A special public meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

**Trustees Present:**
Wayne Buchholtz (Chair); Denise Blum; Manuel da Silva; Louise Ervin; Joseph Gowing; Judy Nairn; Marion Thomson Howell

**Student Trustees Present:**
Alex Chmura; Thomas Slabon

**Administrative Officials Present:**
Roger Lawler; Bruce Rodrigues; Bryan Mahn; Gerry Clifford; Glenn Sheculski;

**Special Resources For The Meeting:**
NIL

**Regrets:**
Fr. Robert Hétu; Greg Reitzel; Bernie Kowalczyk; Helen Mitchell; Heather Cullen; Rick Boisvert;

**Recorder:**
Roger Lawler

**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 6:00 p.m.

1.1 -- **Opening Prayer & Memorials**
The opening prayer was led by D. Blum. Intentions were offered for: Gladys Voisin; Mary Clifford; student killed in Toronto; parent at Our Lady of Lourdes; friend of D. Blum.

1.2 -- **Approval of Agenda**

2008-116– It was moved by M. da Silva and seconded by J. Nairn:
THAT the agenda for September 8, 2008 be now approved. -- Carried by consensus.

1.3 – **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

NIL

**2 Consent Agenda: Director of Education**

NIL

**3 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees**

3.1 **Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings**

3.1.1 – Minutes of regular and special public Committee of the Whole Board meetings – *NIL*
2008-117– It was moved by M. Thomson Howell and seconded by L. Ervin:
THAT that the Board of Trustees Consent Agenda be now approved. -- Carried by consensus

4 Delegations/Presentations

NIL

5 Ownership Linkage

NIL

6 Reports From Board Committees / Task Forces

6.1 – Orientation Package

The draft orientation package will be discussed at the regular public Committee of the Whole Board meeting on September 15, 2008.

7 Board Education

NIL

8. Policy Discussion

8.1 – Board Policies

The Committee of the Whole Board recommends the Board of Trustees approve the following policies on September 29, 2008:

II 003 -- Board Job Description
II 004 -- Advocacy and Advertising
II 005 -- Consultation
II 006 -- Board Members’ Code of Conduct
II 007 -- Role of the Chair
II 008 -- Board Committee Principles
II 013 -- Trustee Expenses
Move I 003 to section II as policy II 006 and renumber the rest.
II 001 -- Global Governance Commitment
I 001 -- Ends statement

9. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

9.1 – Monitoring Reports & Votes on Compliance

9.2 – Challenges to Monitoring

9.3 – New Operational Worries

9.4 – Next Monitoring Assignment

10. Board self-Assessment Against Board Means Policies

NIL
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 Meetings
c) Minutes of Budget Advisory Committee Meetings
d) Minutes of Family Life Advisory Committees.

12. Items For Next Meeting Agenda

Draft monitoring calendar
Work on Board Committees
Discussion on the O Drive
Discussion on Sharing Our Journey survey

13. Adjournment

2008-118- It was moved by M. da Silva:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. -- Carried by consensus

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Chair of the Board                                          Secretary