

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio (virtual), John Caputo, Kerri Commanda (virtual), Tony D'Agostino, Kathleen Rosilius

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Owen Middleton, Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen

REGRETS: Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern, Sandra Turco

Values and Vision

Chair Trembinski welcomed our new Indigenous Trustee, Kerri Commanda, to the Board. Trustee Commanda expressed her excitement with the new position and looks forward to working with the board to do the best for our students.

Superintendent Pino introduced Neal McLean (President, Sault North Rotary Club) and Mike DePratt (President, Local 2251 Steelworkers), who presented the board with a donation of \$7,500 toward the Breakfast Program, matching the donation received earlier this year from Local 2251. Trustees and board staff thanked both organizations and proclaimed their appreciation on behalf of all the students that benefit from their kindness.

Trustee Caputo expressed his thanks to Sister Pat Carter (Faith Animator, HSCDSB) for her dedication and preparation of masses and board prayers for board meetings and other functions. The amount of thought and work put into these events is greatly appreciated by all.

Superintendent Durocher highlighted the St. Mary's College Beyond the Game – Esports tournament that recently took place at the school. Elementary students from grades 5-8 joined highschool students to participate in the tournament which also exposed students to new career pathways and scholarship opportunities. The event was very well received by all those in attendance.

Director Viotto complimented St. Mary's College Grade 10 student, Nicole Torres, on her amazing paintings that were recently highlighted at the Art Gallery of Algoma. Her Catholic faith inspiration artwork is evident in her talents and were admired by all.

Adg# Motion#

- B-1 B-827 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 13, 2023.
CARRIED
- E-1 B-828 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of November 15, 2023.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-829 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of November 15, 2023.
CARRIED
- G-1 Catholic Faith Testimony**
Ava Barone (Grade 11 student, St. Mary’s College) spoke of her faith journey that began at a very early age and is still growing. As a Faith Convenor at St. Mary’s College, she feels that she can share her faith beliefs with others and help them to grow moving forward.
- G-2 SCWI Statistics for 2022-23**
Micaela Olejnik (Catholic Curriculum Coordinator K-12) and Melanie Jones (Sault College) highlighted the School-College-Work-Initiative Dual Credit Program currently partnered with Sault College. They discussed the program’s goals, activities and forums, as well as sharing dual credit data and the amazing opportunities offered to our secondary students.
- H-1 B-830 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: K. Commanda**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of October 15, 2023 be approved.
CARRIED
- H-2 B-831 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Minutes of the S.E.A.C. meeting of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board of November 22, 2023, be approved.
CARRIED
- I-1 B-832 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023 as outlined in the Report to the Director dated December 13, 2023.
CARRIED

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- I-2 B-833 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for Professional Architectural and Consulting Engineering Services for Renovations at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre to Nor Mech Engineering Inc.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-834 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board award the contract for consultant services for speech language pathology to Gabrielle Rouleau for eight months commencing December 2023.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-835 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Bruno, Kerri Commanda, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco and Director Viotto to travel to Toronto to attend the OCSTA 2024 Catholic Trustees’ Seminar on January 19-20, 2024.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-836 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:
1. Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion School (Elliot Lake)– to travel to Niagara Falls, ON on June 19, 2024 and returning June 21, 2024.
 2. Sacred Heart School (Espanola) – to travel to Toronto, ON on June 18, 2024 and returning on June 20, 2024.
 3. St. Mary’s College – to travel to Klienburg, Toronto, ON on April 17, 2024 and returning April 19, 2024.
- CARRIED**
- J-1-a Award of Request for Proposal for Non-Union Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Plan Project**
Superintendent Chilelli outlined the process undertaken to secure a firm to provide special assistance to the board’s Human Resources Department with this extensive project. Based on the weighted scoring system, Pesce and Associates have been selected.
- J-1-b Annual Report**
Director Viotto presented the Board’s Annual Report for 2023, which highlights the board’s achievements and next steps in fulfilling its current Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The report is being distributed to all schools, families, and parishes.
- J-1-c SMC Activity Report**
Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the November events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few

noteworthy items were the Advent Mass, Christmas cards to the elderly, the Heaven Cent Christmas market, and the Sweat Lodge visit.

- N-1 B-837 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of
Wednesday, December 13, 2023, adjourns at 8:55 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____