

**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE
HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 @ 7:15 PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM**

- PRESENT:** **Trustees:**
Sandra Turco (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Caputo,
Kerri Commanda, Tony D'Agostino, Wayne Greco, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen
Rosilius
- Officials:**
Fil Lettieri (Director of Education), Joe Chilelli, Stephanie Circelli, Justin Pino,
Franca Spadafora, Syndy Withers
- Student Trustees:**
Abbie Dasa Kumar, Michaela Kyle, Alexander Oraziatti
- REGRETS:** Carol MacEachern

Vision and Values

Director Lettieri introduced Mike DaPrat (President, Local 2251 Steelworkers) who presented the Board with a donation of \$7,850 toward the Breakfast Program. Trustees and Board staff thanked the Local and pronounced their appreciation on behalf of all the students that benefit from their kindness.

Trustee Caputo commended the Board on holding the "7-Habits of Highly Effective People" training to which the trustees were invited to attend. Caputo stated that it was a pleasure to spend the day with staff and learn about the impact of the Board's decisions.

Chair Turco highlighted the Kiwanis Club of Lake Shore's annual What Christmas Means to Me essay contest. Ten entries were selected as the winning submissions and six of which were students from the Board! 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.

Trustee Liske extended thanks on behalf of former trustee, Leslie Cassidy-Amadio, for all those schools, students and staff who participated in the JoyFull Socks campaign. Over 7,500 socks were prepared and distributed to various community outlets. Support for this worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated by the Sault Ste. Marie community.

Superintendent Spadafora congratulated the SMC unified basketball team who secured qualification for the Provincial Special Olympics. The unified team model promotes inclusion by pairing five students with special education needs and two student leaders on the roster. The team will attend the 2026 Special Olympic Secondary School Championships being held in London, Ontario in May of 2026.

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B-1 B-1059 Moved by: J. Caputo Seconded by: K. Rosilius
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

CARRIED

E-1 B-1060 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: T. D’Agostino
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of November 12, 2025.

CARRIED

E-2 B-1061 Moved by: T. D’Agostino Seconded by: J. Bruno
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of November 12, 2025.

CARRIED

G PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Mathematics Achievement Action Plan**
Principals Mike Oliveira and Chris Vuorensyrja, along with Superintendent Joe Chilelli, presented the revised Math Achievement Action Plan for 2025-2026. They reviewed the most recent EQAO mathematics results, which demonstrate steady improvement across Grades 3, 6, and 9. The presentation also highlighted the instructional strategies being implemented this year to further enhance student achievement in mathematics, as well as the targeted investments in classroom-ready resources and digital learning tools that are supporting this work.

I-1 B-1062 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: J. Bruno
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2025, as outlined in the Report to the Director dated December 10, 2025.

CARRIED

I-2 B-1063 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: C. Amadio
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board accept the HSCDSB Mathematics Achievement Action Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

I-3 B-1064 Moved by: K. Rosilius Seconded by: W. Greco
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board award the contract for consultant services for speech language pathology to Miranda Abelson for eight months commencing January 2026.

CARRIED

- I-4 B-1065 Moved by: K. Commanda Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows John Bruno, Wayne Greco, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco and Director Lettieri to travel to Toronto to attend the OCSTA 2026 Catholic Trustees' Seminar on January 16-17, 2026.
CARRIED
- I-5 B-1066 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 5009 as presented.
CARRIED
- I-6 B-1067 Moved by: L. Liske Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 6028 as presented.
CARRIED
- I-7 B-1068 Moved by: T. D'Agostino Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip application:
1. Our Lady of Lourdes French Immersion School (EL) – travelling to Toronto, ON on June 8, 2026, and returning on June 11, 2026.
CARRIED
- J-1-a Annual Report**
Director Lettieri and Kenzie Vandenberg, Communications Officer, presented the Board's Annual Report for 2025, which highlights the board's achievements and next steps in fulfilling its current Multi-Year Strategic Plan. The report is being distributed to all schools, families, and parishes.
- J-1-b SMC Activity Report**
Student Trustees Dasa Kumar, Kyle and Orazietti highlighted some of the December events at the school, including components from faith, sports, student council, Indigenous Student Union and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were Advent Liturgies, JoyFULL Socks Campaign, first monthly sweat lodge ceremony and the recent donation to Tracy's Dream of over \$3,000.
- N-1 B-1069 Moved by: J. Bruno Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2025, adjourns at 8:52 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson: _____

Secretary: _____