



THE HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of the General Board Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2010 – 8:00 p.m.
Board Office, Dublin

1. **OPENING PRAYER** – Student Trustee Ben Veldman
2. **CALL TO ORDER & RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**
Trustees – Present
Administration – Present
Recording Secretary – Present
Chaplain – Absent
Press – Absent
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – B. Murray - V. McInnes (CARRIED)
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
5. **PRESENTATIONS**
Virtual Gallery of Hope - A Celebration of Student Artwork - Student artwork continues to be displayed on the Board website to celebrate our Board theme, *Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope*. Superintendent of Education JoAnn MacGregor welcomed student artists from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, St. Columban, St. Joseph's (Clinton), St. Anne's CSS and St. Michael CSS.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – J. McDade - V. McInnes
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7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
8. **REPORTS**

I COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN CAMERA

Motion #09/10-016

M. Miller – R. Marcy

That Gregory McLean be granted approval to participate in the Board's Deferred Salary Leave program commencing September 1, 2010, with his year of leave scheduled for the 2013-2014 school year.

CARRIED

II EDUCATION

The Education Report was presented.

Schools in the Middle - The Schools in the Middle project supports the growth and development of School Improvement Teams (SIT). Each SIT works with the principal to use the results of the school-wide self assessment to review and update the School Improvement Plan. J. MacGregor introduced Learning Coordinator Annemarie Petrasek, Jackie Simpson, Principal of St. Mary's, Goderich, and Laurie Donnelly, Learning Resource Teacher, who made a presentation on school improvement planning.

Blended Learning Project - Blended Learning is defined as using the provincial e-learning resources to facilitate cross-school communication and to complement the instruction to students in regular classrooms. St. Anne's

English Department Head Dan Bodkin has been leading this project. Superintendent of Education Dan Parr introduced Dan Bodkin who, along with several secondary students, shared their learning on this initiative.

III MANAGEMENT

The Management Report was presented.

Motion #09/10-017

R. Marcy – B. Murray

Be it resolved that the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve By-Law 4-2010 - A by-law to authorize a loan from the Ontario Financing Authority in the principal amount of \$866,439.

CARRIED

Motion #09/10-018

R. Marcy – J. McDade

That the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approve the update to the Capital Plan dated March 22, 2010.

CARRIED

Renovations to Jeanne Sauvé School, Stratford - Superintendent of Business Gerry Thuss indicated that the Board has received Ministry approval to proceed with the addition of a two classroom addition and renovations to Jeanne Sauvé Catholic School. Two architect firms have been requested to prepare a fee proposal for the project. Each will be invited to present their proposal to the trustees in mid April with a recommendation to the Board for approval at its next regular meeting.

Operational Review - The Board will be undergoing an Operational Review by the Ministry of Education March 23-25. The review will focus on Governance and School Board Administration, Human Resource Management and School Staffing Allocation, Financial Management, and School Operations and Facilities Management.

2009 - 2010 Interim Financial Report - G. Thuss provided a report on data regarding the second quarter financial position of the Board as at February 28, 2010.

IV PERSONNEL

V OTHER

9. ITEMS FOR ACTION

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Article written by Dawne Boersen in the CODE Chronicles entitled "*Huron-Perth CDSB Embeds Assistive Technology and Differentiated Instruction Within Curriculum and Teacher In-Service*"
- Mass cards and condolences sent were noted.
- Cards of thanks received were noted/
- Infinite Horizons Gifted brochure and schedule was distributed.
- The second annual Director's Symposium will be taking place at the Oakwood Inn Golf Course in Grand Bend on April 15 & 16. The guest speaker will be Father Raymond Carey who will give an energized talk regarding his passion and perspective on the responsibilities of leaders in a Catholic school board.
- The second annual Bishop's Dinner will be taking place at the London Convention Centre on Tuesday, June 8.
- The Catholic School Council Chairs meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27th.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Ministry of Education re 2009 Annual Board Report

12. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

13. **STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS**

St. Anne's CSS – Ellen Tousaw reported on students receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter, One Night Out, student cabinet donating to the Constable Vu Pham charity, interim reports, and sports.

St. Michael CSS - Ben Veldman reported on Pro Life fundraiser, Lenten Masses, Reconciliation, student leaders in leadership forum, interim reports, Gr. 10 Literacy Blitz, sports, St. Michael concert band, and the Sears Drama Festival.

14. **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Highlights of Board Activity

15. **ADJOURNMENT – B. Murray (CARRIED)**

16. **CLOSING PRAYER – Trustee Bernard Murray**