



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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1325 California Avenue  
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6

CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Paul A. Picard

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre  
John Paul II Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT**

**Trustees:**

F. Alexander	B. Mastromattei
F. Costante	S. Tope
M. DiMenna, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	F. Valentinis
F. DiTomasso	
B. Holland, <i>Chair</i>	
J. Bowers, Student Trustee	
M. Diab, Student Trustee	
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain	

**Regrets:**

Trustee Soulliere

**Administration:**

P. Picard (Resource)	E. Byrne	M. Seguin
C. Geml	S. Fields	J. Ulicny
M. Iatonna	P. King	
T. Lyons	R. Lo Faso	

**Recorder:**

B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called this meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Soulliere sent her regrets due to a prior commitment.
4. Approval of Agenda –

**AMENDMENT:**

- **ADDITION:** Item 8a(iii) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of November 24, 2015; and
- Item 8c) Items from the Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting December 15, 2015.

**Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the December 15, 2015 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as amended. Carried**

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.: *None*
6. Presentations:
  - a. Annual Student Achievement Presentation

The Annual Student Achievement Report was presented by Curriculum Consultant Heather Best and Principal Elise Daragon. The report summarized the Board's 2014-15 EQAO results; provided provincial Board comparisons; student achievement initiatives, strategies and supports; and community and parent engagement.

- b. Aboriginal Education within the Board

Superintendent Mike Seguin and Differential Instruction Consultant for Aboriginal Education Melissa Cavallin reviewed the goals laid out in the Charter of Commitment for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education and shared how the Board is currently meeting these goals.

- c. Compassion to Action – Mission to Israel, Austria and Poland

Members of senior administration travelled to Israel, Austria and Poland as part of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies, Compassion to Action. Communications Coordinator Stephen Fields provided the Board with a visual presentation of the journey concluding the need to further educate, share and preserve the memory of the Holocaust and engage our students in dialogue about the dangers of radicalism in all of its forms.

7. Delegations: *None*

8. Action Items:

- a. Previous Meeting Minutes
    - i) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 24, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

- ii) Minutes of the Trustee Organizational Meeting of December 1, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Minutes of the Trustee Organizational meeting of December 1, 2015 be adopted as distributed. Carried**

- iii) Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meeting of November 24, 2015

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the**

**Minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting of November 24, 2015 be adopted as distributed. *Carried***

- b. Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of December 8, 2015 was cancelled.
- c. Items from the Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting of December 15, 2015.

The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Special Committee of the Whole Board meeting on December 15, 2015 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider personal and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Costante that the recommendations and directions of the Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on December 15, 2015 be approved. *Carried***

From the December 15, 2015 Special Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting

- Approved proposal to initiate community partnerships to enhance innovative programming.

9. Communications:

- a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):
  - i) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum Dated May 26, 2015 RE: Charter of Commitment for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education

OCSTA encourages every Catholic school board to adopt this Charter of Commitment for First Nation, Métis and Inuit education. Each Board is doing very innovative work in FNMI education, and therefore adoption of this resolution endorses and highlights that work.

**Moved by Trustee Costante and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board approve the following resolution:**

**Whereas: the Charter is consistent with the goals of our Catholic Graduate Expectations and the doctrine of the Catholic Church and;**

**Whereas: the Charter helps to deepen our understanding and commitment to Aboriginal education and;**

**Whereas: the Charter is fully supported by OCSTA's First Nations Trustees Advisory Council;**

**Therefore be it Resolved That:**

**Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board adopt the Charter of Commitment for First Nation, Métis and Inuit education and that the Charter be recommended**

to the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association for adoption as a National Charter of Commitment. *Carried*

b. Internal (Reports from Administration): *None*

10. Committee Reports:

a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Minutes of October 15, 2015

**Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 15, 2015 as information. *Carried***

11. Unfinished Business: *None*

12. New Business:

a. Report: United Nations International Holocaust Awareness Day

**Moved by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the Board approve the following resolution:**

**Whereas, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a declaration from the Second Vatican Council on Catholic and Jewish relations, with a view to reaffirming and deepening that relationship; and**

**Whereas, a recent poll of Canadians conducted by the Anti-defamation League found 14% of Canadians harbour anti-Jewish attitudes; and**

**Whereas, the Education Act of Ontario stipulates the role of Trustee includes the promotion of a positive and inclusive school climate; and**

**Whereas, the Nazis were responsible for the death, among others, of nearly six million Jews in Europe between 1933 and 1945 in what is known as the Shoah, or Holocaust; and**

**Whereas the awareness of the Holocaust and lessons learned in its aftermath are vital to the humane progression of civilization and should never be forgotten; and**

**Whereas, anti-Semitism continues to be a reality in the 21st century in Canada and around the world;**

**Be it resolved that there be an annual Board-wide recognition of the United Nations International Holocaust Awareness Day (January 27th, on the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, 70 years ago) in all schools, which will include age-appropriate messaging about the Shoah on that day. *Carried***

b. Report: Tender Approval South Evaporative Cooler Replacement – Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that approval be given to the award of tender and the issuance of a purchase order for the south evaporative cooler replacement at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School to Haller Mechanical in the amount of \$187,770 plus HST to be funded from the approved 2015-16 School Condition Improvement Budget. Carried**

- c. Report: 2016 Temporary Borrowing Resolution - Annual Expenditures

**Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board approve the 2016 Temporary Borrowing Resolution (deemed to be read three times) authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$40,592,227 to meet, until current revenues are collected, the current and capital expenditures of the Board for 2016. Carried**

**2016 TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION –  
ANNUAL EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) considers it necessary to borrow the amount of up to \$40,592,227 to meet, until current revenues are collected, the current and capital expenditures of the Board for 2016.

AND WHEREAS the total amount borrowed pursuant to this Resolution together with the total of any similar borrowing is not to exceed the uncollected balance of estimated revenues of the Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time-to-time by way of Promissory Note a sum or sums not exceeding the aggregate \$40,592,227 to meet the current and capital expenditures of the Board until the current revenues have been received and to give on behalf of the Board a Promissory note or notes under the corporate seal of the Board signed by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Board and the Secretary or Treasurer of the Board for the monies borrowed hereunder;

Provided, however, that the interest and any other charges connected therewith do not exceed the interest that would be payable at the prime lending rate on the date of borrowing of banks listed in Schedule 1 to the Bank Act minus 0.25% per annum.

2. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon, all monies comprising the current revenues of the Board hereafter received.
3. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the bank from time-to-time upon request a statement showing the total amount of unpaid previous borrowings of the Board for current and capital expenditures together

with debt charges, if any, and also the uncollected balance of the estimated revenues for the current year or, where the estimates have not been adopted, the estimated revenues of the previous year less any current revenues already collected.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Board duly called and held as aforesaid, which resolution remains in full force and effect unamended on the date hereof.

AS WITNESS, the Corporate Seal of this Board this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

- d. Report: 2016 Temporary Borrowing Resolution - Permanent Improvements

**Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board approve the 2016 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Permanent Improvements (deemed to be read three times) authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$22,342,227 to bridge finance the permanent improvements as detailed of the Board for 2016. Carried**

**2016 TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION –  
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (the “Board”) is permitted to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of Section 247 of the Education Act (the “Act”) for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this Resolution.

AND WHEREAS:

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvements in the amount of \$22,342,227;
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) for a capital loan for the purpose of financing the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the permanent improvements is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$22,342,227 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC.
- 2. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to

give full effect to the Resolution.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Board duly called and held as aforesaid, which Resolution remain in full force and effect unamended on the date hereof.

AS WITNESS, the Corporate Seal of this Board this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

- e. Report: Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2016-2019

**Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board adopt the Multi-Year Strategic Plan, and that administration proceed with overseeing the implementation of its goals and objectives; and**

**As per Board By-Law 4:03, upon receiving the final committee report the Board dissolve the Ad Hoc Multi-Year Strategic Plan Committee. Carried**

13. Notice of Motion: *None*

14. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson of the Board thanked Superintendent Seguin, Religion Consultant Betty Brush and Fr. Brunet for the outstanding School Commissioning Ceremony. Each participant received the guest speaker Katie Prejean's book, compliments of the Parent Involvement Committee.  
Chair Holland wished everyone a peaceful advent season leading to much joy for Christmas.
- b. Director of Education Picard wished everyone a safe, holy and blessed Christmas. Enjoy the time to rest with family and friends. Happy New Year.

Communications Coordinator Stephen Fields commented on the Board's musical video contest which requested schools to make a submission demonstrating their best Christmas spirit using basic musical instruments. The Board would donate \$250 to the winning school's charity of choice. Holy Cross Catholic Elementary School was the winner of the contest. Below is the link to the video:

<https://youtu.be/jHZWGcHXJl8>

- c. Board Chaplain encouraged all to make time to enjoy families and friends during the joyous season.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Alexander wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Tope thanked acknowledged Chair Holland and Vice Chair DiMenna for their leadership roles and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Mastromattei wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Costante wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Valentinis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee DiTomasso wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee DiMenna commented on the Danceology performance at Cardinal Carter Catholic High School and how every year the performances are better with increased attendance. Trustee DiMenna thanked the students and staff for the many hours dedicated each year to this evening.

Student Trustee Bowers commented on recent events that have occurred in the high schools.

Student Trustee Diab commented on Student Senate Day and requested from Trustees ideas or suggestions for this year's theme.

Fr. Brunet congratulated the student trustees on the success of Student Faith Day.

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, January 26, 2016
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016
- Tuesday, March 29, 2016
- Tuesday, April 26, 2016
- Tuesday, May 24, 2016
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (*Additional*)
- **MONDAY**, June 27, 2016

*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 – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

20. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of December 15, 2015 adjourned at 9:10 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*