

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
VIA SKYPE FOR BUSINESS**

Present: **Trustees:**
Lindsay Liske (Chair), Sandra Turco (Vice-Chair), John Caputo, Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Tony D’Agostino, Carol MacEachern, Debbie Mayer, Kathleen Rosilius, Joe Ruscio, Gary Trembinski

Anthony DeLorenzi, Lucas Marano

Officials:
Rose Burton Spohn (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Christine Durocher, Chris Spina, Danny Viotto

Regrets:

Vision and Values

Director Rose Burton Spohn introduced and congratulated Mike Oliveira, School-Based Math Learning Facilitator, who was this year’s recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre. A video highlighting Mr. Oliveira’s strategies in the field of math and technology was viewed.

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B-1 B-457 **Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius** **Seconded by: Debbie Mayer**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of April 15, 2020.
CARRIED

Additions/Changes/Deletions

Director Rose Burton Spohn mentioned that a change was required in the resolution for item I-6 because of COVID-19.

E-1 B-458 **Moved by: John Caputo** **Seconded by: Tony D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 11, 2020.
CARRIED

E-2 B-459 **Moved by: Joe Ruscio** **Seconded by: Kathleen Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of March 11, 2020.
CARRIED

- E-3 B-460 **Moved by: Gary Trembinski** **Seconded by: Carol MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Special Closed Board Meeting of March 25, 2020.
CARRIED
- G-1 ***Mental Health***
Jared Lambert, Mental Health Lead, presented a very comprehensive approach to addressing mental health issues in our system. This approach includes connection to schools, operation of committees, and dissemination of monthly newsletters to all employees. Our board’s approach to online counselling training, peer supervision, and the student support program were also discussed in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- G-2 ***English Language Learners (ELL)/ English as a Second Language (ESL)***
Micaela Olejnik (Curriculum Co-Ordinator), Rosanna Bernabucci (Official Languages & Pathways Special Assignment Teacher), and Lisa Tomas (Mathematics Learning Lead) all presented highlights of this core program offered by the board. They outlined how a student with English language learning needs first enters our system through JK registration and is followed through to Grade 12.
- H-1 B-461 **Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius** **Seconded by: Carol MacEachern**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of February 26, 2020 be approved.
CARRIED
- I-1 B-462 **ELECTRONIC POLL**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of 265 new Dell laptops through Dell Canada at a cost of \$263,945.
CARRIED
- I-2-5 B-463 **Moved by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio** **Seconded by: Gary Trembinski**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6009 as presented.

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That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 6013 as presented.

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 7004 as presented.
CARRIED

I-6 B-464 **Moved by: Debbie Mayer** **Seconded by: John Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction contract for the St. Mary’s French Immersion Mechanical / Electrical Upgrades and Miscellaneous Improvements (Phase 3) Project to Jobst Construction, being the low tender, contingent upon such non-emergency construction being able to proceed.
CARRIED

- J-1 a) **Board Response to COVID-19**
Director Rose Burton Spohn highlighted the tremendous efforts that board employees have made within the past month to support distance learning for students, families, and employees. She also commented on various other steps taken to ensure the health and safety of everyone during the COVID-19 crisis.
- b) **Status of Mental Health Supports**
Superintendent Joe Chilelli indicated that this report was for additional information only and was offered in conjunction with the presentation made earlier by the board’s Mental Health Lead, Jared Lambert.

N-1 B-465 **Moved by: Gary Trembinski** **Seconded by: John Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2020 adjourns at 8:25 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____