



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
F. J. Brennan Catholic High School - Gymnasium
910 Raymo Road, Windsor, ON**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander, Chair	P. Keane
M. DiMenna, Vice-Chair	S. Porcellini
B. Holland	L. Soulliere
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

Regrets:

John Macri
Joan Courtney
Chris Janisse
N. Timperio, Student Trustee
J. Wolinski, Student Trustee

Administration:

J. Berthiaume (Resource)	Pat Murray
C. Geml	C. Norris
M. Iatonna	P. Murray
P. Picard	J. Braido
L. Staudt	

Recorder:

C. DiPonio

1. Call To Order - Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustees Courtney, Janisse and Macri sent regrets. Student Trustees Wolinski and Timperio sent regrets due to school and work commitments.
4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Mary DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Lisa Soulliere that the September 28, 2009 Special 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
7. Delegations Regarding Items On the Agenda: None.
8. a. Report: Senior Administration Report and Recommendations Regarding the Accommodation Review Committee East Windsor School Valuation Report and Recommendations (Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernard and St. Jules Elementary Schools)

In accordance with *Board Policy A:05 Pupil Accommodation Review* and the *Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines*, trustees received the senior administration report and recommendations regarding the pupil accommodation review of East Windsor elementary schools (Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernard and St. Jules) that was initiated by the Board through the approval of its 2008 Capital Plan on October 14, 2008.

Superintendent Staudt provided a general overview of the Board Policy and Procedures, indicating an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was established to lead the public consultation process for the three East Windsor schools. Trustee Holland, Chair of the East Windsor ARC, provided an overview of the Committee's mandate, processes and activities to date. Trustee Holland reported the ARC held a series of public meetings to seek community input with the first held on February 26, 2009 and the last on May 20, 2009. In June, the ARC submitted its School Valuation Report and Recommendations to the Director of Education.

Following review of the ARC's School Valuation Report and Recommendations, school community input and consideration of overall system needs, senior administration's recommended the following to address pupil accommodation needs in the East Windsor area:

The Board continue to pursue prohibitive to repair funding for St. Bernard and St. Jules, and St. Bernard, St. Jules and Our Lady of Lourdes remain open pending Ministry funding. If and when Ministry funding is secured for a new building for St. Bernard, the Board shall consolidate Our Lady of Lourdes at the St. Bernard Site, in a new school building to be constructed on city-owned property adjacent to the St. Bernard site, provided a property transaction can be negotiated with the City.

If the Board consolidates Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernard as detailed above, the secondary boundaries shall be adjusted so that the new school community becomes a feeder school to F.J. Brennan High School.

Trustees received clarification on the administrative recommendation brought forward and asked questions regarding the status of Prohibitive to Repair funding applications, the impact of boundary adjustments, the impact of the Ministry's commitment to early learning, and the Ministry support of the Board's final decision of the school accommodation review process.

Moved by Trustee Barbara Holland and seconded by Trustee Soulliere the Board receive as information Senior Administration's Report and Recommendations and the attached School Valuation Report and Recommendations of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) East Windsor;

and, that the Board receive public input concerning Senior Administration's Report and the matters that are addressed in it and in the ARC East Windsor School Valuation Report. Carried.

Chair Alexander noted a follow-up administration report would be prepared which will report on and respond to issues raised by trustees and written input received from the public. The administrative report will be posted on the Board's public website prior to the Board meeting of November 10, 2009, where the Board will make its decision regarding the final school accommodation review recommendations.

9. Closing Prayer - Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.
10. Adjournment - There being no further business, the Special Board meeting of Tuesday, September 28, 2009 adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved.

Fred Alexander
Board Chairperson

Joseph Berthiaume
Director of Education & Secretary-Treasurer