

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 26, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

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

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

Senior Administration: Superintendents of Education Tara Boreham, Sean McDade; and Superintendent of Business & Treasurer Mary-Ellen Ducharme (Director Designate)

Absent: Fr. David Butler, Board Chaplain, Trustee Amy Cronin, Director of Education & Secretary Karen Tigani

1. Opening Business

1.1. Opening Prayer & Condolences - Rosary prayed by Trustees

1.2. Attendance - Noted above at start of meeting

1.3. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

1.4.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Sue Muller

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

Carried

1.5. Declaration of Interest

1.6. 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 5, 2025.

Carried

1.7. Business Arising from the Minutes

2. Presentations

2.1. International Education Program - Chris Grace

Mr. Grace presented an overview of the International Education Program, including partnerships and a five-year enrollment forecast. The Trustees requested a clear program plan to demonstrate the benefits and return on investment to ratepayers.

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

- 4.1.** May Board Highlights
- 4.2.** Approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025
- 4.3.** Annual Drinking Water Report for the Period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2025.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

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 May for information

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the approved Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2025

AND

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Annual Drinking Water Report for the Period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1. Policy

5.1.1. Board Policies for Review:

- a) Sun Safety
- b) First Nations/Métis/Inuit Self-Identification

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the following policies for review: Sun Safety and First Nations/Métis/Inuit Self-Identification.

Carried

5.2. Student Achievement and Catholicity

5.2.1. Literacy Report

Superintendent McDade presented key highlights of the literacy report, noting Grade One as a focus area. The data is intended to inform educational planning and support at-risk students.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Literacy/Empower Data

report for information.

Carried

5.2.2. Math Achievement Action Plan Progress Report

Superintendent McDade noted the report's participation data was inaccurate due to the report submission deadline prior to all classes completing the second common assessment.

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Math Data/MAAP Progress report for information.

Carried

5.2.3. Communications - Social Media Strategy Update

Trustees asked about responsibility for the social media plan. Superintendent McDade explained it would be a district-wide strategy with board direction, shared with school principals.

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Sue Muller

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the Communications - Social Media Strategy Update report for information.

Carried

5.2.4. Mental Health Update

Moved by: Tina Doherty

Seconded by: Jim McDade

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

Carried

5.2.5. Student Trustees' Report

Moved by: Tina Doherty

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. 2025-2026 Budget Update Report - Core Education Funding Announcement & Enrolment Projection Update

Superintendent Ducharme summarized the core education funding received from the ministry, noting changes to timelines due to late information. The budget presentation package will be provided by June 10. Trustees requested details on expenses included in the School Board Administrative Expense grant.

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

THAT the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board receives the 2025-2026 Budget Update Report - Core Education Funding Announcement & Enrolment Projection.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1. Superintendent Ducharme reported on Minister of Education Paul Calandra's visit to St. Mary's Daycare, Listowel. The visit focused on the daycare, and staff discussed the new school addition with an upgraded daycare centre. Board attendees included Chair Van Loon, Superintendent Ducharme, Vice-principal Valcke, Superintendent McDade, Coordinator MJ Drager, and Facilities Manager Pat Varello.

7. Notices of Motion

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

9. Trustee Inquiries

10. In-Camera Session of the Regular Board Meeting

Moved by: Jim McDade

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

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: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

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:

- Michael Bruneel, Principal, Sacred Heart, Wingham effective August 31, 2025
- Mark Dewan, Teacher, St. Michael CSS effective June 30, 2025
- Antonio Martinez, Teacher, St. Anne's CSS effective June 30, 2025
- Teresa Tomazin, Custodian, St. Joseph's School, Stratford, effective May 16, 2025

12. Future Meetings and Events

- St. Aloysius Jays Care Field Of Dreams opening celebration - June 5, 2025
- CCSTA 2025 AGM and Conference - June 5-7, 2025
- CPIC - June 10, 2025
- SLICE - Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre - June 12-13, 2025
- Regular Meeting of the Board - June 16, 2025
- EDIAR Meeting - June 17, 2025
- Special Meeting of the Board - June 23, 2025
- Graduation Ceremony - St. Anne's CSS - June 26, 2025
- Graduation Ceremony - St. Michael CSS - June 26, 2025

13. **Closing Prayer** - Chair Van Loon

14. **Adjournment 8pm**

Moved by: Sue Muller

Seconded by: Tina Doherty

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

Carried

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY DESIGNATE