GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Head Office, 349 Erie Avenue
Brantford, ON N3T 5V3

Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 Meeting
January 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:
Trustees: R. Collver, Chair, J. Angus, S. Cann, B. Doyle, A. Everets, B. Johnston, C. Lefebvre, M. Macdonald, C.A. Sloat, D. Werden, C. Bower (Student Trustee), S. Hanson (Student Trustee)
Administration: Director — J. Wibberley; Superintendents — G. Anderson, B. Blancher, J. Gunn, A. Nesbitt, D. Pyper; Recording Secretary — J. Grincevicius

REGRETS:
Trustees: M. Hurley
Administration: Nil

A – 1 **Opening**

(a) **Roll Call/Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, R. Collver, at 7:00 p.m.

(b) **Agenda Additions/Deletions/Approval**

Advance notice of delegations by Mary Welsh and Bonnie Blunt regarding BCIVS rebuild were received after the Thursday noon deadline on January 10, 2008; however, a copy of the presentation material was received by January 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.(as per Board Bylaw BL11).

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: B. Johnston
THAT the delegations by Mary Welsh and Bonnie Blunt regarding BCIVS rebuild be heard.
Carried

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Agenda be approved, as amended.
Carried

(c) **Delegation — Mary Welsh, BCIVS Alumni Foundation, re Financial Offer**

M. Welsh indicated that the BCIVS Alumni Foundation wishes to table a financial offer involving a specific component of the rebuilt/renewed BCIVS.

In response to a trustee's question, she indicated that the auditorium was added to the original school approximately two years after construction.

D. Werden asked if Jean Anderson, Treasurer of the Alumni Foundation, is aware of the letters containing her signature as signed by another individual. M. Welsh indicated that J. Anderson is currently out of the country but has authorized her signature being used.

Delegation — Bonnie Blunt re BCIVS Rebuild

B. Blunt praised the work of the BCIVS School Council and the BCIVS Alumni in dedicating time and effort to ensure the future of BCIVS on Brant Avenue.

C.A. Sloat expressed concern about the statement that people are concerned about safety at BCIVS. B. Blunt acknowledged that the Board has taken steps to rectify any concerns.

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: B. Johnston
THAT the January 9, 2008 letter from the BCIVS Alumni Foundation be referred to the Board representatives meeting with the Alumni executive representatives.
Carried

B. Johnston received permission to have the Board set up a meeting with the BCIVS Alumni Foundation representatives.

B – 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

(a) **Early Years Programs Update** [October 29, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes]

J. Gunn indicated that this report was requested by trustees at a previous meeting. He noted there are many activities in our schools supporting early years programs.

A. Everets stated she believes these programs help attract future school aged students and their parents to our schools.

D. Werden pointed out that agencies with programs in our schools which do not have a contract with the Board need to be reviewed. J. Gunn noted that not all schools house early years programs.

J. Gunn stated that he is working with Facility Services to develop a method of having early years programs staff do the water testing when Board staff are not in the building.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: S. Cann
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Early Years Programs Update report as information.
Carried

C – 1 **Director's Report**

J. Wibberley referenced the second edition of the Grand Erie community booklet which will be distributed to households through local newspapers and at all schools.

He noted that he recently saw a presentation at Dunnville Secondary School regarding its impressive suicide prevention program. The program, which is being recognized provincially, involves other topics as well. It requires a tremendous commitment of staff and students.

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Director's report of January 14, 2008 as information.
Carried

D – 1 **New Business — Information Items**

(a) **Category III Trips**

It was noted that this report contains information concerning: overnight trips out of country, trips over five days and trips involving air transportation. Many trips contained in Categories I and II take place in Ontario.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report on Category III Trips as information.
Carried

(b) **Quarterly Budget Report**

Kathy Kirby, Manager of Business Services, reviewed details of the report for the first three months of 2007–08. The Board is running on budget, to date. The transportation recovery from other boards was reviewed. J. Gunn stated the net effect is same no matter which way it is reported.

At a future meeting, J. Gunn will provide an updated budget to reflect changes to accommodate last year's deficit.

Moved by: S. Cann
Seconded by: A. Everets
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the Quarterly Budget report as information.
Carried

(c) **Major Construction Update**

J. Gunn indicated that the Primary Class Size and North Ward additions are substantially complete. The Best Start day care additions have been delayed slightly. It was noted that the Primary Class Size funding cannot be used for any other projects.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: C. Lefebvre
THAT Grand Erie District School Board receive the Major Construction Project Update as information.
Carried

(d) **Student Senate Meeting Report**

Student Trustees, C. Bower and S. Hanson, indicated that every school was represented at the recent Student Senate Meeting. It provided an opportunity for the student representatives to discuss items such as fundraising, dances, cafeterias and transportation. Students are concerned with the high prices for healthy food and the lower prices for non-healthy food in the school cafeterias. They noted that using buses to transport from one school to another for sporting events is costly; consequently, other methods are being found.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the detailed report and the valuable information received.

The Student Trustees were requested to send this report to those who attended.

Moved by: S. Cann
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive Student Senate Meeting report as information.
Carried

D – 2 **New Business — Action/Decision Items**

(a) **Set Budget Meeting Dates**

J. Gunn noted that trustees previously asked to have two budget planning meetings prior to senior administration starting to develop the budget. The two planning meetings must be completed by February 29, 2008. This matter will be discussed further at the upcoming Caucus Session.

(b) **Delhi District Secondary School Science Lab — Final Budget Approval**

J. Gunn indicated scope and budget for this project have been finalized and have come in slightly less than the original budget. Final Board approval is now required.

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Delhi District Secondary School – Science Lab Renewal project for a guaranteed maximum price of $1,172,835.
Carried

(c) **Accommodation Review Committee Revised Membership**

J. Wibberley indicated that this update contains the Accommodation Review Committees' memberships. He noted that only one representative from the respective Chambers of Commerce has been found.

Some students attending Bloomsburg Public School live in the Norfolk West area. However, the school does not need to be part of Accommodation Review Committee because of the small number of students, but could be invited to be a non-voting participating guest of the Committee.

J. Wibberley noted that ads regarding the upcoming public meetings will be running in appropriate newspapers this week and will be placed on the Board's website.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the membership of the Accommodation Review Committees for the Brantford South and Norfolk West planning areas be approved.
Carried

(d) **School Year Calendar 2007-08 — Family Day Adjustment**

J. Wibberley stated that the school year calendar has been amended by the Ministry of Education to contain one less school day this year only to accommodate the February 18, 2008 Family Day.

There may be some costs incurred if there are any call outs for staff or if a daycare in a school operates that day. Day care operators will be contacted to notify them of Family Day.

It is expected that rental permits will be cancelled for February 18th.

Moved by: M. Macdonald
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board amend the School Year Calendar for 2007-08 to reflect February 18, 2008 as a school holiday.
Carried

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: S. Cann
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve February 18, 2008 Family Day as a holiday for all Board employees.
Carried

(e) **SO10 Bullying Prevention and Intervention**

Trustees recommended changes of clarification.

Moved by: D. Werden
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve amended interim Policy SO10 – "Bullying Prevention and Intervention", effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(f) **SO12 Code of Conduct**

One change was made.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve amended interim Policy SO12 – "Code of Conduct", effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(g) **SO108 Safe Schools — Revoke**

Moved by: S. Cann
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the report revoking Administrative Procedure SO108 — "Safe Schools", effective February 1, 2008, as information.
Carried

(h) **SO127 Student Suspensions**

Trustees recommended changes of clarification.

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: S. Cann
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive amended interim Administrative Procedure SO127 – "Student Suspensions" as information, effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(i) **SO128 Student Expulsions**

Trustees recommended changes of clarification.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive amended interim Administrative Procedure SO128 – "Student Expulsions" as information, effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(j) **SO129 Bullying Prevention and Intervention**

One change was made.

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive amended interim Administrative Procedure SO129 – "Bullying Prevention and Intervention" as information, effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(k) **SO131 Code of Conduct**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: B. Doyle
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive interim Administrative Procedure SO131 – "Code of Conduct", effective February 1, 2008, and forward the document to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received as information by March 28, 2008.
Carried

(l) **Good Places to Learn, Phase 2 Funding and Facility Renewal Plans**

J. Gunn reviewed the planned expenditures of the facility renewal grant and the Good Places to Learn, Phase 2 funding. The total is slightly over $15 million. The projects will be reviewed through the Quality Accommodations Plan.

Some of the GPL2 funding will be used for science lab renewals.

The portables' renewal plan was reviewed.

Completing this work will leave most of our buildings in good condition.

J. Gunn noted that an addition will be required at Ryerson Heights in the near future, due to the large number of portables. Some of the Facility Renewal Grants will be earmarked for this project. Any capital projects over $500,000 come to the Board for approval. Portapaks are a good solution for quality long term additions that are not permanently required. However, some schools need an actual addition due to the space required, the amount of land available, etc.

The Quality Accommodations Plan is a living document which will be reviewed by the Board twice a year.

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the Good Places to Learn, Phase 2 Funding and Facility Renewal Plans for 2007/2008.
Carried

(m) **Bylaw 10 Trustee Expenses — Change Number to Bylaw 15**

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: S. Cann
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the renumbering of Bylaw 10 Trustee Expenses to Bylaw 15 Trustee Expenses.
Carried

(n) **Bylaw 14 Borrowing Bylaw: Good Places to Learn and Primary Class Size Program**

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve Bylaw 14 Borrowing: Good Places to Learn and Primary Class Size Program.
Carried

D – 3 **New Business — Operating Plans**
Nil

E – 1 **Other Business**

(a) **OPSBA Report**

Moved by: B. Doyle
Seconded by: J. Angus
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the OPSBA report as information.
Carried

F – 1 **Correspondence**

(a) **K. Wynne, Minister of Education re OnSIS**
(b) **Hamilton–Wentworth Catholic DSB re Trustee Honoraria**
(c) **BCIVS Alumni Foundation, Dated January 2, 2007**

Moved by: C.A. Sloat
Seconded by: B. Johnston
THAT the Grand Erie District School Board receive the correspondence as information.
Carried

G – 1 **In Camera Session**

Moved by: J. Angus
Seconded by: D. Werden
THAT the Board move into In Camera Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:53 p.m.
Carried

Open Session reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

G – 2 **In Camera Report**

No report.

H – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: S. Cann
Seconded by: C.A. Sloat
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.
Carried

Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 Chair, Rita Collver