

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Caputo (Vice-Chair), John Bruno, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco

Officials:

Danny Viotto (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Christine Durocher, Fil Lettieri, Justin Pino, Franca Spadafora

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson

REGRETS: Carol Amadio, Ogimaa Brent Bissaillion

Vision and Values

Director Viotto highlighted the exciting news that the board has received 180 new students, hired 13.2 new teachers, and developed 7 new classrooms. The board continues to be very diverse and responding to the needs of our students and staff so that they can grow and learn in inclusive and vibrant spaces.

Chair Trembinski welcomed the board’s newest Superintendent, Franca Spadafora, Nick Ryma, the new Communications Officer and Kenzie Garson, the new Student Trustee, to the team. They all received a warm welcome from those in attendance.

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B-1 B-797 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: S. Turco

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Items added were #1-4 and #1-5, both are travel motions.

CARRIED

E-1 B-798 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: C. MacEachern

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.

CARRIED

E-2 B-799 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Closed Board Meeting of June 14, 2023.

CARRIED

- G-1 Introduction of New Administrators**
Superintendent Chilelli to introduce Hannah Hoffman (Vice-Principal, Holy Name of Jesus School, Hornepayne), Maranda Lethbridge (Principal, St. Basil's School, White River) and Laura Tremblay (Vice-Principal, St. Augustine French Immersion School, Wawa).
- G-2 Introduction of New Student Trustee**
New student trustee, Kenzie Garson introduced herself to the trustees by highlighting her family, hobbies and plans for the future. Kenzie is proud to be a part of the board and looks forward to providing her voice to items that will affect schools in a positive way in both the present and future.
- G-3 STEAM Summer Camp**
Lorenzo DiCerbo (STEAM Lead), Carmine DiCerbo (School-Based Math Learning Facilitator), Lisa Tomas (School-Based Math Facilitator), Paula Trainor (Experiential Learning Lead) and Aimee Brunetti (Indigenous Lead) highlighted the various projects and activities that the students participated in over the two-week long camp. The camp was well received by both students and parents and the team hopes to offer more of these events in the future.
- A special recognition was given to Grade 8 student at St. Paul School, Keya Jariwala for her winning Orange Shirt T-Shirt Design for 2023.*
- G-4 Expressions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Cultures, Grade 9 Reach Ahead Course**
Dom Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Adult Learning Centre) and Barry Boissoneau (Cultural Resource Worker) emphasized that this program has been on the radar for several years and was a tremendous success when it was launched this summer. The program was well attended by students from grade 8 through 12, and a wide range of activities were enjoyed by all. It was a fantastic learning experience for both students and teachers.
- I-1 B-800 ELECTRONIC POLL**
 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the installation of carpet in the St. Mary's College Auditorium to Carpet One Floor & Home.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-801 ELECTRONIC POLL**
 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction of a new garage at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre to Gradinetti Construction.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-802 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno**
 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes the Chair or Vice-chair and Director of Education and Treasurer to borrow funds from time to time not to exceed \$15 million in aggregate from the Royal Bank of Canada for the 2023/24 school year in accordance with Section 243 of the Education Act, specifically,

That the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement or promissory note(s), or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$10,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

That the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow from time to time by way of loan agreement, promissory note, or overdraft, or banker's acceptance from the Banker of the Board, currently Royal Bank of Canada ("RBC") or from any other approved lender authorized for borrowing purposes in accordance with Section 243 of the Act a sum or sums not exceeding in aggregate \$5,000,000 to meet, until current revenue is collected, the current Capital expenditures of the board, currently from RBC, or from any other approved lender loan agreement, promissory note(s) or bankers acceptances, as the case may be, sealed with the corporate seal of the Board and signed by two of the Chair or Vice Chair and the Director of Education and Treasurer for the sums borrowed plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender.

The Director of Education and Treasurer is authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or any sums borrowed plus interest, all of the money collected or received in respect of the current revenues of the Board.

The Treasurer of the Board is authorized and directed to deliver to the Banker of the Board, currently RBC, or from any other approved lender from time to time upon request a statement showing (a) the amount of the estimated current revenues of the Board for the current year not yet received, or, where the estimates for the current year have not been adopted, a statement showing the estimated revenues of the Board as set forth in the estimates adopted for the previous fiscal year and the amount of the revenues of the current year already received and also showing the total of any amounts borrowed under Section 243 of the Education Act in the current year that have not been repaid.

CARRIED

I-4 B-803 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: K. Rosilius
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Chair Gary Treminski, Vice-Chair John Caputo, Trustees John Bruno, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco and Director Danny Viotto to travel to Sudbury, ON to attend the OCSTA Fall Regional Meeting on September 22, 2023.
CARRIED

I-5 B-804 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: K. Rosilius
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Student Trustees Owen Middleton and Kenzie Garson to travel to Toronto to attend the OSTA-AECO Fall General Meeting on October 19-20, 2023.
CARRIED

J-1-a Update on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
Superintendent Pino advised that the board reviews this plan yearly as well as develops a strategy for the upcoming year. The plan identifies five main categories of improvement for the board: customer service, employment, information and communications, physical/architectural and transportation. Projects for 2023-24 where also highlighted.

J-1-b SMC Activity Report
Student trustees Middleton and Garson highlighted some of the September events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were the revitalizing of the student-led faith group/club, Welcome Month, and the formation of this year’s Student Senate.

N-1 B-805 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, September 20, 2023, adjourns at 8:47 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____