

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

Officials:

Fil Lettieri (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Stephanie Circelli, Justin Pino, Franca Spadafora, Syndy Withers

Student Trustees:

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

Vision and Values

Trustee Caputo acknowledged the passing of former board Chair/Trustee Regis O'Connor. Regis was a well-respected person who devoted most of his life to Catholic Education and held distinguished positions with the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) and the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association (OSSTA).

Trustee Rosilius acknowledged the passing of former Superintendent of Business Frank Piche, who came to HSCDSB from the North Shore Roman Catholic Separate School Board in Blind River. He helped to bridge the gap between boards during amalgamation in 1998 and was a friendly colleague to all.

Superintendent Spadafora spoke on the Summer Learning Program that took place over three weeks in August, offering activities rooted in the science of reading. The program was offered to JK-Grade 2 students in-person in Sault Ste. Marie, and virtually in the East and North. The Summer Transition Program, for students with special education needs, was also highlighted. This program was attended by 49 elementary and 15 secondary students who participated in back-to-school readiness activities.

Adq# Mtn#

B-1 B-904 Moved by: J. Caputo

Seconded by: C. MacEachern

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

CARRIED

E-1 B-905 Moved by: S. Turco

Seconded by: T. D'Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 12, 2024.

CARRIED

-
- E-2 B-906 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of June 12, 2024.
CARRIED
- E-3 B-907 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: S. Turco**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of June 21, 2024.
CARRIED
- G-1 Introduction of New Administrators**
The following new administrators were introduced, and they provided a brief biography: Superintendent Stephanie Circelli, Superintendent Syndy Withers, Laurie Donnelly (Vice-Principal, Sacred Heart School) and Micaela Olejnik (Vice-Principal, St. Mary's French Immersion School).
- G-2 Introduction of New Student Trustee**
New student trustee, Alexander Oraziotti introduced himself to the trustees by highlighting his family, hobbies and passions. He is looking forward to his role with the Board and thanked everyone for this opportunity to take part in leadership activities and learn how to be successful as a student trustee.
- G-3 Living That Mino Bimaadiziwin Summer 2024: The Summer Indigenous Transitions Program**
Nadia Zanatta (Administrator, Summer Indigenous Transition Program / Vice-Principal, Our Lady of Lourdes School) and Racheal Glover (Indigenous Transitions Coach/Blind River, Elliot Lake) introduced the team and highlighted the overwhelming success of the program. This program focused on the Seven Grandfather Teachings and aligned with #10 and #63 of the Calls to Action for truth and reconciliation. A total of 48 students took part in four 1-week sessions participating in a variety of learning events.
- I-1 B-903 ELECTRONIC POLL**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the contract for the Additions and Alterations at St. Kateri Outdoor Learning Centre Project to Builtwright Construction Ltd.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-908 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the central terms and conditions of employment contained within the Memorandum of Settlement and attached Appendices, dated August 10, 2024, made between the Principals' and Vice-Principals' Associations comprised of (Association des Directions et Directions Adjointes des Ecoles Franco-Ontarienne (ADFO), the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) and the Ontario Principals' Council (OPC)) and the l'Association des conseils scolaires des ecoles publiques de l'Ontario (ACEPO), l'Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC), the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

(OPSBA) and agreed to by the Crown. Further that the approval of the motion of the central terms be reported to OCSTA.

CARRIED

I-3 B-909 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Bruno, John Caputo, Kerri Commanda, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco and Director Lettieri to travel to North Bay to attend the OCSTA 2024 Fall Regional Meeting on September 28, 2024.

CARRIED

I-4 B-910 Moved by: C. Amadio 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 2024/25 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-5 B-911 Moved by: S. Turco Seconded by: T. D’Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves Policy 4013 as presented.

CARRIED

I-6 B-912 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: T. D’Agostino

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

1. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Stratford, ON on September 24, 2024 and returning September 25, 2024.

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 2024-25 were also highlighted.

J-1-b SMC Activity Report

Student trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziatti 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 “Faith UKnighted” club, Welcome Week activities, feather-wrapping workshop for National Truth and Reconciliation, and the application process for Student Senate.

N-1 B-913 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: K. Commanda

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, September 18, 2024, adjourns at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____