

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

Gary Trembinski (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Caputo, Kerri Commanda (virtual), 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, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti (2024-25)

Vision and Values

Trustee D'Agostino congratulated the Parent Involvement Committee for hosting a very successful Family Math Night on May 29 that was attended by over 150 parents and students. The effort of the teachers, parents and students who led the sessions did not go unnoticed. It was very rewarding to see the collaboration of all involved.

Trustee Caputo offered the boards heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Director Viotto on his leadership, dedication, honesty and transparency, as well as always putting students first. Viotto departs the board in mid-August for a position in Southern Ontario. Trustee Caputo also congratulated Superintendent Durocher on her upcoming retirement. Her longstanding service to students and staff has been greatly appreciated as she brought a new vision to the board. Both will be greatly missed, and beautiful landscape paintings were presented in honour of their time with the board.

Lina DiPasquale (Vice-Principal of Equity, Diversity, and Indigenous Education), Aimee Brunetti (Indigenous Education Lead) and Barry Boissoneau (Cultural Resource Worker) presented on the historical commitment towards truth and reconciliation with the building of the teaching lodge at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre. The Grade 6 & 7 outdoor program students took pride in their education journey as every stage of the build was done in ceremony. The five full days of work included tree harvesting, sacred fires and ceremonial foods, and much more. Nogdawindamin's Cultural Department were thanked for their inspiration and commitment to this project.

Director Viotto took this opportunity to welcome the new Student Trustee for 2024-25, Alexander Oraziatti, to the board. Alexander will be providing his introduction to the trustees in the fall. Student Trustees have provided great input to the board and their feedback has been greatly appreciated.

Director Viotto thanked outgoing Student Trustee Owen Middleton for his professionalism and outstanding dedication to this position for the past two years and on behalf of the board, wished Owen well in his future endeavours.

Adg# Mtn#

- B-1 B-886 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2024.
- The following items were added to the agenda:
Item I-9: External Auditing Services
Item I-10: Change to the Board Signing Authority
CARRIED
- E-1 B-887 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of May 15, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-2 B-888 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: L. Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of May 15, 2024.
CARRIED
- G-1 SEAC Recommendations**
Melanie Ross, Irma Drenzo (SEAC Committee members) and Rosanne Zagordo (Special Education Co-Ordinator) presented the committee’s evidence-based recommendations to the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board with respect to matters that establish, develop, and deliver special education programs and services for students with special needs.
- H COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- The following reports were provided for information.*
1. **Minutes of the SEAC Committee Meeting – April 24, 2024**
 2. **Minutes of the SEAC Committee Meeting – May 22, 2024**
 3. **Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting – May 29, 2024**
- I-1 B-889 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Memorandum of Settlement for the Huron-Superior Permanent Teachers’ Bargaining Unit of O.E.C.T.A. and the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, subject to the approval by the Minister of Education.
CARRIED

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- I-2 B-890 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the Memorandum of Settlement for the Huron-Superior Occasional Teachers' Bargaining Unit of O.E.C.T.A. and the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, subject to the approval by the Minister of Education.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-891 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for site improvements at Mount St. Joseph Catholic Education Centre to Pinder Construction.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-892 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase and installation of a new PA system for Holy Cross Catholic Elementary at a cost of \$50,492.00.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-893 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the purchase of new Cisco Meraki network switches, associated licensing and support contract from Long View Systems at a cost of \$348,797.04.
CARRIED
- I-6 B-894 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: L. Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4013 as presented.
Changes were discussed. Policy will return to the Policy Committee in September 2024 for amendments to the Procedural Guidelines.
DEFERRED
- I-7 B-895 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 5011 as presented.
CARRIED
- I-8 B-896 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:
1. Our Lady of Lourdes School – travelling to Camp ABK on June 17, 2024, and returning June 19, 2024.
 2. St. Mary School (Massey) – travelling to St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre on June 17, 2024, and returning June 19, 2024.
 3. St. Francis French Immersion School – travelling to Camp ABK on June 25, 2024, and returning June 27, 2024.
- CARRIED**

I-9 B-897 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: J. Bruno
 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board award the external auditing services contract to BDO Canada LLP for a five-year period commencing September 1, 2024.
CARRIED

I-10 B-898 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: T. D’Agostino
 Whereas the Procedure By-Law 1000, Section 13, states that the cheque signing authorities of the Board shall be any two of the Chairperson of the Board or the Vice-Chairperson of the Board, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board. For all other business of the Board, the signing authorities shall be the Chairperson of the Board or the Vice-Chairperson of the Board and the Secretary/Treasure of the Board or such other designate as the Board may by special resolution, appoint.

Whereas current Secretary/Treasurer Danny Viotto will be resigning as of August 16, 2024, and

Whereas incoming Secretary/Treasurer Fil Lettieri will assume this position as of July 1, 2024,

Therefore, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board authorizes incoming Secretary/Treasurer Fil Lettieri as signing authority for the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board effective July 1, 2024.
CARRIED

J-1-a SMC Activity Report
Student trustees Middleton, Garson and Jensen highlighted some of the June events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous student council and student senate. A few noteworthy items were students praying the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Year-End Prayer services and preparation for graduation, the newly elected 24-25 Student Executive Council and Indigenous Student Advisory Council and the Second Annual SMC Relay for Life. Departing Student Trustee Middleton thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the board for the last two years. His heartfelt thanks to all who helped shape him into the person he is today.

N-1 B-899 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo
 That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2024, adjourns at 8:50 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____