



**GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

*Head Office, 349 Erie Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3T 5V3*

**Special Board Meeting  
January 9, 2013, 4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

**Trustees:** C.A. Sloat, Acting Chair, J. Angus, E. Dixon, M. Macdonald

**Administration:** Director — J. Forbeck; Superintendents - G. Anderson, W. Baker, J. Gunn, M. McDonald, A. Nesbitt; Recording Secretary — D. Fletcher

**TELECONFERENCE:**

**Trustees:** R. Collver, A. Everets, D. Werden

**Administration:** Nil.

**REGRETS:**

**Trustees:** B. Doyle, D. Dean, B. Johnston, C. Lefebvre

**Administration:** B. Blancher

**A – 1 Opening**

**Roll Call**

The Public Session meeting was called to order by Acting Chair C.A. Sloat at 4:01 p.m.

**B – 1 a) ETFO Day of Political Protest**

J. Forbeck provided a verbal update on news received today that ETFO and OSSTF will be planning a day of protest on Friday January 11, 2013.

The ETFO provincial representative confirmed the date; documentation was received and forwarded to trustees. There was no confirmation from OSSTF.

Further news stated that Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty is considering the action "illegal strike activity" and his government would apply to the Ontario Labour Relations Board for an injunction to prevent any such actions.

In response to J. Angus, M. McDonald explained if the injunction is approved and the protest is deemed an illegal strike then the union would be informed of the sanctions and repercussions that would be taken.

R. Collver stated that at least three school boards have posted on their websites that schools will be closed.

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: E. Dixon

THAT the Grand Erie District School Board, in the case of a political protest by members of a teachers' bargaining unit, will declare schools closed to pupils to ensure the safety of pupils.

**Carried**

Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favour of motion.

b) **Dates of ratification votes by CUPE Members**

M. McDonald provided a verbal update that CUPE Educational Assistants will be voting January 9, 2013; CUPE Office, Clerical and Technical will be voting January 10, 2013; and CUPE Facilities Services will be voting January 12, 2013. We will be notified after all votes are counted after the final vote on January 12, 2013.

C – 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: J. Angus

Seconded by: M. Macdonald

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

**Carried**

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Acting Board Chair, C.A. Sloat