# MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 @ 7:15 PM IN THE BOARD ROOM

### PRESENT: <u>Trustees:</u>

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

#### 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:**

#### Values and Vision

Director Viotto shared the upcoming retirement of Sister Pat Carter, which takes place on March 28, 2024, after 37 years of dedicated service to the board. Sister Pat will be widely missed by the board community, as she marks the end of an era as the last working Sister of St. Joseph in Ontario. All extended wishes for a very healthy and happy retirement.

#### Adg# Mtn#

## B-1 B-856 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: T. D'Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

#### **CARRIED**

Trustee Caputo disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-2 on the agenda for the board meeting of March 20, 2024, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee Caputo recused himself for this portion of the meeting.

Trustee Rosilius disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-2 on the agenda for the board meeting of March 20, 2024, and did not take part in the consideration or discussion of or vote on any question with relation to this item. Trustee Rosilius recused herself for this portion of the meeting.

## E-1 B-857 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: S. Turco

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of February 14, 2024.

CARRIED

### E-2 B-858 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: T. D'Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of February 14, 2024.

CARRIED

## G-1 Catholic Faith Testimony

Alieya Vivienne Caseres (Gr. 11, St. Mary's College student) highlighted her faith journey, which she began in her hometown of Riyadh, Saudia Arabia. She has been a resident of Sault Ste. Marie for the past two years and has been able to expand and flourish in her Catholic faith through her participation in her parish, and school community. She feels blessed to openly express her Christianity with family and fellow students.

#### G-2 St. Mary's College Nordic Ski Team

Stephanie Parniak (teacher, SMC), Jennifer Nieson (coach), Melina Bernardo (Gr. 9 student), Zachory Henderson (Gr 9 student), Taylor Nieson (Gr. 10 student), and Joshua Lamming (Gr. 11 student) shared their experiences and accomplishments on the SMC Nordic Ski Team. Hiawatha Highlands were commended on their partnership with the team and the extraordinary support they have shown the students through such things as free passes and ski equipment rentals. Collaboration with the Algoma District School Board and Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon have been vital to bringing this experience to the student community.

- H-1 Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting March 6, 2024
  Director Viotto and Committee Chair Trustee D'Agostino.
- H-2 Minutes of the SEAC Committee Meeting January 31, 2024 Superintendent Fil Lettieri

# I-1 B-859 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: C. Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Local Collective Agreement negotiated between the Board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF - District 2) representing Noon Hour Aides as per the terms of the signed Minutes of Settlement dated February 28, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

## I-2 B-860 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: S. Turco

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board ratify the central terms contained with the Memorandum of Settlement and attached Appendices, dated March 5, 2024, made between the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and Agreed to by the Crown. Further that the approval of the ratification of the central terms be reported to OCSTA.

**CARRIED** 

# I-3 B-861 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Sergio Iacoe as an alternate SEAC member, representing Community Living Algoma.

**CARRIED** 

#### I-4 B-862 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: K. Commanda

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction contract for the Radon Reduction and Mitigation Upgrades at St. Mary Catholic School to Jobst Bros. Construction.

**CARRIED** 

#### I-5 B-863 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: C. Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4020 as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### I-6 B-864 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: K. Rosilius

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Student Trustees Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen and Owen Middleton to travel to Niagara Falls on May 2-4, 2024, to attend the OCSTA 2024 AGM and Conference.

**CARRIED** 

## I-7 B-865 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: C. MacEachern

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

- 1. St. Mary's College travelling to Canada's Wonderland on May 22, 2024 and returning May 24, 2024.
- 2. St. Mary's French Immersion School travelling to Ottawa, ON on June 17, 2024 and returning June 21, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

### J-1-a Capital Projects 2023-2024

Steve Brown, Manager of Plant Services, reviewed the list of projects to be completed in the 2023-2024 school year, along with the co-elating capital funding.

#### J-1-b SMC Activity Report

Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the March events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were Lenten meditations, Sweet Sixteen Extravaganza event, planning for the Grade 9 & 10 "Spring Fling" Formal Dance in April and Elder Joe Jones visit with the preparation of rabbit soup. Student Senate also held a Giant Valentine's Day card making contest.

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N-1	B-866 Moved by: J. Bruno	Seconded by: K. Rosilius
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That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2024, adjourns at 8:25 p.m. **CARRIED** 

Chairperson:	
Secretary:	