

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting

A special Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

Trustees Present:

Denise Blum; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Joseph Gowing; Judy Nairn; Greg Reitzel; Marion Thomson Howell (Chair)

Student Trustees Present:

Alex Chmura; Thomas Slabon

Administrative Officials Present:

Roger Lawler; Rick Boisvert; Gerry Clifford; Heather Cullen; Shesh Maharaj; Bryan Mahn; Bruce Rodrigues; Glenn Sheculski

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Dave Bennett

Regrets:

Fr. Robert Héту

Recording Secretary:

Barb Pilsner, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. *Call to Order:*

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1.1 -- Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by Pastoral Care Team. Intentions were offered for: Paul Dewitte, teacher at Notre Dame who passed away and Tierney Hunter's mother who passed away

1.2 -- Approval of Agenda

2009-77 -- It was *moved* by **M. da Silva** and *seconded* by **W. Buchholtz**:
THAT the agenda for June 10, 2009 be now approved. -- **Carried by consensus.**

1.3 -- Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.3.1 From the current meeting:

L. Ervin, W. Buchholtz and M. Thomson Howell declared a pecuniary interest with Motion B of the 2009-2010 School Year Budget and J. Nairn declared a pecuniary interest with Motion A of the 2009-2010 School Year Budget

1.3.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

2. *Consent Agenda: Director of Education*

3. *Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees*

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

- 3.1.1 Minutes of Meeting of
- 3.1.2 Items for Action from Previous Meeting
- 3.1.3 Minutes of Task Force on...

4. *Delegations/Presentations*

5. *Ownership Linkage*

6. *Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces*

7. *Board Education*

8. *Policy Discussion*

8.1 – Calendar of events

R. Lawler advised the trustees that Information Technology is working on the development of a calendar for the 2009-2010 school year that will encompass meetings, events and tasks.

9. *Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance*

9.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

NIL

9.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

NIL

9.3 – Advice from the CEO

9.3.1 Presentation of the 2009-2010 School Year Budget

Trustees received the 2009-2010 School Year Budget presented by Senior Administration. Questions were asked after each segment was presented.

M. Thomson Howell asked the Vice-chair to take the Chair to allow her to speak to the break down of the budget motion and declared pecuniary interest.

The Vice-chair took the Chair at 7:55 p.m.

The Director of Education explained that Motion B was specifically developed as a change from the past when the motion only dealt with salary and benefits. Trustees were advised to read the decisions from the Oliver Carroll court case dealing with Municipal Conflict of Interest and seek their own legal advice.

M. Thomson Howell resumed the chair at 8:06 p.m.

Trustees in agreement to add to the pending items of the Committee of the Whole – Continuing Education – ends development and breakdown of budget motion and declared pecuniary interest. The Vice-chair will add transportation cooperative as a resolution to the OCSTA recommendation list.

2009-78 -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:
THAT the trustees extend the meeting by 15 minutes – Carried by consensus

The meeting was extended at 9:00 p.m.

9.3.2 Report on Declining Enrolment Study

Trustees received Phase I of the report on Declining Enrolment Study from Dave Bennett for review over the summer. Trustees in agreement to add the declining enrolment study to the September agenda of the Committee of the Whole or Board of Trustees for further discussion.

9.4 – New Operational Worries

NIL

9.5 – Next Monitoring Assignment

NIL

10. *Board Self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies*

11. *Announcements*

11.1 – Reports Posted on Web Site

The following reports are posted on the Board web page: www.wcdsb.ca

- a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings
- b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meeting of

11.2 – Upcoming Meetings/Events: (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated)

12. *Items For Next Meeting Agenda*

13. *Adjournment – confirm decisions made tonight*

The Recording Secretary of the Board reviewed the meeting decisions.

14. *Motion to Adjourn*

2009-79 -- It was *moved* by **L. Ervin** and *seconded* by **M. da Silva**:

THAT the meeting be now adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:10 p.m.

Chair of the Board

Secretary