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**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 25, 2026**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

**Trustees:** Chair Mary Helen Van Loon; Vice-chair Amy Cronin; Trustees Sue Muller, and Jim McDade

**Board Chaplain:** Deacon Daniel McPhee

**Student Trustee:** Dean DeLuca, St. Michael CSS, Stratford, Addison Thuss, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton

**Senior Administration:** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Karen Tigani; Superintendents of Education Tara Boreham, Sean McDade; and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer Sarah Devereaux

**Absent:** Trustee Tina Doherty

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - Trustees**

**1.2. Attendance -** Noted above at start of meeting

**1.3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**1.4.**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2026.

**Carried**

**1.5. Declaration of Interest**

**1.6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2026.

**Carried**

**1.7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Following up from the April meeting a master school Mass schedule has been compiled for the district. Staff are finalizing the document this week and it will be available to trustees going forward.

Superintendent McDade shared detailed information on the April 24, 2026 secondary faith formation day as per the request at the April Board meeting.

**2. Presentations**

**3. Delegations**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 4.1. May Board Highlights
- 4.2. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026
- 4.3. Approved Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Committee Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026.
- 4.4. Approved Catholic Education Team (CET) Committee Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2025
- 4.5. Approved Catholic Education Team (CET) Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026
- 4.6. Approved Huron Perth Student Transportation Services Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026
- 4.7. Facility Projects (Various) WALK-IN

Trustees inquired about the St. Aloysius School tender and the separation of costs. Superintendent Devereaux shared that there were 3 components to the tender. This allowed for flexibility in the scope of work if some components needed to be removed. The Board will be moving ahead with all 3 components of the work.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives all reports, committee minutes, and approves all motions under the consent agenda, which are:

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Board Highlights for May for information.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Committee Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026.

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THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Catholic Education Team (CET) Committee Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2025

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THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Catholic Education Team (CET) Committee Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Huron Perth Student Transportation Services Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the St. Anne's School accessibility upgrades project to Wayne & Harold Smith Construction Ltd. for a total amount of \$261,800.00 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the St. Aloysius School roof, gymnasium floor and corridor flooring project to Feltz Design Build Ltd. for a total amount of \$512,432.06 including HST.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board awards the Holy Name of Mary School, boilers and RTU project to Turner Plumbing & Heating for a total amount of \$503,641.00 including HST.

**Carried**

## **5. Committee and Staff Reports**

### **5.1. Policy**

#### **5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:**

- a) Artificial Intelligence (P3.2.2.)
- b) Trustee Expenses (P1.2.3)

Trustees inquired if the approval for meeting absences will still be requested through the Chair or will it be changed to the CEO to be consistent with expense approvals. CEO Tiganis will look into attendance permission specifically. The current language provided by the Ministry does not indicate a change.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the following policies for information: Artificial Intelligence (P3.2.2.) and Trustee Expenses (P1.2.3).

#### **5.1.2. Board Policies Recommended for Approval/Rescinding:**

- c) Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (P2.2.8.)

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Policy Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting (P2.2.8.).

**Carried**

### **5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity**

#### **5.2.1. Cyber Safety Learning Plan**

In response to trustee inquiries regarding the coterminous board's spending, Superintendent Devereaux noted that funding is based on board size and that the Ministry of Education (MOE) has published the specific allocations for all boards.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Cyber Safety Learning Plan Report for information.

**Carried**

#### **5.2.2. Mental Health Report**

Trustees noted increased support in junior grades, which SO Boreham shared would help identify future needs and resource allocations.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Mental Health report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.3. Multi Language Learners (MLL) Report**

Trustees inquired about the expense as it relates to international students. CEO Tigani responded that the MLL supports described are provided to Huron-Perth Catholic DSB students including international students.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Multi Language Learners report for information.

**Carried**

### **5.2.4. Student Trustees' Report**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustees' report for information.

**Carried**

## **5.3. Corporate Services and Operations**

### **5.3.1. Buy Ontario Procurement Directive**

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Buy Ontario Procurement Directive report.

**Carried**

### **5.3.2. 2025-26 Budget Update Report Core Education Funding Announcement**

Superintendent Devereaux highlighted key developments, including a 1% increase and a \$750-per-educator funding allocation (\$450 Ministry / \$300 Board). Regarding a requested August update on the School and Family Support Office, CEO Tigani reported that the plan submitted to the MOE in March received a perfect 10/10 score.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2026-27 Budget Update Report.

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

- 6.1. MOE Memo “Putting Student Achievement First Act” 2026 receives Royal Assent  
It was acknowledged by trustees and staff that in light of the memo that the title of Director of Education will be updated to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) going forward.
- 6.2. A retirement congratulations card will be circulated for Bishop Fabbro for trustees to sign.

**7. Notices of Motion**

**8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption**

**9. Trustee Inquiries**

- 9.1. Trustees inquired about invitations to the Catholic Education Week Mass for the recipients and their families of the Huron-Perth Catholic Trustees’ Student Leadership awards. CEO Tigani responded that the office became aware that not all students received the invitation in a timely manner and the process will be taken into consideration for next year.
- 9.2. Trustees shared that the Federation of Agriculture will be hosting speaker Chris Cook from Alberta, in February 2027 and inquired about having presentations at the schools. CEO Tigani responded that an invitation can be sent to the Superintendent who supports St. Anne’s Catholic SS to share with the principal.

**10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

**Carried**

**11. Rise and Report on the In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting and Approval of the Business of the In-Camera Session**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves all motions in the In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting.

**Carried**

The following retirements were announced:

- Carolyn Bell, Principal, St. Michael CSS, Stratford, effective August 31, 2026
- Mary-Jo Drager, Learning Coordinator at Catholic Education Centre, Dublin effective June 30, 2026
- Karen Kramers, Literacy Resource Teacher, Catholic Education Centre, Dublin, effective June 30, 2026
- Kathleen MacDonald, Educational Assistant, Sacred Heart, Wingham, effective June 30, 2026
- Carolyn Mathonia, Designated Early Childhood Educator, St. Boniface School, Zurich, effective June 30, 2026
- Jennifer McGrath, Teacher, St. Mary’s School, Listowel, effective June 30, 2026
- Jennifer Prendergast, Teacher, St. Boniface School, Zurich, effective June 30, 2026

**12. Future Meetings and Events**

- June 3, 2026 - CPIC Meeting

- June 8, 2026 - SEAC Meeting
- June 12, 2026 - SLICE
- June 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- June 16, 2026 - EDIAR Meeting
- Thursday, June 25, 2026 - Secondary Catholic School Graduations

**13. Closing Prayer** - Board Chaplain, Deacon Dan McPhee

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the Regular Board Meeting of May 25, 2026.

**Carried**

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY