Inc. ("CIBC World Markets") has been appointed to assist OSBFC in connection with OSBFC's offerings to the end of the 2006 calendar year of undivided co-ownership interests in debentures issued by Boards and the proceeds, payments and property received therefrom (individually a "2006 Offering", collectively the "2006 Offerings");

**AND WHEREAS** in connection with the 2006 Offerings two Boards (individually a "**Participating School Board**", collectively the "**Participating School Boards**") have authorized the issue of debentures having a maximum 25 year term;

**AND WHEREAS** the net amount to be received by OSBFC in connection with each of the 2006 Offerings, from the sale of undivided co-ownership interests in the debentures issued by the Participating School Boards (in the case of a debenture issued by a Participating School Board in respect of any series relating to a particular 2006 Offering, a "**Deposited Security**", and in the case of all debentures (of any series) issued by all of the Participating School Boards in respect of such a 2006 Offering, the "**Deposited Securities**"), and the proceeds, payments and property received therefrom (after the payment of the fees to the agent pursuant to the agency agreement entered into in respect of each of the 2006 Offerings), will be applied to pay in full the purchase price payable by OSBFC for the Deposited Securities;

**AND WHEREAS** each Participating School Board is liable only for its obligations under each Deposited Security issued by it and has no liability for the obligations of any other Participating School Board in respect of the Deposited Securities;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to a resolution dated March 28, 2006, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (the "Board") has resolved to participate in the 2006 Offerings by the issue of debentures in the maximum principal amount of \$63,000,000 to OSBFC, or, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Treasurer, in such lesser principal amount as the Treasurer in writing advises CIBC World Markets is appropriate;

**AND WHEREAS** in connection with the 2006 Offerings the Participating School Boards will, on April 18, 2006, issue Series 2006-A1 5.07% amortizing debentures maturing on April 18, 2031 in the aggregate principal amount of \$245,000,000 (the **'Series 2006-A1 Offering'**);

**AND WHEREAS** in connection with the Series 2006-A1 Offering the Board will issue 25 year amortizing debentures (Series 2006-A1) in the principal amount of \$45,000,000 on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 247(1) of the *Education Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, as amended (the "**Education Act**") provides that, subject to any other provision of the Education Act and specifically, the regulations made under subsections 242(1) and 247(3) of the Education Act, a district school board may by by-law borrow money or incur debt for permanent improvements and may issue debentures in respect of the money borrowed or the debt incurred;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board which, under the Education Act constitutes a district school board, has authorized each of the projects described in column 1 of Schedule "A" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law ("Schedule "A"") on the basis of debentures in the respective principal amount set forth in column 3 of Schedule "A" being issued therefor over a term not to exceed 25 years and the Board has specifically authorized each of such projects, pursuant to the respective resolution(s) passed by the Board on the date(s) set out in column 2 of Schedule "A", each of such projects being a "permanent improvement" as defined in subsection 1(1) of the Education Act (individually a "**Permanent Improvement**", collectively the "**Permanent Improvements**");

**AND WHEREAS** the Board desires to issue 25 year amortizing debentures (Series 2006-A1) for the Permanent Improvements in an aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000 as set forth in column 5 of Schedule "A";

AND WHEREAS before the Board authorized each of the Permanent Improvements and before authorizing any additional cost amounts and any additional debenture authorities in respect thereof, the Treasurer of the Board updated the Board's most recent annual debt and financial obligation and liability limits as determined in accordance with the provisions of Ontario Regulation 472/98 and determined that the estimated annual amount payable by the Board in respect of each Permanent Improvement, each such additional cost amount and each such additional debenture authority would not cause the Board to reach or exceed its updated limits, with the result that the Board authorized each Permanent Improvement, each such additional cost amount and each such additional debenture authority without the prior approval of the Minister of Education;

**AND WHEREAS** in connection with the Series 2006-A1 Offering the Board has borrowed money or incurred debt or intends to borrow money or incur debt for the Permanent Improvements in principal amounts at least equal to the respective principal amounts set forth in column 5 of Schedule "A" and the Board desires to issue 25 year amortizing debentures for the Permanent Improvements in the respective principal amounts set forth in column 5 of Schedule "A", in an aggregate principal amount of \$45,000,000 for the said money or debt;

**AND WHEREAS** for the purposes aforesaid it is deemed to be expedient to issue 25 year amortizing debentures (Series 2006-A1) in global fully registered form as one certificate in the principal amount of \$45,000,000 to OSBFC payable in lawful money of Canada on the terms hereinafter set forth;

# NOW THEREFORE THE Windsor-ESSEX CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Board hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the money borrowed or to be borrowed or the debt incurred or to be incurred by the Board in respect of the Permanent Improvements in principal amounts at least equal to the respective principal amounts set forth in column 5 of Schedule "A".
- 2. For the Permanent Improvements, there shall be borrowed upon the credit of the Board at large, the principal amount of \$45,000,000 in lawful money of Canada, and the Board shall issue 25 year amortizing debentures therefor (Series 2006-A1).
- 3. The Chair and the Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized to cause any number of 25 year amortizing debentures (Series 2006-A1) to be made for such sums of money as

may be required for the purposes aforesaid in global and definitive forms not exceeding in the whole the said principal amount of \$45,000,000 (the "said debentures") and the said debentures shall be sealed and signed in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act and the regulations made thereunder. The said debentures shall initially be issued in global fully registered form as one certificate in the principal amount of \$45,000,000 in the name of "Ontario School Boards Financing Corporation", or as OSBFC may otherwise direct, with provision for payment of principal and interest generally by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the registered holder or, if authorized in writing, by electronic transfer, in accordance with the terms thereof.

- 4. The said debentures shall all be dated April 18, 2006 and as to both principal and interest shall be expressed and be payable in lawful money of Canada. The said debentures shall be paid in full by April 18, 2031 and semi-annual instalments of combined (blended) principal and interest shall be payable on October 18 and April 18 (commencing October 18, 2006) in each of the years during the currency of the said debentures as set forth in the amortization schedule set forth in Schedule "B" hereto annexed and forming part of this bylaw ("Schedule "B""). The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of 5.07% on the outstanding principal amount owing thereunder from time to time from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable semi-annually in arrears as part of the instalments of combined (blended) principal and interest payable on October 18 and April 18 in each year of their currency as set out in Schedule "B".
- 5. Interest shall be payable to the date of maturity of the said debentures and shall be payable on default both before and after default and judgment. Any amounts payable by the Board as interest on overdue principal and interest in respect of the said debentures shall be paid out of the Board's Reserve Fund (as defined below), its general revenue or any other available funds.
- 6. The Board shall have, in accordance with the applicable legislation, the right to purchase, in whole or in part, at the office of the Treasurer of the Board, the said debentures, upon not less than 30 days' and not more than 60 days' notice, for a price equal to the greater of: (i) the unpaid principal amount of the portion of the said debentures to be purchased plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and (ii) the Canada Yield Price (as that term is defined in the Offering Memorandum dated April 6, 2006 in respect of the Series 2006-A1 Offering) plus accrued and unpaid interest.
- 7. The Board shall, in accordance with the applicable legislation, allocate all pupil accommodation allocations received under the legislative grant regulations made under subsection 234(1) of the Education Act, except for allocations for school operations, to a reserve fund established only for the purposes of acquiring by purchase, lease or otherwise various prescribed permanent improvements including school buildings, fixtures of school buildings, fixtures of school properties, and additions, alterations, renovations or major repairs to school buildings, fixtures of school buildings or fixtures of school properties (the "Reserve Fund") and each of the Permanent Improvements constitutes a prescribed permanent improvement in respect of which the Reserve Fund is required to be established and the Board shall, subject to the provisions of this by-law and of the Education Act and the regulations made thereunder, pay out of the Reserve Fund the specific sums of principal and interest payable on the said debentures shown for the respective years as set forth in

Schedule "B".

- 8. In accordance with the provisions of the Education Act and the regulations made thereunder, during the currency of the said debentures, the Board shall provide in its estimates for each fiscal year for setting aside out of its general revenue in the fiscal year the amount necessary to pay the principal and interest coming due on the said debentures shown for the respective year as set forth in Schedule "B" and, on or before each due date in each such year, the Board shall pay out of its general revenue the principal and interest coming due on the said debentures in the year. Such sums of principal and interest payable on the said debentures shall be provided for in accordance with subsections 247(5) and (6) of the Education Act. Subject to the foregoing, on or before each due date in each year during the currency of the said debentures, the Board shall pay out of its general revenue the amount necessary to pay the specific sums of principal and interest payable on the said debentures shown for the respective year as set forth in Schedule "B"; but such amounts shall be paid out of the Board's general revenue only to the extent required after taking into account funds available from other sources including the Reserve Fund.
- 9. The appropriate officers of the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Board, an agency agreement between the Board, CIBC World Markets, the other Participating School Board and OSBFC and a purchase agreement between the Board and OSBFC. The appropriate officers of the Board, either individually or jointly, as required, are hereby authorized to complete the sale of the said debentures in accordance with the terms of the said agency agreement, the said purchase agreement and this by-law and generally to do all things and execute all documents and other papers in the name of the Board in order to complete the sale of the said debentures and the seal of the Board may be affixed to any of such documents and papers.
- 10. The proceeds of the sale or hypothecation of the said debentures, after providing for the discount, if any, and the expenses of the negotiation and sale thereof, shall be applied to the Permanent Improvements in respective principal amounts which do not in any case exceed the respective principal amounts set out in column 3 of Schedule "A" and to no other purpose except as permitted by the Education Act and the regulations made thereunder.

#### 13. Committee Reports

a. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of February 9, 2006

Trustee Soulliere referred to page 2 of the SEAC Minutes indicating that the motion pertaining to a letter to the Ministry of Education's working table has been deferred pending notification of Working Table's recommendations for Special Education funding.

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Holland that the Board receive the minutes of the February 9, 2006 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried*.

#### 14. Notice of Motion

• Trustee Courtney - "At the next regular meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved, that Administration create a policy that will comprehensively outline our Board's commitment

to the purchase of clothing that is manufactured solely in fair-labour factories. The policy would also include our expectations from area suppliers, with an understanding that any retailer who does not provide authentic documentation to verify that their merchandise is "sweat-free" would not have their contract renewed."

#### 15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri indicated that this is Director Moher's last Board meeting and presented him with a token of appreciation for his leadership, dedication and commitment to ensure the future viability of Catholic education in Windsor and Essex County.
- b. Director of Education Moher No comments.
- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet sent regrets.

# 16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Individual trustees congratulated Director Moher upon his retirement, expressed their appreciation for all that he has done over the past seven years in making this one of the best school boards in the province and wished he and his family all the best.

- Trustee Porcellini congratulated Windsor-West MPP, Sandra Pupatello in her new appointment as Minister of Education. Trustee Porcellini congratulated Mr. Cowan for his successful Art Show at St. Angela Catholic Elementary School. Trustee Porcellini congratulated Rosemary Limarzi upon her appointment as Communications Coordinator for the Board. Trustee Porcellini commented on Lionel Davis' presentation at Catholic Central High School and congratulated all involved in organizing the visit.
- Trustee Janisse suggested that a letter be sent letter to the new Minister of Education congratulating her on her appointment and inviting her to a meeting with the board to discuss local education issues.
- Trustee Keane congratulated Elaine Poirier for her work on the Wireless Writing Project. Trustee Keane congratulated Rose Mousaly and members of the Information Technology department for the recent Cyberbullying presentation. Trustee Keane welcomed Rosemary Limarzi to her new position as Communications Coordinator.
- Trustee Holland indicated that, once the two new high schools are constructed, the dedication plaque should recognize all current and past trustees and members of administration who contributed to the process over the past few years and that they are included in an invitation to attend the Blessings and Dedications.
- Trustee DiMenna indicated that St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School has been nominated to begin the application process for a lighthouse school.
- Student Trustee Kishek commented on the Lionel Davis presentations that are taking place at secondary schools across the system. Student Trustee Kishek thanked Trustee Courtney for her Notice of Motion pertaining to "sweat-free" clothing and merchandise.

### 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 for six months from October 25, 2005: Motion by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna "that the Board add two (2) more psychologists to its psychology department for a total of four (4), and that the cost be applied to the general budget to offset the cost of educational assistant lunch supervision to the Special Education budget."
- c. Deferred Motion from February 28, 2006: Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Holland that the administration prepare a comprehensive report detailing the process and procedures that all vendors, contractors, must use in order to become prequalified to be eligible to provide goods and/or services to the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board; and further, that the report will be complete with detailed recommendations outlining a system-wide protocol that must be used by all departments in order to maintain or employ these goods and services.
- d. Deferred from March 28, 2006: Report: 2006 Capital Plan
- 18. Continuation of In-Camera The Board re-convened to In-Camera Committee of the Whole meeting following adjournment.
- 19. Future Board Meetings: (unless stated otherwise all meetings will be held at the Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre 1325 California Avenue, Windsor)
  - Tuesday, April 25, 2006
  - Tuesday, May 9, 2006
  - Tuesday, May 23, 2006
  - Tuesday, June 13, 2006
  - Monday, June 26, 2006
- 20. Closing Prayer The meeting closed with a prayer.
- 21. Adjournment There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2006 adjourned at 9:41 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Approved.

John Macri Board Chairperson Michael Moher
Director of Education & Secretary