

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
BOARD ROOM – CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTRE**

Present: **Trustees:**

John Caputo (Chair), Gary Trembinski (Vice-Chair), Leslie Cassidy-Amadio (Scopia), Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Elaine McDonagh, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

Regrets: Laurie Aceti, Carol MacEachern

Officials:

Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), John Bruno, Joe Chilelli, Maria Esposito, Chris Spina

Student Representatives:

Mia Burzese, Kieran Desjardins

Other Reps:

Darrell Czop (President, O.E.C.T.A.)
Sergio Bernardo (Vice-President, O.E.C.T.A.)
Wayne Greco (President, C.P.C.O.)
Vicky Evans (President, C.U.P.E.)

Vision and Values

Trustee Kathleen Rosilius praised the student choir from Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Schools in Elliot Lake for their exceptional performance at the Remembrance Day celebration held in Elliot Lake on November 11, 2017.

Director Rose Burton Spohn mentioned the Renewing the Promise Symposium held in Toronto on November 14-15, 2017. Over 600 Catholics from across the province attended, along with our eight-person Board team. It was noted that Sisters Pat Carter, Mary Jo Radey and Mary Sammon, along with other Sisters of St. Joseph, were recognized at the gala for their exceptional work in Catholic education.

Chair John Caputo accepted the resignation of Trustee Laurie Aceti. He thanked her for her 24 years of dedicated and passionate service as a

member of the Board. Laurie will be greatly missed and the Board wishes her well. Trustee Kathleen Rosilius asked for prayers for Laurie Aceti and her husband, John, as he battles cancer.

Chair John Caputo welcomed Trustee Elaine McDonagh back to the Board meetings after her short absence while she helps care for her ailing brother. Trustee McDonagh thanked the Board for their prayers and well wishes during this difficult time for her and her family.

Agd# Res#

- B-1 B-189 Moved by: Tony D’Agostino Seconded by: Lindsay Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of November 15, 2017.
CARRIED
- C** **Trustee Sandra Turco disclosed her conflict of interest on item I-4, as her husband is a City Counsellor.**
- E-1 B-190 Moved by: Gary Trembinski Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 18, 2017.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-191 Moved by: Sandra Turco Seconded by: Elaine McDonagh**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the In-Committee Board Meeting of Wednesday, October 18, 2017.
CARRIED

G PRESENTATIONS

- 1. After School Program for Students with Autism – Desiree Scornaienchi and Sherri Viotto**
Desiree Scornaienchi and Sherri Viotto facilitate the After School Program for Students with Autism. They shared how the program was initiated with Ministry assistance and funding, and they reviewed the types of activities performed with the students. This program is showing successful results with the students. Additionally, since Board employees work in the program, it is also helping the staff bring useful information back to their classrooms. Trustees were invited to visit the classroom to see the students in action and witness its positive effect on the students.

2. Development & Peace – Rose-Marie Valade

Rose-Marie explained that the work of Development & Peace is for the common good, which concentrates on three main pillars: educational, financial, and emergency response. On behalf of Development & Peace, Rose-Marie then presented a Certificate of Honour to the Board for its leadership in Catholic education and supporting Development & Peace.

I-1 Electronic Poll

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the extended fieldtrip for Nadia Zanatta and four students from St. Mary's Catholic School (Blind River) to attend the Students As Researchers (StAR) Training Forum being held in Orillia from October 25-27, 2017.

APPROVED

I-2 Electronic Poll

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the purchase of three new Dell Hyper-V servers and one new Storage Area Network (SAN) at a cost of \$131,575, from Dell EMC.

APPROVED

I-3 B-192 Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Sandra Turco

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. St. Mary's College – Grade 9-12 students travel to New York on May 2 and return on May 6, 2018.
2. Holy Cross Catholic School – Grade 8 students travel to Traverse City on June 20 and return on June 21, 2018.

Please note that if there are events that are cause for concern (e.g., excessive random acts of violence or terrorist acts) occurring in the United States and beyond, the Board reserves the right to withdraw its approval of this trip, up to the date of departure. All participants and parents should be advised of this proviso.

CARRIED

I-4 B-193 Moved by: Gary Trembinski Seconded by: Tony D'Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board endorses the City of Sault Ste. Marie's Future SSM growth initiative and the Board's involvement in it.

CARRIED

I-5 B-194 Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius Seconded by: Elaine McDonagh

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6012 – Travel, Meals and Hospitality.

CARRIED

J INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2018 AGM & Conference Resolutions

2. Reports to the Director of Education

- (a) **K-5 Summer Learning Program 2017**
Superintendent Maria Esposito spoke about the program and answered questions from Trustees. Specific attention was paid to the robotics component of the program.

- (b) **Monthly Tender Quote Report – November 2017**
Superintendent Chris Spina presented the report and pointed out a slight error on page 2. The price quoted for Rivercity was incorrect – they were indeed the lowest bid.

- (c) **St. Mary’s College Monthly Activity Report**
Student Trustees Kieran Desjardins and Mia Burzese reviewed the various sports, events, fundraisers, and faith initiatives that occurred at St. Mary’s College over the past month.

Superintendent John Bruno provided information on the possible initiation of high school volleyball for boys in Sault Ste. Marie. This process has been ongoing for the past two years and will be discussed at the December 6th Athletic Committee Meeting. Kieran will provide her signed petition to John prior to this meeting.

M-1 B-195 Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio Seconded by: Kathleen Rosilius

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, November 15, 2017 adjourns at 8:40 pm.

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____