

**Regular Board Meeting
June 16, 2025 - 3:00 pm**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Student Trustee: Levi Nyenhuis, St. Michael CSS, Stratford, Sam Cronin, Student Trustee, St. Anne's CSS, Clinton

Senior Administration: Director of Education & Secretary Karen Tigani; Superintendents of Education Tara Boreham, Sean McDade; Superintendent of Business & Treasurer Mary-Ellen Ducharme

Absent: Fr. David Butler, Board Chaplain

1. Opening Business

1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - Trustees

1.2. Land Acknowledgement - Superintendent Ducharme

1.3. Attendance - Noted above at start of meeting

1.4. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

1.5.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2025.

Carried

1.6. Declaration of Interest

1.7. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 26, 2025.

Carried

1.8. Business Arising from the Minutes

2. Presentations

- 2.1. St. Michael CSS, Girls Hockey Team, OFSAA Gold, players and Coaches: Sue Dunn, Mark Flanagan & Mikayla Flanagan
- 2.2. Anne Doig - 3rd time Gold medalist at Ontario Skills competition for Aesthetics, teacher: Kathleen VonEuw
- 2.3. Introduction and welcome of the new student trustees - Addison Thuss, St. Anne's Catholic SS, Clinton, and Dean DeLuca, St. Michael CSS, Stratford

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1. June Board Highlights
- 4.2. Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025
- 4.3. Approved Huron Perth Student Transportation Services meeting minutes of February 4, 2025
- 4.4. Chromebook Purchases

Director Tigani and Superintendent Ducharme answered trustee questions about the Chromebook purchase, service contract and repurposing of returned Chromebooks.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

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 June for information.

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Huron Perth Student Transportation Services meeting minutes of February 4, 2025

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the purchase of 320 chromebooks from CDW Canada at a cost of \$153,538.98 (including HST)

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1. Policy

5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:

- a) Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals

Trustee inquired about the horse example in the policy. Superintendent Boreham shared that it was a part of the ministry policy template provided. Trustees requested this example be removed in the final policy version.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the following policy for review: Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals

Carried

5.1.2. Board Policies Recommended for Approval/Rescinding:

- b) Sun Safety
- c) First Nations/Metis/Inuit Self-Identification
- d) Pediculosis

Director Tigani shared that a Pediculosis (Head Lice) guideline would be available for school administration and housed in the internal Administrative Site

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves the following policies: Sun Safety and First Nations/Metis/Inuit Self-Identification

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board rescinds the Pediculosis - (Head Lice) policy.

Carried

5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity

5.2.1. Summer Programs

Superintendent Boreham explained that summer program offerings are based on building availability in the summer and staff resources. Efforts are made to move the location within the district year to year to make it as equitable as possible. Messaging for the early literacy program included that the schedule can be flexible to make it equitable to more families.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Summer Programs report for information.

Carried

5.2.2. School Climate

Superintendent Boreham shared that the survey response rate was high and provided a summary of how the data will be used to inform school strategic plans.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

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

Carried

5.2.3. EDIAR Update report

Superintendent Boreham shared that the EDIAR sub committee reviewed the EDIAR action plan with a Catholic lens and relating it to the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. Superintendent Boreham offered that a report card can be prepared to share the progress of

the EDIAR Action Plan with trustees next year.

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the EDIAR Update report for information.

Carried

5.2.4. 2025-2026 EDIAR Work Plan

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2025-2026 EDIAR Work Plan report for information.

Carried

5.2.5. MLL report

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

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

Carried

5.2.6. Strategic Plan 2024-2027 Update

Trustees commented that they appreciated the layout and the detailed information provided in the report.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 update report for information.

Carried

5.2.7. 2024-25 Special Education Plan

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2024-2025 Special Education Plan Update and the amendments as proposed.

Carried

5.2.8. Student Trustees' Report

Student trustees shared that the St. Michael CSS' spring edition of The Guardian was published and they will share the link with trustees. Trustees inquired about avoiding scheduling proms on the same day for our two secondary schools. Director Tigani offered that Superintendents can make the recommendation to the schools.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

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. Borrowing By-Law 1-2025

Moved: Amy Cornin

Seconded: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board tables motion 5.3.1 Borrowing By-Law 1-2025 following the committee of the whole meeting.

Carried

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board approves Borrowing By-Law 1-2025 to short term finance additions and renovations to St. Mary's School, Listowel.

Carried

5.3.2. 2025-2026 Draft Budget Report

Superintendent Ducharme provided an overview of the draft budget and answered trustee questions. Trustees requested more information on the Indigenous Grad Coach position in Responsive Education Programs (REP). Director Tigani indicated that a report will be presented to the Board in the fall outlining this position and portfolio.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Amy Cronin

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2025-2026 Draft Budget Report.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1. Thank you message from Joe Bezzina shared by Director Tigani for SLICE participation

7. Notices of Motion

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board renames Blessed Carlo Auctis Continuing Education School to Saint Carlo Acutis Continuing Education School following his canonization.

Carried

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

9. Trustee Inquiries

9.1. Trustee shared highlights and key takeaways from the CCSTA AGM annual conference

- 9.2. July 20, 2025 the Cronin family is hosting a camp approved by the London diocese, all are welcome.

10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Jim McDade

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: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Jim McDade

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

- Todd Psutka, teacher, St. Mary's Catholic School, Goderich effective June 30, 2025
- Dale Regier, custodian, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School effective September 30, 2025
- Pauline Skinner, teacher, St. Columban School, St. Columban effective June 30, 2025
- Lori Lynn Stapleton, principal, St. Boniface School, Zurich, effective August 31, 2025

12. Corporate Services and Operations

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Seconded by: Sue Muller

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Carried

13. Future Meetings and Events

- EDIAR Meeting - June 17, 2025
- Huron Retirement and 25 Years of Service lunch - June 18, 2025
- Perth Retirement and 25 Years of Service lunch - June 19, 2025
- Special Meeting of the Board - Budget - June 23, 2025
- Graduation Ceremony - St. Anne's CSS - June 26, 2025
- Graduation Ceremony - St. Michael CSS - June 26, 2025

14. Closing Prayer - Chair Van Loon

15. Adjournment

Moved by: Amy Cronin

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board adjourns the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2025

Carried

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY