



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

"Building communities of faith, hope and service"

1325 California Avenue
Windsor, ON N9B 3Y6
CHAIRPERSON: Fulvio Valentinis
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Terry Lyons

**SPECIAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Virtual: Google Meet**

LiveStream link is located on the Board's website at:

https://www.wecdsb.on.ca/about/board_meetings

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1. Call To Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Land Acknowledgment
4. Recording of Attendance
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
7. Presentations: *None*
8. Delegations:
By-Law 3:09: Any person(s) wishing to appear before the BOARD and speak to an item appearing on the agenda of the BOARD meeting has until noon the day before the BOARD meeting to make a request to the SECRETARY. They shall explain briefly the matter on which the presentation is to be made, the organization or interested parties to be represented, the identity, and if applicable, the authority of the spokesperson. A Delegation Form, located on the BOARD's website, must be completed and forward to the SECRETARY.
9. Action Items:
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i) Minutes of Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of December 8, 2020 --
 - ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2020 1-7

b. **Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of January 12, 2021** --

10. Communications:
 - a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): *None* --
 - b. Internal (Reports from Administration): *None* --
11. Committee Reports: *None* --
12. Unfinished Business: *None* --
13. New Business: *None* --
14. Notice of Motion:
15. Remarks and Announcements:
 - a. Chairperson of the Board
 - b. Director of Education
 - c. Board Chaplain
16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees
17. Pending Items: *None*
18. 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, 2021
 - Tuesday, February 23, 2021
 - Tuesday, March 30, 2021
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 - Tuesday, May 25, 2021
 - Tuesday, June 8, 2021
 - Tuesday, June 15, 2021*Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm (closed sessions).*
19. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required:
20. Closing Prayer
21. Adjournment

Fulvio Valentinis
Chairperson of the Board

Terry Lyons
Director of Education & Secretary of the Board



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DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT

Trustees:

F. Alexander	B. Mastromattei
K. Bouchard	T. Polifroni
M. DiMenna	L. Soulliere, <i>Vice-Chair</i>
F. DiTomasso	F. Valentinis, <i>Chair</i>
M. Heath	

J. Malott, Student Trustee
R. Oglan, Student Trustee

Regrets:

Administration:

T. Lyons (Resource)	S. Fields	G. McKenzie
E. Byrne	M. Farrand	C. Norris
P. King	J. Ibrahim	J. Tawil
	R. Lo Faso	J. Ulicny

Board Chaplain: Rev. L. Brunet

Others:

Recorder: B. Marshall

1. Call To Order – Chair Valentinis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Opening Prayer – Fr. Brunet opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Land Acknowledgment
While it is a well-traveled land, we would like to respectfully acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi Peoples. We are grateful to work, learn and live in this area.

4. Recording of Attendance – All Trustees are present and participating electronically.
In accordance with amended O. Reg. 463/97 Electronic Meetings and Meeting Attendance, all Trustees and the Director of Education participated electronically.
5. Approval of Agenda – No amendments this evening.

Moved by Trustee Polifroni and seconded by Trustee Mastromattei that the December 8, 2020 Regular Board meeting agenda be approved as distributed. Carried

6. Disclosure of Interest - Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: None
7. Presentations: None
8. Delegations: None
9. Action Items:
 - a. Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i) Minutes of Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of November 10, 2020

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee DiTomasso that the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of November 10, 2020 be adopted as amended. Carried

- ii) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 24, 2020

Clerical error: Item 11a) Report: Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of December 4, 2019. Incorrect spelling of Trustee Heath's name.

Moved by Trustee Heath and seconded by Trustee Bouchard that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 24, 2020 be adopted as amended. Carried

- iii) Minutes of the Trustee Organizational Meeting of December 1, 2020

Moved by Trustee DiMenna and seconded by Trustee Polifroni that the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 1, 2020 be adopted as distributed. Carried

- b. Items from the Committee of the Whole Board In-Camera meeting of December 8, 2020

Vice Chair Soulliere reported that the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board convened a Committee of the Whole Board in-camera meeting on December 8, 2020 pursuant to the Education Act - Section 207, to consider specific personnel, pupil, security of the property of the board, real property, labour relations, potential litigation and other matters permitted or required to be kept private and confidential under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

From the December 8, 2020 in-camera meeting:

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive as information the discussion exempt from access Security of the Property of the Board matters 10a). *Carried*

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee Alexander that the Board receive as information the discussion exempt from access Security of the Property of the Board matters 10b). *Carried*

10. Communications:

a. External (Associations, OCSTA, Ministry): None

b. Internal (Reports from Administration):

i) Report: 2020-21 First Quarter Procurement Report

Moved by Trustee Heath and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the 2020-21 First Quarter Procurement Report be received as information. *Carried*

ii) Report: Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) Annual Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2020

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Heath that the 2019-20 Annual Report from Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services (WESTS) Year Ended August 31, 2020 be received as information. *Carried*

iii) Report: Follow-Up – Board Motion to Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services

Moved by Trustee Heath and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the follow-up report on the motion forwarded to Windsor-Essex Student Transportation Services requesting a change in protocol which would require elementary students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 to wear face masks when riding student transportation. *Carried*

11. Committee Reports:

a. Report: French Immersion Advisory Committee Minutes of November 20, 2019

Moved by Trustee Soulliere and seconded by Trustee DiTomaso that the Board receive the Minutes of the November 20, 2019 French Immersion Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried*

b. Report: Special Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 15, 2020

Moved by Trustee Heath and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board receive the Minutes of the Thursday, October 15, 2020 Special Education Advisory Committee meeting as information. *Carried*

c. Report: Audit Committee Public Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2020

Moved by Trustee Polifroni and seconded by Trustee Bouchard that the Board receive the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 Audit Committee meeting as information. *Carried*

12. Unfinished Business: *None*

13. New Business:

a. Report: Amended Draft Policy ST:26 Concussions, *final approval*

Moved by Trustee Heath and seconded by Trustee Soulliere that the Board provide final approval to Draft Amended Policy ST: 26 Concussions; and

That the Board receive as information Draft Amended Procedure Pr ST: 26 Concussions including Appendix A: Opeha Concussion Protocols and Appendix B: Charts and Forms. *Carried*

b. Report: 2021 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Annual Expenses

Moved by Trustee Mastromattei and seconded by Trustee Bouchard that the Board approve the 2021 Temporary Borrowing Resolution (deemed to be read three times) authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$82,755,905 to meet, until current revenues are collected, the current and capital expenditures of the Board for 2021. *Carried*

c. Report: 2021 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Permanent Improvements

Moved by Trustee DiTomasso and seconded by Trustee DiMenna that the Board approve the 2021 Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Permanent Improvements (deemed to be read three times) authorizing the Board to borrow up to \$64,755,905 to bridge finance the permanent improvements as detailed of the Board for 2021. *Carried*

14. Notice of Motion: *None*

15. Remarks and Announcements:

a. Chairperson of the Board Valentinis provided the following comments:

This Christmas is going to be like no other that we have experienced. I would like to share a quote from Agnes M. Pahro and felt it was appropriate for this year.

“What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future.”

I sincerely wish a very happy, restful and merry Christmas and New Year to my fellow Trustees, administration and all staff of the board. May all of you have a restful, safe and joyous holiday season.

b. Director of Education Lyons provided the following comments:

Virtual Grade 8 Open Houses are continuing and so far have been a huge success. Congratulations to all staff involved in welcoming grade 8 students and their parents. The open

houses not only highlighted the benefits of our academies, IB programs, French Immersion programs, and the unique faith based experience we offer, but also provided students and parents with a better understanding of the many opportunities for success that we present.

Looking ahead, our Santa School Bus rides again. Seven elementary schools have been collecting enough toys and food items to fill three school buses that will be delivered to the Advocating Young Minds resource centre and to the Children's Aid Society on December 10th. Thanks very much to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause.

Perhaps this year, more than any in recent memory, the fundamental message of peace, love and hope that comes with the birth of Christ needs to be shared. So, for this year's annual video contest, we asked our schools how they are sharing the good news by creating a 90-second video focused on the theme: *Keeping the Spirit of Christmas Alive*. One video from each panel, elementary and secondary, was chosen to share with Trustees this evening. The videos were judged on creativity, quality and adherence to the theme.

I'm happy to tell you that fourteen (14) schools participated, and our panel of judges have selected W.J. Langlois Catholic Elementary School and St. Anne Catholic High School as the winners. W.J. Langlois, it should be noted, managed to create an excellent video while they were closed due to a COVID outbreak, and even relied on one of their own teachers, Alysia Therrien to sing and record the song that was used. As we are an inclusive board, our judges were swayed by St. Anne's decision to prominently showcase students in the Life Skills program in their video.

Congratulations to both schools on keeping the spirit of Christmas alive. Each one will receive \$250 to donate to the charity of their choice.

The link to the videos: <https://youtu.be/Whd9vfFeB64>

I too wish Trustees and all staff a merry Christmas and good health and happiness in the new year.

- c. Board Chaplain commented on the love of Christmas, God's love for world, His love for us as human beings but reminded us love requires a response. Fr. Larry encouraged us to find room in our hearts to love God back and thank Him for his tremendous love for us. If you're not able to physically attend mass this Christmas there are many parishes streaming Christmas masses live. Merry Christmas to all of you.

16. Remarks/Questions by Trustees

Trustee Alexander wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a restful, peaceful New Year.

Trustee Bouchard wished everyone a very merry, healthy, relaxing and safe Christmas. Be well with those you love in your bubble.

Trustee Mastromattei mentioned it certainly is an extremely different journey but we've been on this journey together. Merry Christmas to all and safe, restful New Year.

Trustee Polifroni also wished fellow Trustees, the board, teachers, parents and the community a Merry Christmas and stay safe. He also wished Trustee Mastromattei a happy birthday.

Trustee Heath wished all a Merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year.

Trustee DiMenna wished all staff and their families a Merry Christmas; please stay safe during the holidays.

Trustee DiTomasso wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe, healthy New Year. Thank you administration for all that you have done this past year.

Vice Chair Soulliere also wished all a very Merry Christmas; it certainly will be a different holiday season and let us focus on our immediate circle. Merry Christmas to all.

Student Trustee Malott provided the following comments:

- Schools are getting busy with their Christmas events and activities this and next week. St. Joseph's and F.J. Brennan are planning to host a virtual Father Zakoor Cup game, where girls and boys from the hockey teams can play NHL-20 on their home gaming consoles. The games will be broadcasted for students to watch live with commentary from coaches and other school staff;
- St. Anne is running a 12 days of Christmas event where each day is a different activity;
- Holy Names is preparing Christmas candy grams;
- Assumption and F.J. Brennan are in early planning stages of a Christmas food drive with extra COVID precautions. Drop offs will take place outside of the school; and
- St. Thomas of Villanova is hosting a virtual Christmas party with their life skills classroom next week.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.

Student Trustee Oglan

- Student Senate has now set an official date for our annual Faith Day deciding on January 11, 2021, and a backup date of February 8, 2021 should it be necessary to change the date.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all and pray 2021 is a better year.

17. Pending Items: *None*

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19. Adjourn to In-Camera meeting, if required: Not Required

20. Closing Prayer – Fr. Brunet closed the meeting with a prayer.

Chair Valentinis thanked everyone for their contribution and outstanding work. He hopes staff will be able to rest during the holidays. Be safe with your families.

21. Adjournment – There being no further business, the Regular Board meeting of December 8, 2020 adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Draft for approval

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Chairperson of the Board

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Director of Education & Secretary of the Board