

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 @ 7:15 PM
BOARD OFFICE - MEETING ROOM #6
STREAMED VIA YOUTUBE FOR PUBLIC**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Lindsay Liske (Chair), Sandra Turco (Vice-Chair) (via skype), John Caputo, Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, Tony D'Agostino, Carol MacEachern (via skype), Kathleen Rosilius, Joe Ruscio, Gary Trembinski

Student Representatives:

Lucas Marano, Adam Morgenstern

Officials:

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

REGRETS: Debbie Mayer

Vision and Values

Director Rose Burton Spohn took this opportunity to thank all of the senior team, as well as administrators and all staff who worked so hard to have the 2020 September start up be as smooth as possible. Staff worked tirelessly throughout the summer to adjust to the changing times and were commended for their extraordinary efforts and dedication.

Trustee Leslie Cassidy-Amadio expressed the trustees' appreciation for Director Rose Burton Spohn's leadership and direction during these trying and changing times. Trustee Kathleen Rosilius echoed these sentiments.

Trustee Kathleen Rosilius mentioned the Life Chain taking place in Sault Ste. Marie and Elliot Lake on October 4, 2020 and encouraged others to attend.

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B-1 B-496 Moved by: Gary Trembinski Seconded by: John Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

CARRIED

Change to agenda:

Information Item J.1.c, Catholic Elementary Schools in Elliot Lake, moved up to Administrative Items Requiring Action I.3, as a resolution is required. Item put in wrong section in error.

- E-1 B-497 Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 17, 2020.

CARRIED

- E-2 B-498 Moved by: Tony D’Agostino Seconded by: Carol MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of August 17, 2020.

CARRIED

G-1 *Introduction of New Administrators*

Director Rose Burton Spohn introduced each of the new administrators to the board, who spoke briefly about their careers, faith activity and goals for the 2020-21 school year.

Lina DiPasquale (Vice-Principal of St. Mary’s French Immersion)

Christy Fosberg (Vice-Principal of Our Lady of Fatima, Elliot Lake)

Tammy Lemieux (Vice-Principal of St. Mary’s, Blind River)

Ashley Tombari (Acting Vice-Principal of St. Francis French Immersion)

Stacey Wagler (Vice-Principal of St. Mary, Massey)

G-2 *Introduction of New Student Trustee*

New student trustee Adam Morgenstern introduced himself to the trustees by highlighting his school roots, athletic endeavours, and plans for the future. He expressed his pleasure at being provided the opportunity to serve as a student trustee, and looked forward eagerly to the upcoming year.

G-3 *Summer Learning Program 2020*

Nadia Zanatta, Administrator of the Summer Learning Program, outlined the board’s first virtual summer program, which had 140 JK – Grade 8 students participating in synchronous learning focused on literacy and numeracy. Students also had the opportunity to participate in live programming delivered by Science North and engage in events such as using pizza kits and DIY donut decorating.

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- I-1 B-499 Moved by: Kathleen Rosilius Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes the Treasurer and Chair or Vice-chair to borrow funds from time to time not to exceed \$25 million in aggregate from the Royal Bank of Canada for the 2020/21 school year in accordance with Section 243 of the Education Act.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-500 Moved by: Carol MacEachern Seconded by: Sandra Turco**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the lease of 68 new Xerox copiers at a cost of \$4,162 per month \$0.0049 cost per copy for black and white and \$0.0430 cost per copy in colour from Xerox Canada.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-501 Moved by: Tony D’Agostino Seconded by: John Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board abandons its plans to consolidate Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary Schools in Elliot Lake, and that work begins as soon as possible on making plans to repair and upgrade both schools.
CARRIED
- J-1-a *HSCDSB Plan for Reopening Schools***
Director Rose Burton Spohn touched on the board’s evolving plan to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Various appendixes have been added, and will continue to be, as more information and protocols are provided by the Ministry of Education and health officials.
- J-1-b *Accessibility Report***
Director Rose Burton Spohn highlighted the various projects undertaken by the board to ensure accessibility for all students, staff and the public. Areas addressed throughout the 2019-20 school year include customer service training, information and communication upgrades, readiness of libraries, and relevant upgrades to physical/architectural structures.
- J-1-c *Response to SEAC Recommendations***
Superintendent Joe Chillelli shared the highlights from this report and the steps being taken by the Special Education Department.
- J-1-d *Community Planning and Partnerships***
Superintendent Chris Spina confirmed that the board currently does not have any surplus property for community use.
- J-1-e *Purchasing Report***
Steve Brown, Manager of Plant Services, advised of the four projects/ purchases completed since June 2020.

J-1-f *SMC Activity Report*

Student Trustees Lucas Marano and Adam Morgenstern reported that, because of COVID-19 precautions, all athletics have been cancelled until further notice. However, the school is managing to keep the students engaged through virtual and small in-person events when possible. The Student Trustees also advised that Faith on Fire began taping on SMC TV and would appreciate the opportunity to present to the board at a future meeting.

N-1 B-502 Moved by: John Caputo Seconded by: Leslie Cassidy-Amadio
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 adjourns at 9:20 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____