**MINUTES FOR THE OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING OF THE HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 @ 7:15 PM IN THE BOARD ROOM**

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**PRESENT:** **Trustees:**
Sandra Turco (Chair), John Bruno (Vice-Chair), Carol Amadio, John Caputo, Kerri Commanda, Wayne Greco, Lindsay Liske, Carol MacEachern (virtual), 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

**GUESTS:** Dave Coccimiglio

**REGRETS:** Tony D'Agostino, Alexander Orazietti

***Values and Vision***

*Superintendent Circelli highlighted two major school community achievements, beginning with Holy Cross winning the Kindness Passport contest during Kindness Week. The school earned a $500 prize for their extensive acts of kindness and chose to donate the funds to the Helping Hands Caring Hearts Fund to support the Board's school communities. Additionally, St. Mary's French Immersion was named an educational winner in the Soo Greyhounds' Paint the Town Red contest for their spirited team displays. The school received 50 tickets to an upcoming playoff game and will host a visit from the team mascot, Dash, on March 27th.*

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| B-1 | B-1087 | **Moved by: J. Caputo** | **Seconded by: C. Amadio** |

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board adopts the Agenda for the Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 25, 2026.
**CARRIED**

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| E-1 | B-1088 | **Moved by: K. Rosilius** | **Seconded by: C. MacEachern** |

That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the Open Board Meeting of February 18, 2026.

With the following correction: Trustee Greco's name was removed from the attendance at the St. Francis French Immersion Grade 8 Entrepreneurship Day as he did not attend.
**CARRIED**

**E-2** **B-1089** **Moved by: L. Liske** **Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve the Minutes of the In-Camera Board Meeting of February 18, 2026.
**CARRIED**

**G-1** **Sault Ste. Marie Police Services School Liaison Officer Program**
*Chief Brent Duguay, Sergeant Jeremy Stevenson, and School Liaison Officers (SLOs) Constables Mark Prophet and Lyndsey Pilkington highlighted the re-establishment and expansion of the SLO roles, which focus on proactive relationship building, safety education, and emergency preparedness. Chief Duguay and Constable Prophet confirmed that all officers undergo specialized rapid-deployment training for school crisis situations to ensure student safety. Additionally, the Board noted that while city police serve the local area, the OPP provides comparable liaison services to schools in the North and East regions.*

**G-2** **Menstrual Equity: Supporting Student Well-Being**
*Superintendent Circelli, Kristin Bateman (Algoma Public Health), Jared Lambert (Mental Health Lead), Anita Turcotte (Catholic Curriculum Coordinator K-12), and Kenzie Vandenberg (Communications Officer) discussed the expansion of a Provincial Ministry initiative to ensure free, barrier-free access to menstrual products for all students to promote equity and dignity. The plan includes a communication strategy involving social media, posters, and school messenger updates to inform both students and parents. The initiative is being refined through feedback from principals and the Student Senate to ensure distribution is discreet and addresses specific school needs, such as improved waste receptacles and private access points. Additionally, the Board's mental health team is collaborating with public health nurses to support vulnerable families and ensure students can focus on learning without the stress of limited access to basic necessities.*

**I-1** **B-1090** **Moved by: W. Greco** **Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Carol Amadio, Wayne Greco, Lindsay Liske, Kathleen Rosilius, Sandra Turco and Director Fil Lettieri to travel to Windsor, ON to attend the OCSTA AGM and Conference on April 30 - May 2, 2026.

Addition of attendees: John Bruno, Kerri Commanda
**CARRIED**

**I-2** **B-1091** **Moved by: L. Liske** **Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board allows Chair Sandra Turco and Director Fil Lettieri to travel to Windsor, ON to attend the OCSTA/OCSBOA Business Seminar.
**CARRIED**

**I-3** **B-1092** **Moved by: W. Greco** **Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board award the construction contract for the 300 Wing Roof Replacement at St. Basil Elementary School, Sault Ste. Marie, to Pro-North Roofing.
**CARRIED**

**I-4** **B-1093** **Moved by: C. MacEachern** **Seconded by: K. Commanda**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 2002 as presented.
**CARRIED**

**I-5** **B-1094** **Moved by: J. Bruno** **Seconded by: C. Amadio**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 4024 as presented.
**CARRIED**

**I-6** **B-1095** **Moved by: L. Liske** **Seconded by: K. Commanda**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approve Policy 8000 as presented.
**CARRIED**

**I-7** **B-1096** **Moved by: W. Greco** **Seconded by: J. Bruno**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the distribution of the trustees as presented and designate both the North and East as “Low Population Areas”.
**CARRIED**

**I-8** **B-1097** **Moved by: C. Amadio** **Seconded by: J. Caputo**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board enter into a contract for the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Clerk to act as HSCDSB’s Returning Officer for the 2026 Trustee Election.
**CARRIED**

**I-9** **B-1098** **Moved by: W. Greco** **Seconded by: K. Commanda**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board approves the following field trip applications:

1. St. Basil Catholic School – travelling to Halifax, NS on May 11, 2026, and returning May 14, 2026.
2. St. Mary’s College – travelling to Barrie, ON on May 19, 2026, and returning May 20, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**J-1-a** **SMC Activity Report**
*Student Trustees Dasa Kumar and Kyle highlighted some of the February events at the school, including components from faith, sports, Student Council, Indigenous Student Union and Student Senate. A few noteworthy items were Ash Wednesday Service, “Faith to Spare” initiative, Soaring:*

*Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering in Halifax, NS and SMC's $1,000 donation to the Dolly Parton Foundation.*

**N-1** **B-1099** **Moved by: J. Caputo** **Seconded by: K. Rosilius**
That the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board meeting of Wednesday, March 25, 2026, adjourns at 8:50 p.m.
**CARRIED**

**Chairperson:** _____

**Secretary:** _____