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CHAIRPERSON: Barbara Holland
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Terry Lyons

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Windsor Essex Catholic Education Centre
John Paul II Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees: F. Alexander S. Tope
F. Costante F. Valentinis
M. DiMenna, *Vice-Chair*
F. DiTomasso
B. Holland, *Chair*

G. Santin, Student Trustee
C. Sloan, Student Trustee
Rev. L. Brunet, Board Chaplain

Regrets: Trustee Mastromattei and Trustee Soulliere

Administration: T. Lyons (Resource) S. Fields C. Norris
E. Byrne M. Farrand M. Seguin
D. Fister J. Ibrahim J. Ulicny
P. King G. McKenzie

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Recording of Attendance – Trustee Mastromattei and Trustee Soulliere are absent due to illness. Trustee Alexander participated electronically.
4. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

Moved by Trustee Tope and seconded by Trustee Costante that the November 28, 2017 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. *Carried*

5. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: None

6. Presentations:

a) The Father Charles J. Armstrong Award – Recipient Denise Hebert

The Father Charles J. Armstrong Award is awarded annually in recognition of an outstanding secondary teacher/coach in the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board.

Father Armstrong's name became synonymous with Assumption College Catholic High School. He was first a student, then a teacher at Assumption for 50 years between 1935 and 1985. He was the school's first athletic director and coached basketball and football winning many city, district and Ontario championships. Throughout his long and fruitful career, Fr. 'Armie' always showed keen interest and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life and inspired many young 'Sparkies' to become the best they could be.

This year's Fr. Charles Armstrong Award recipient is Denise Hebert. Ms. Hebert is currently a teacher and a multi-sport coach at Assumption College Catholic High School. Ms. Hebert's passion for helping students is evident by her generosity of coaching students at other schools as well. Not only does Ms. Hebert coach students in our school system but she also coaches athletes in our community. She has been with the Windsor Legion Track & Field club since the late 1980's. As the throwing coach at the University of Windsor, Ms. Hebert has led many athletes to Provincial and National Championships.

Ms. Hebert has also been on many athletic event organizing committees. She was a member of the 2000, 2005 and 2016 OFSAA Track and Field Championship committee, the 2005 Pan American Junior Athletic Championships, the 2007 National Track and Field Championships and the 2008 Olympic trials. Congratulations Denise Hebert.

b) The Donny Allen Award – Recipient Joni Ouellette

The Donny Allen Award is presented annually to an outstanding elementary teacher and coach in the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board. As a former physical education consultant, Donny Allen believed that every child chosen to be a member of a school team should have an opportunity to play and instituted a participation rule for all elementary sports.

This year's Donny Allen award recipient is Joni Ouellette, a recent retired Principal with the Board. Ms. Ouellette spent her entire career coaching and organizing athletic events for the board. Throughout 30 years of teaching and as a principal, Ms. Ouellette has coached soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field as well as numerous house league programs. Ms. Ouellette's love of children and athletics encompassed her career, spending countless hours in the gym or athletic field. Congratulations Joni Ouellette.

7. Delegations: None

8. Action Items:

a. Previous Meeting Minutes

i) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting of October 10, 2017

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of October 10, 2017 be adopted as distributed. Carried

ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 24, 2017

Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 24, 2017 be adopted as distributed. Carried

b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of November 7, 2017

Vice Chair DiMenna reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a closed Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on November 7, 2017 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, real property matters 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 Alexander that the recommendations and directions of the Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting of November 7, 2017 be approved. Carried

Vice Chair DiMenna made the following announcements:

From the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting:

- Approved the sale of the former St. John Catholic Elementary School, 1920 Grove Ave., Windsor.

9. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry):

i) Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum dated October 25, 2017 re: 2018 AGM and Conference Resolutions

Moved by Trustee Valentinis and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Board receive the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) Memorandum dated October 25, 2017 re: 2018 AGM and Conference Resolutions as information. Carried

- b. Internal (Reports from Administration):
 - i) Report: 2016-2017 Year-End Budget Variance Report

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Costante that the 2016-17 Year End Budget Variance Report be received as information. Carried

- 10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of September 21, 2017

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Tope that the Board receive the Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of September 21, 2017 as information. Carried

- 11. Unfinished Business: *None*

- 12. New Business:

- a. Report: 2016-2017 Fiscal Year-End Financial Statements

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Costante that the Board approve the audited 2016-17 Fiscal Year-End Financial Statements. Carried

- 13. Notice of Motion: None

Trustee Alexander left the meeting at 7:28 pm.

- 14. Remarks and Announcements:

- a. Chairperson of the Board – No comments this evening.
- b. Director of Education Lyons provided a visual presentation on recent activities and upcoming Board events. Photos accompanied Director’s Lyons commentary.

Looking back on our successes...

On November 11th, many of our schools held Remembrance Day ceremonies to honour those who have dedicated their lives to serve our nation. The assemblies and tributes were quite moving.

It was a privilege to be asked to participate in the “sock chain” at Catholic Central High School. The students collected more than 1,500 pairs of socks, hats, and gloves for those in need. You will notice Trustee Mastromattei was part of the “sock chain” that passed the items down the hallways of the school to their final location, where they were picked up by a representative from the Windsor Essex Community Health Centre.

Thank you to the Bellaire Family for their thoughtful and generous donation of \$2,100 to Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School in memory of Norbert Bellaire who recently passed away. Many of you may remember Mr. Bellaire as a Principal or Superintendent of Education who served the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School

Board for over 35 years.

The Board celebrated the second annual Treaties Recognition Week. A display was set up at the Catholic Education Centre to honour the importance of treaties and to help people learn about treaty rights and relationships.

St. Anne Catholic High School hosted the annual Father Cullen Classic on November 20th and 21st. The hockey tournament honours long time Assumption coach Father Cullen. The tournament always provides great hockey for area high school students.

Sponsored by the Parent Involvement Committee, an Information Night was held November 15th at Holy Names High School for students who are interested in post secondary education or apprenticeship programs. As well, there was an opportunity for all Grades 10-12 students to learn more about the Apprenticeship Masonry Program on November 22nd at F.J. Brennan Catholic High School. Parents and students had the opportunity to talk to potential employers and ask questions.

Last week was Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. The Board encouraged students and staff to use the hashtag [#WECDSBStandup](#).... Be the better person and make peace in every situation.

SpeakUp Projects are part of the Ministry of Education's Student Voice strategy. Student Voice aims to promote student engagement and success in Ontario's schools by listening to and learning from students. Refer to the Ministry of Education's website for more information.

Congratulations to the Holy Names High School Football team who are WECSSAA and SWOSSAA champions. As of 6:00pm tonight the team won the OFSAA champions defeating London South 21-17 in the last minutes of the game.

Congratulations to the St. Anne High School Boys Volleyball team. The team was in St. Catherine's last week to compete in the OFSSA championships.

Looking ahead.....

Grade 8 Open Houses will be occurring within our system beginning tomorrow evening. Please refer to the high school or Board's website for dates and times.

Sunday, December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent, a time of spiritual reflection and anticipation. Thank you to principals, teachers and staff who through activities, prayer and celebrations prepare our students during this joyous occasion.

On December 11th, 20 teams of WECDSB high school students will take part in the first ever WEC Incorporated Competition, a Dragon's Den style of pitch competition intended to foster and promote an entrepreneurial spirit among our students. Teams will pitch their ideas to a panel of well known local judges with a chance to win \$2,500 in micro-financing to execute their business plan in a real-world setting. The event will take place at 5:00 pm here in the board room and Trustees are more than welcome to attend.

c. Board Chaplain congratulated Trustee Costante and his new wife Leann on their recent marriage.

15. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Tope thanked Chair Holland for representing the Board at the Bishop's Dinner held October 26th.

Trustee Costante thanked Trustees for the well wishes on his marriage and also thanked Chair Holland for representing the Board at Bishop's Dinner.

Trustee Valentinis congratulated Chair Holland on the Bishop's Dinner; Trustee Costante on his marriage; and the Holy Names High School Football team for winning OFSSA.

Trustee DiTomasso also congratulated Chair Holland for the Bishop's Dinner and Trustee Costante on his marriage.

Trustee DiMenna congratulated Trustee Costante on his marriage. Reminded Trustees of the Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School performance Danceology which is scheduled for December 6, 7, and 8 and encouraged Trustees to attend this great performance.

Student Trustee Sloan recently attended the OSTA-AECO conference and thanked the Board for the opportunity. Also, mentioned Student Senate is going well and Student Faith Day was a success.

Student Trustee Santin praised the Student Faith Day participants and thanked Religion Consultant Betty Brush and Superintendent Mike Seguin for their assistance. Ms. Santin commented on High School Student Councils' upcoming events.

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, December 5, 2017 – (Trustee Organizational Meeting 7:00 pm start)
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017
- Tuesday, January 30, 2018
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018
- Tuesday, March 27, 2018
- Tuesday, April 24, 2017
- Tuesday, May 22, 2018
- Tuesday, June 12, 2018
- **Monday**, June 25, 2018

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 November 28, 2017 adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Original signed by B. Holland and T. Lyons

Barbara Holland
Chairperson of the Board

Terry Lyons
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board