

Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 2026 at 3:00 pm

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: Ronnel Charles, St. Michael CSS, Stratford, Quinn Palen, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton

Senior Administration: Chief Executive Officer, Karen Tigani; Superintendent of Education Sean McDade; and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer Sarah Devereaux

Absent: Trustee Tina Doherty, Superintendent of Education Tara Boreham

1. Opening Business

1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - Deacon Dan McPhee

1.2. Land Acknowledgement

1.3. Attendance - Noted above at start of meeting

1.4. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of September 28, 2026.

Carried

1.5. Declaration of Interest

1.6. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2026.

Carried

1.7. Business Arising from the Minutes

2. Presentations

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. September Board Highlights
- 4.2. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026 and June 8, 2026
- 4.3. Approved Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026
- 4.4. Audit Committee meeting report
- 4.5. Nutritional Management Annual report

Trustees inquired about the lacrosse workshop. Superintendent McDade responded that the program is designed as an introduction to the sport. There are no plans at this time to introduce it as a varsity sport.

Trustees inquired about secondary final exams. Superintendent McDade explained that staff are still working with the Ministry on the logistics and working through the changes. There will be some form of final evaluation/assessment for every class.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

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 September for information.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2026 and June 8, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Audit Committee September 2026 Meeting Report

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Nutritional Management Annual Report.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1. Policy

5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:

- a) State of Emergency P1.1.3
- b) Selection of Textbooks and Educational Materials P2.2.1.
- c) The Order of St. André Bessette P1.1.6.
- d) Newly Elected Trustees P1.2.2.
- e) Student Admissions P2.1.1.
- f) Student Accidents P2.1.14.

Trustees inquired about including “civic life” in the belief statement for policy The Order of St. André Bessette.

In response to Trustee inquiries regarding resource approval and Catholic alignment, the CEO clarified that schools select materials primarily from Ministry- and Catholic-approved lists (e.g., CCC, OCSTA, and Trillium), with the school Principal holding final oversight to ensure appropriateness in the classroom.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the following policies for information:

State of Emergency P1.1.3

Selection of Textbooks and Educational Materials P2.2.1.

The Order of St. André Bessette P1.1.6.

Newly Elected Trustees P1.2.2.

Student Admissions P2.1.1.

Student Accidents P2.1.14.

Carried

5.1.2. Board Policies Recommended for Approval/Rescinding:

- a) Guest Speakers at Schools P2.2.12.
- b) Emergency & Lockdown P2.1.6.
- c) Deferred Salary Leave Plan P3.4.3.
- d) Recognition of Continuous Service P3.4.5.
- e) Cooperative Communications Committee P1.1.7.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Policy Guest Speakers at Schools

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Policy Emergency & Lockdown

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Policy Deferred Salary Leave Plan

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Policy Recognition of Continuous Service

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board rescinds Policy Cooperative Communications Committee.

Carried

5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity

5.2.1. Transitional Supports for Students

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Transitional Supports for Students report for information.

Carried

5.2.2. Edwin Resource Report

The district integrated Edwin with MathUp into its math scope and sequence using allocated Ministry funds. Edwin serves as a supplementary resource accessed by educators for lesson planning. To ensure alignment with Catholic values and teachings, staff and partner organizations review and provide suggested modules. Catholic CEOs continue advocating with the Ministry for Catholic stakeholder input on mandated resources.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Edwin Resource report for information.

Carried

5.2.3. Student Family & Support Office September Report

In response to trustee inquiries that a Ministry-mandated communication service might minimize or overlap with their role, the CEO clarified that it is a complementary support tool, as a result, the service enhances communication.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Student and Family Support Office report for information.

Carried

5.2.4. Faith Formation - Walking in the Footsteps of a Saint

Superintendent McDade responded to inquiries; to evaluate the program's success, the board will measure engagement levels across classes, staff, and families based on initial sign-ups and sustained participation with the Religion Coordinator's resources. Ultimately, the primary goal is to foster spiritual growth and discernment among all participating groups and individuals.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Faith Formation report for information.

Carried

5.2.5. Spiritual Theme Discernment Report

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Spiritual Theme Discernment Report for information.

Carried

5.2.6. Student Trustees' Report

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

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. 2026-27 Enrolment Update - September 2026 (Walk-in)

Superintendent Devereaux provided an overview of the report.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2026-27 Enrolment Update - September 2026 report.

Carried

5.3.2. Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) Subscription Renewal

In response to trustee inquiries regarding costs, Superintendent Devereaux stated that last year's fee exceeded \$100,000. The exact cost for this year, starting in January 2027 is pending, as coverage options still need to be confirmed.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) Subscription Renewal Report.

Carried

5.3.3. Policies and Procedures Strategic Framework report

CEO Tigani provided a summary of the report.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Policy and Procedures Strategic Framework report for information.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

- 6.1.** "Policy on Elementary Student Attendance Confirmation During the School Day" - memo from the Ministry: CEO Tigani shared that Superintendents have put together administrative procedures and will be sharing the expectation with Principals for implementation.
- 6.2.** EQAO Results for Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board: CEO Tigani shared that an increase was shown in every area with the exception of one which was maintained. Chair Van Loon asked that congratulations on behalf of the board be passed on to the educators and curriculum support staff and thank you for all of their hard work.

- 6.3. CEO Tigani shared news of past student Sharon Foran receiving the Drayton Entertainment Teacher of Excellence Award. Her bio included mention of the positive influence of Huron-Perth Catholic DSB educators on her journey.

7. Notices of Motion

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

9. Trustee Inquiries

- 9.1. Trustees inquired about sending a message about ensuring Catholic ratepayers are registered to be able to vote for a Catholic trustee in the upcoming municipal election. CEO Tigani suggested that we would post a message on our social media.

10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

Moved by: Jim McDade

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: Amy Cronin

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

Carried

12. Future Meetings and Events

- Mon. Oct. 12 - Thanksgiving Monday
- Mon. Oct. 19 - Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) meeting
- Mon. Oct. 19 - Regular Board Meeting (moved by motion from October 26)
- Tues. Oct. 20 - Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism Committee (EDIAR) meeting
- Mon. Oct. 26 - Municipal Election
- Wed. Nov. 4 - Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) meeting
- Wed. Nov. 11 - Audit Committee
- Wed. Nov. 11 - Catholic Education Team (CET) meeting

13. Closing Prayer - Deacon Dan McPhee

14. Adjournment 6:15 pm

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the Regular Board Meeting of September 28, 2026.

Carried

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY