

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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 (virtual), 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

Guests:

Steve Brown, Dave Coccimiglio

REGRETS:

Vision and Values

Superintendent Circelli presented a video which depicts our students from Holy Cross and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary Schools' basketball teams living out what our values and visions are by their inclusivity and support for their fellow student. The Holy Cross team and coaches were honoured by the Sault Ste. Marie Autism Society for their work and inclusion with an ice cream certificate.

Superintendent Circelli highlighted the March 4th Skills Summit which our students were able to attend through our partnership with Skills Ontario and the North Shore Tribal Council. Over 150 of our students joined over 1,200 students from across the province and were able to hear from very successful people in the trades and participate in numerous career exploration booths. The Board also hosted a booth at the event which deepened our relationship with local partners, as well as Skills Ontario. The event was enjoyed by all.

Superintendent Withers congratulated Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School student Isabelle Adams, who was recently recognized by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for her photograph entitled "Canada's Upside Down History". Her photo will be featured in an art booklet as well as her being invited to participate in a day of listening and learning about reconciliation and Indigenous peoples being held in May in Winnipeg at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Adg# Mtn#

B-1 B-968 Moved by: G. Trembinski Seconded by: K. Rosilius

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

Add item I-6: Re-Roofing and Electrical Upgrade at St. Mary's Catholic School, Blind River.

CARRIED

E-1 B-969 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: L. Liske

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of February 19, 2025.

CARRIED

E-2 B-970 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: C. Amadio

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meetings of February 19, 2025 (two sessions).

CARRIED

G-1 Introduction of New Manager of Plant Services

Dave Coccimiglio, the Board's new Manager of Plant Services, was introduced and welcomed to the team. He brings a wealth of experience to this position and is happy to be rejoining the HSCDSB community.

G-2 St. Francis French Immersion School Entrepreneurship Day

Anna Gillespie, Grade 8 teacher at St. Francis French Immersion School, successfully launched the entrepreneurship program last year, and continued this year, with the help of funding through the experiential learning grant. She and a few of her students described the process of developing their small businesses, from idea to budgeting to production to selling. This enriching program teaches students a wide range of the curriculum from transferable skills to reading, writing, oral communication and listening skills. All students were excited to work through this 10-part program and took great pride in their accomplishments.

The meeting temporarily recessed for 15 minutes to have all those in attendance view the students project, speak to them about the process and purchase their products.

I-1 B-971 Electronic Poll

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Kerri Commanda to travel to Ottawa, ON, to attend the OCSTA Seminar for Catholic District School Board Indigenous Leads on June 2-4, 2025.

CARRIED

I-2 B-972 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: G. Trembinski

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Sandra Turco to travel to Ottawa, ON, to attend the OCSTA Seminar for Catholic District School Board Indigenous Leads on June 2-4, 2025.

CARRIED

- I-3 B-973 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, John Bruno, John Caputo, Tony D’Agostino, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Gary Trembinski, Sandra Turco and Director Lettieri to travel to Halifax, NS, to attend the CCSTA AGM and Conference on June 5-7, 2025.
CARRIED
- I-4 B-974 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the April 16, 2025, Board Meeting to be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, Elliot Lake, Ontario.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-975 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: C. MacEachern**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 6036 as presented.
CARRIED
- I-6 B-977 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: T. D’Agostino**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board awards the construction contract for Re-Roofing and Electrical Upgrades at St. Mary’s Catholic School, Blind River to Designed Roofing.
CARRIED
- J-1-a Board Meeting Date Change**
Director Lettieri presented the report on the May Board meeting date change. This change allows the Board Supervisory Officers to attend the OCSOA Annual General Meeting and Conference on May 14, 2025.
- J-1-b SMC Activity Report**
Student Trustees Garson, Jensen and Oraziatti highlighted some of the March events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous Student Union (ISU) and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, “A Knight in Bloom” Junior Spring Formal, and SMC’s annual Relay for Life event.
- N-1 B-976 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2025, adjourns at 8:50 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary of the Board