

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

Guests:

Ida Bruno, Manager of Human Resources
Brian McKinlay, Manager of Financial Services

REGRETS:

Vision and Values

Trustee Caputo thanked Karen Biocchi, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education, for her service to the Board with preparing meetings and the various ways she assists trustees. He expressed his appreciation for her hard work and dedication.

Director Lettieri acknowledged that today in our school board is Trustee Appreciation Day. It is a day we recognize the important work of our trustees as they continue to be the champions for Catholic education and play a significant role in school board governance. The Board thanks all trustees for taking on this vocation, and we appreciate all that they do.

Superintendent Circelli congratulated the staff and students at St. Mary's College for all their work again this year with the Heaven Cent campaign. This year, they raised over \$17,000 to support local nonprofit organizations that include St. Vincent Place, Algoma Autism Foundation, Thrive Child Development, our Helping Hands and Caring Hearts, and so many more. Their tireless efforts in helping the poor and marginalized in our community does not go unnoticed as they bring hope to those in need.

Chair Turco highlighted the Kiwanis Club of Lake Shore's 30th annual What Christmas Means to Me essay contest. Ten entries are selected as the winning entries and our students accounted for six of those winners! Each winner received a prize and were able to read their entry on the Weekend Club radio show on Oldies 93. Congratulations to all winners.

Adg# Mtn#

B-1 B-941 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D'Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, with the following amendments:

Move item E-2 to the February 19, 2025, board meeting,
Add item F-1 – OCSTA Conference Overview

CARRIED

C DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Trustee Rosilius disclosed a deemed pecuniary interest in item I-1 on the agenda for the board meeting of January 22, 2025 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-942 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: C. Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of December 11, 2024, with the following amendment: Trustee Rosilius be changed from Absent to Regrets.

CARRIED

E-2 B-943 Moved by: Seconded by:

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of December 11, 2024.

DEFERRED TO FEBRUARY 19, 2025, MEETING

F-1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Turco provided an overview of the items covered at the recent OCSTA Trustees Seminar held in Toronto on January 17-18, 2025. She expressed the benefits derived by trustees attending these events and encouraged all to participate in these conferences. Trustees Trembinski and Bruno echoed her sentiments.

G-1 Holy Angels Learning Centre

Dom Rosso (Principal, Holy Angels Learning Centre), Joanne Barton (Continuing Education Assistant), teachers Nicole Chouinard, Rob Calvano and Lidia Doesborgh, along with Emma Bouchard (Graduate Social Services HUB), Riley Greenwood (Graduate) and Ethan Graham (Graduate and HSCDSB employee) spoke to the evolution of HALC. This program is a dynamic and inclusive response to the needs of students who have not thrived in the traditional school environment. Our approach is grounded in the belief that every student has the potential to succeed and sometimes that success requires a different path. Since 2022, HALC had the privilege of having over

150 students successfully graduate with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

I-1 B-944 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Bruno

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the 2024-25 Revised Estimates as presented.

CARRIED

I-2 B-945 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: C. Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board receive the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2024, re: Policy 1000 By-Laws for review to be approved at the next open meeting of February 19, 2025.

CARRIED

I-3 B-946 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: K. Rosilius

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

1. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Toronto, ON on February 24, 2025, and returning February 27, 2025.
2. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Saint-Anne-des-Monts, QC on May 4, 2025, and returning May 11, 2025.
3. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Toronto, ON on May 4, 2025, and returning May 7, 2025.
4. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Gibsons, BC on May 20, 2025, and returning on May 26, 2025.
5. St. Augustine French Immersion School – travelling to Mississauga and Sudbury on May 26, 2025, and returning May 30, 2025.
6. St. Mary Catholic School (Massey) – travelling to Toronto on June 16, 2025, and returning June 18, 2025.
7. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School (Elliot Lake) – travelling to John Island Camp on June 18, 2025, and returning on June 20, 2025.
8. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School (Elliot Lake) – travelling to Toronto on June 18, 2025, and returning on June 20, 2025.
9. Holy Family Catholic School – travelling to Toronto on June 18, 2025, and returning June 20, 2025.

CARRIED

J-1-a SMC Activity Report

Student Trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziotti highlighted some of the December events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous Student Union (ISU) and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were the Grade 12 Retreat, “Pause, Pray and Pass” during exam week, Student Council’s second annual winter formal and the “Stuff a Bus” event.

N-1 B-947 Moved by: G. Trembinski

Seconded by: K. Commanda

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2025, adjourns at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson:

Secretary:
