



# Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING Tuesday, September 12, 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	J. Macri, Chair
M. DiMenna	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
C. Janisse	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	
L. Willson Student Trustee	

##### **Administration:**

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	S. Freeman
M. Iatonna	C. Geml
P. Marchini	R. Limarzi
J. Ouellette	P. Littlejohns
M. Seguin	P. Picard
L. Staudt	E. Poirier
	W. Wong

##### **Recorder:**

D. Steffens

1. Call To Order – Chair Macri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – All trustees present.
4. Approval of Agenda

Amendments: Chair Macri noted a typographical error on page 8.

**Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the September 12, 2006 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as corrected. Carried.**

5. Questions Pertaining to Agenda – None.
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act – None.

## 7. Presentations

### a. Dr. Jane Goodall Art Contest Winner

Superintendent Linda Staudt provided an overview of Jane Goodall's visit to Windsor which has been organized by the Jazzpurr Society for Animal Protection for September 24, 25 and 26. Dorit Girash, President of the Jazzpurr Society for Animal Protection presented a certificate to Marisa Market, grade 7 student at Holy Name Catholic Elementary School in recognition of being selected as a finalist in the Dr. Jane Goodall Art Contest. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board is a partner to this visit and a selection of both elementary and secondary students will attend Dr. Goodall's lecture at the University of Windsor's St. Denis Centre on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.

## 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 29, 2006

**Moved by Trustee Keane and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the minutes of the In-Camera meeting of August 29, 2006 be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

ii) Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 29, 2006

Amendment: Typographical error on page 8 was corrected.

**Moved by Trustee Janisse and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 29, 2006 be adopted as corrected. Carried.**

### b. Items From In-Camera Meetings of September 12, 2006

Trustee Courtney reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole meeting on September 12, 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. Trustees Porcellini and Courtney declared a conflict of interest during the In-Camera Session and excused themselves from the relevant discussion item.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board at its meeting of September 12, 2006 be approved. Carried.**

Trustee Courtney made the following announcements:

- The appointment of Colleen Norris to the position of Coordinator of Policy Development.
- The extension of retirement for Mary Lou Ouellette, English Department Head for one additional school year.

## 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 12, 2006 for information. Carried.***

ii) Report: Facilities Services Projects Update

Wilfred Wong, Manager, Operations & Maintenance Services provided an update on the approved capital renewal, Good Places to Learn and New Pupil Place Grants, and Best Start Program projects. The report indicated that the previously reported Capital Renewal Grant of \$3,400,000.00 was an estimated value used in the development of the Capital Renewal plan and projects must be reviewed and brought back to the Board for approval to reflect the actual grant of \$3,200,000.00. Facilities Services will follow-up to ensure the satisfactory completion of specific projects of concern raised by trustees, including painting, drainage at St. John de Brebeuf and parking lot concerns at St. Mary.

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Keane that the Board receive the Updated Facilities Services Project List, Summer 2006 as information. Carried.**

iii) Report: County Elementary French Immersion Program Costing

Superintendent Marchini presented the report that indicates, as of the end of August, fifteen students enrolled in the County Elementary French Immersion Program which began this school year at Holy Names Catholic Elementary School. Thirteen of these students were already in attendance at the school, one student transferred from Queen of Peace and one student transferred from Kingsville Public French Immersion Elementary School. Since most of the students enrolled in the program were existing students, the additional costs were minimal and the program is realizing modest net revenue of \$2,255. In response to questions about the less than projected enrolment numbers for the new program, Superintendent Ouellette indicated that some of the early registrants from schools in other areas of the county did not register for September. Superintendent Ouellette further reported that the program is up and running smoothly.

**Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the County Elementary French Immersion Program Costing report as information. Carried.**

11. Unfinished Business – None.

12. New Business

a. Trustee Porcellini's Notice of Motion from August 29, 2006

**Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board, in adherence with Policy A:21 Child Care, require all daycare service providers housed in Board schools to be not-for-profit, and further, that the Board encourage those daycare service providers that are currently for profit and housed in our system, to complete the conversion process prior to March 31, 2007, after which all contracts for the provision of daycare services by any for profit providers will be terminated and subject to tender, for award and installation by July 1, 2007. (Deferred to October 24, 2006)**

Trustee Porcellini provided rationale for this notice of motion indicating that Board Policy A:21 Child Care (A:21) stipulates that child care providers who utilize space within our schools must be not-for-profit child care providers. Trustee Porcellini indicated that there are currently three for-profit child care providers in five schools that are operating contrary to Board Policy. The motion asks the Board to take steps to enforce the Policy by not using taxpayers dollars to subsidize for-profit agencies by reducing their overhead costs and providing exclusive access to parents at the schools. Trustee Porcellini indicated that all child care providers have been notified of the pending notice of motion and that they would continue operating under last year's contracts pending the outcome of the notice of motion. Discussion ensued regarding the advisability of reviewing the current policy first to receive stakeholder input and to ensure it reflects the needs of the school communities, the need to review other instances of private parties making monies in our school to ensure consistency of practice and the need for additional background information on all child care providers in the system prior to the vote on the motion.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna seconded by Trustee Courtney that the motion be deferred and the policy be referred for review by the new Coordinator of Policy Development with a report back to the Board for the first meeting in October. (Motion amended.)**

Following further discussion, a comprehensive administrative report was requested to include a summary of the information annually required from child care providers under Board Policy A:21, whether or not the agency changed their status from "non-profit" to "for-profit" and, if so, the reasons for the change, reasons why the policy was not enforced in the affected schools and the probability of obtaining a "non-profit" provider at affected schools if the motion is approved.

The above motion to defer was amended at the agreement of the mover and seconder:  
**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Courtney that the motion be deferred pending a report from administration at the October 24, 2006 Regularly Scheduled meeting. Carried.**

b. Report: Citizens' Advisory Committee on Trustee Honoraria

Further to the Board report presented at the August 29, 2006 Board meeting, Trustee Courtney reported that the following individuals were selected to participate on the "Citizen's Advisory Committee on Trustee Honoraria." School Council Community Representatives: Grace Crowley, Anna St. Antoine and David Giglio. School Council Parent Representatives: Joseph Bachmier, Larry Verbeke, and Ken Bosse. The Committee will convene in the near future to begin its mandate of developing a recommendation to the Board with respect to trustee honoraria in accordance with Ontario Regulation 357/06 made under the Education Act.

**Moved by Trustee Courtney and seconded by Trustee Janisse that the names chosen for the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Trustee Honoraria for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board be received for information. Carried.**

13. Committee Reports – None.

14. Notice of Motion – None.

15. Remarks and Announcements

- a. Chairperson Macri noted that he was pleased to attend the New Teacher Induction Program Blessing and reception welcoming new teachers to the Board. Chair Macri briefly summarized his discussion with the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees' Association (OCSTA) last week. Items of concern brought forward on behalf of the Board included the level of funding leaving most school boards in a deficit situation, the Ministry's Prohibitive to Repair school listing with respect to St. Bernard Catholic Elementary (Windsor) and disparities between the Trustee Honoraria for public and Catholic trustees.
- b. Director of Education Berthiaume reported that the Board will conduct a media briefing tomorrow at W. J. Langlois Catholic Elementary School to announce the results of the Education Quality and Accountability's Office (EQAO) provincial assessment of Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Director Berthiaume attended the first Mass at the new St. Joseph Catholic High School and visited the new St. Michael Rhodes Campus. Director Berthiaume announced the public consultation process for the boundary reviews of St. Joseph's, St. Anne, and F.J. Brennan Catholic high schools will begin this month. A general information session has been scheduled at the Catholic Education Centre on September 25, 2006, followed by public input sessions at F.J. Brennan on October 16, 2006, at St. Joseph's on October 23, 2006 and at St. Anne on October 30, 2006. Detailed information is available on the Board website at: [www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca). Director Berthiaume reported that he attend the New Teacher Induction Program Blessing and reception welcoming new teachers to the Board and thanked Fr. Burnet for officiating at the Blessing. Director Berthiaume thanked staff and trustees for supporting the recent Hospice of Windsor and Transition to Betterness fundraising events. Superintendent Ouellette commented on the Best Start Program implementation process and indicated that the Best Start Program Steering Committee will remain in place to act as an Advisory Committee on child care centres operating within schools.

- c. Board Chaplain Fr. Brunet indicated that a Mass for trustees and administration will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. in Assumption Chapel. Fr. Brunet distributed copies of an article on multi-tasking entitled “Over worked and Over Booked,” and distributed a copy of Pope Benedict XVI’s recent address to the Bishops of Ontario.

#### 16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

- Trustee Porcellini congratulated St. Angela teacher T. Rankin for completing the Ironman Wisconsin Competition this past weekend. Trustee Porcellini indicated that the Board’s Child Care Committee has reconvened and she looks forward to working with the Best Start Steering Committee on local child care issues.
- Trustee Janisse welcomed Mario Iatonna to his new position and asked for an update on the Good Places to Learn projects that have been initiated since the funding came into place.
- Trustee Keane commended Fr. Paul Walsh, pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Parish, for his commentary in the parish bulletin regarding pastoral references for prospective teachers who attend the Faculty of Education program. Trustee Keane thanked Michelle Maluske from the A-Channel for her September 6 article that completely covered the Board’s concerns about the physical condition of St. Bernard Catholic Elementary School in Windsor. Trustee Keane thanked the Western Region Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario for the Advocacy for Catholic Education in the Community award presented to him over the summer.
- Trustee Alexander welcomed Mario Iatonna and wished him the best as he begins his position with the board.
- Trustee Soulliere indicated she was happy to hear that the Board’s Child Care Committee is reconvening and asked that all trustees be advised of the Committee’s meeting dates and agenda so that they can attend if interested.
- Trustee Holland commented on her visits to the new St. Joseph’s Catholic High School and indicated that all were happy with the state of the art facility.
- Trustee DiMenna thanked Superintendent Marchini for the information he provided regarding the cost of legal services for the 2005 - 2006 school year and asked that the information be provided to all trustees. Trustee DiMenna thanked Rosemary Limarzi for providing Board meeting highlights following meetings.
- Trustee Courtney thanked everyone for their prayers following her recent surgery.

#### 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 from August 29, 2006 to September 26, 2006: Notice of Motion – Trustee Porcellini: *“At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, I will move or cause to be moved that the Board establish a series of oversight committees, chaired by trustees, not limited to budget, capital, etc., to report regularly to the Board in public session.”*
- c. Deferred from September 12, 2006 to October 24, 2006: Motion: *“Moved by Trustee Porcellini and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board, in adherence with Policy A:21 Child Care, require all daycare service providers housed in Board schools to be not-for-*

*profit, and further, that the Board encourage those daycare service providers that are currently for profit and housed in our system, to complete the conversion process prior to March 31, 2007, after which all contracts for the provision of daycare services by any for profit providers will be terminated and subject to tender, for award and installation by July 1, 2007.“*

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 26, 2006
  - Tuesday, October 10, 2006
  - Tuesday, October 24, 2006
  - Tuesday, November 14, 2006
  - Tuesday, November 28, 2006
  - Tuesday, December 5, 2006 (Organizational Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – preceded by Mass)
  - Tuesday, December 12, 2006
  - Tuesday, January 16, 2007
  - Tuesday, January 30, 2007
  - Tuesday, February 13, 2007
  - Tuesday, February 27, 2007
  - Tuesday, March 13, 2007 (tentative due to March Break)
  - Tuesday, March 27, 2007
  - Tuesday, April 10, 2007
  - Tuesday, April 24, 2007
  - Tuesday, May 8, 2007
  - Tuesday, May 22, 2007
  - Tuesday, June 12, 2007
  - Monday, June 25, 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 12, 2006 adjourned at 8:36 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

*Approved.*

***John Macri***  
*Board Chairperson*

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