

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: Trustees:

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

Officials:

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

Student Trustees:

Kenzie Garson, Mya Jensen, Alexander Oraziatti

REGRETS:

Values and Vision

Trustee Rosilius extended her thanks to all those trustees who sent her birthday wishes. It was greatly appreciated.

Superintendent Circelli highlighted the letter recently received by the Board from the Canadian Cancer Society expressing their gratitude to the students and staff at St. Mary's College, who raised over \$45,000 from their Relay for Life event. The Board is very grateful to the SMC community for their work in bringing awareness of the realities and impact of cancer and raising money to support cancer research.

Chair Turco mentioned that on February 1st, the HSCDSB Soup Kitchen team helped to prepare lunches for those less fortunate. The team was thanked for all of their work and help that they provide to the community.

Adg# Mtn#

B-1 B-948 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: J. Bruno

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

CARRIED

E-1 B-949 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.

CARRIED

E-2 B-950 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D'Agostino

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

CARRIED

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- E-3 B-951 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of January 22, 2025.
CARRIED
- G-1 Introduction of New Administrators**
Christy Fosberg (Acting Principal of Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion School, Elliot Lake) provided a brief outline of her career to date with the Board. This new leadership experience will provide her with an opportunity to build new relationships with families, students and staff. She looks forward to serving the Board in her new role and being part of the Our Lady of Lourdes family.
- I-1 B-952 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D'Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed deletion of article 4 from its by-laws:
- At the first meeting which follows a municipal election, the Secretary, having called the meeting to order, shall proceed to read the returns of the election to the Board as certified to him/her by the Municipal Clerks.
CARRIED
- I-2 B-953 Moved by: C. Amadio Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 7 of its by-laws:
- The election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson is undertaken annually.
CARRIED
- I-3 B-954 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed addition of article 15 to its by-laws:
- The Regular Meetings of the Board may be preceded by a mass organized by the Secretary of the Board.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-955 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: L. Liske**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 16 of its by-laws:
- Notice for every meeting of the Board shall be given by electronic means to each trustee and the public at least forty-eight hours (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the time of the meeting. Notice will also be posted on the Board website.
CARRIED

I-5 B-956 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: T. D’Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed deletion of article 18 from its by-laws:

Until a member of the Board has notified the Secretary in writing of his/her official address, all notices or communications forwarded to the member at his/her address, as set out in his/her nomination paper, shall be deemed to have been received by the member.

CARRIED

I-6 B-957 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: L. Liske

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 28 of its by-laws:

The following matters shall be dealt with at in-camera meetings:

- a) The security of the property of the Board.
- b) The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil or his/her parents or guardians.
- c) The acquisition or disposal of a school site.
- d) Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the Board.
- e) Litigation or possible litigation affecting the Board.
- f) An ongoing investigation by the Ontario Ombudsman.
- g) Those determined to be private according to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

I-7 B-958 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: T. D’Agostino

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 of its by-laws:

Provision of Electronic Meetings - the Board will hold such meetings in accordance with Section 208.1 of the Education Act, Regulation 313/24 and Regulation 463/97 and Board Policy 2000 Electronic Meetings promulgated thereunder.

CARRIED

I-8 B-959 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: J. Caputo

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 a) of its by-laws:

- a) At every regular meeting of the Board or of a regular committee of the whole Board, all trustees must be physically present in the meeting room. A trustee may participate in a meeting by electronic means instead of being physically present if the trustee receives written approval from the Chairperson of the Board before the meeting begins. The Chairperson shall not approve a request if the request would result in fewer than one Trustee, in addition to the Chairperson of the Board being physically present in the room.

CARRIED

I-9 B-960 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: C. MacEachern

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 29 b) of its by-laws:

b) During the 12-month period beginning November 15th each year, the Chairperson shall be physically present in the meeting room of the Board for at least half of the meetings of the board, whereas all other trustees shall be present in the meeting room of the Board for at least 3 regular meetings. The Secretary of the Board/ designate must be physically present in the meeting room for each meeting of the Board and each meeting of a committee of the Board.

CARRIED

I-10 B-961 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: J. Bruno

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 33 of its by-laws:

The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for preparing an agenda for each meeting of the Board and distributing it no fewer than three working days before the meeting. A copy of the agenda shall be forwarded to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson one week prior to the meeting. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, may request a meeting before the final publication of the agenda. Board members wishing to include any item shall forward the item to be received at the Board Office no later than 12:00 noon on the Monday preceding the Board meeting. All reports submitted after the deadline may be placed on the agenda at the discretion of the Board by a simple majority vote.

CARRIED

I-11 B-962 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: C. MacEachern

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 36 of its by-laws:

The order of business for meetings of the Board:

- a) Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer
- b) Adoption of Order of Business;
- c) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof;
- d) New Business
- e) Confirmation of Minutes;
- f) Business Arising from the Minutes;
- g) Presentations;
- h) Committee Reports;
- i) Administrative Reports Requiring Action;
- j) Information Items;
- k) Ten minute question and answer period on agenda items for those in attendance;
- l) Upcoming Events;
- m) Closing Prayer;
- n) Adjournment.

CARRIED

I-12 B-963 Moved by: L. Liske**Seconded by: J. Bruno**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 44 of its by-laws:

“Robert’s Rules of Order, in Brief” shall be provided to all new trustees at their first meeting and, if needed, to each trustee at the beginning of their term of office.

CARRIED

I-13 B-964 Moved by: T. D’Agostino**Seconded by: G. Trembinski**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the proposed amendment to article 97 of its by-laws:

A member who willfully discloses information discussed in-camera by the Board will be named and his/her conduct will be subject to Board Policy 2010 Trustee Code of Conduct.

CARRIED

NOTE: The CARRIED amendments will affect the numbering of articles reflected by the motions above.

I-14 B-965 Moved by: G. Trembinski**Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the School Year Calendar for the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended and outlined in “OPTION 2”.

CARRIED

I-15 B-966 Moved by: J. Bruno**Seconded by: G. Trembinski**

Motion: That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Caputo, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco and Director Lettieri to travel to Toronto to attend the OCSTA 95th AGM and Conference on May 1-3, 2025.

J-1-a SMC Activity Report

Student Trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziotti highlighted some of the February events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous Student Union (ISU) and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were “A Knight Under The Stars”, attendance at the 2025 Indigenous Land Symposium and making Valentine’s Day cards to be donated to patients at Sault Area Hospital.

N-1 B-947 Moved by: G. Trembinski**Seconded by: J. Caputo**

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, February 19, 2025, adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____