

HAMILTON-WENTWORTH CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 7, 2023

ITEM 1 OPENING PRAYER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Trustee E. Agostino led the opening prayer.

Mr. D. Hansen, Director of Education, offered Memoriams for the following deceased employees and relatives of employees of the Board: Slavko Kosic, Lorraine Roe, Jack Vandenbosch, Lorenzo Finelli

ITEM 2 NOTING OF MEMBERS PRESENT & ABSENT, RESOLUTIONS EXCUSING ABSENCE

The Chairperson noted that regrets were received from Trustee L. Agro

MOTION:

THAT THE ABSENCE OF TRUSTEE P. HOMERSKI BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. P. Daly, Chairperson, Mr. A. D'Intino, Mrs. J. Angelini, Mrs. E. Agostino, Mrs. M. Nardini, Mr. J. Valvasori, and Mr. M. Valvasori., Mr. P. Homerski

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Mr. D. Hansen

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & TREASURER:

Mrs. P. Pace-Gubekjian

STAFF:

Ms. J. Angiolillo, Superintendent of Education

Mr. B. Daly, Assistant Superintendent of Education

Mrs. N. Degiuli, Controller of Business

Mr. D. DiFrancesco, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Ferrie, Superintendent of Education

Mr. H. Hucal, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. T. Kovach, Superintendent of Education

Mrs. L. Palermo, Acting Lead Human Resources

Mrs. S. Scime, Assistant Superintendent of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mrs. N. Knoll

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ITEM 3      APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION:

THAT THE ORDER OF BUSINESS BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mr. A. D'Intino

CARRIED

ITEM 4      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Trustees submitted a Declaration of Interest form:

- Mrs. M. Nardini declared a conflict of interest with Item 5 c) x as she has children who are teachers; and
- Mrs. E. Agostino declared a conflict of interest with Item 5 c) x she has a sister-in-law who is a teacher.

ITEM 5      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

a)      Committee of the Whole Minutes of October 4, 2023 Meeting

MOTION:

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2023 MEETING BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

b)      Board Minutes of October 4, 2023 Meeting

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2023 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

c)      Committee of the Whole Verbal Report of November 7, 2023

a) International and Indigenous Elementary Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023

MOTION:

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE INDIGINEOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF JUNE 28, 2023 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs. E. Agostino  
SECONDER: Mrs. J. Angelini

CARRIED

b) Report- Director of Education

- i) School Profile – St. Thomas the Apostle Matthew’s Catholic Elementary School

c) Reports – Associate Director of Corporate Services

- i) Class Size Compliance and Enrolment Update 2023-2024

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE AND ENROLMENT UPDATE 2023-2024, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

- ii) Honoraria for Board Members

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, HONORARIA FOR BOARD MEMBERS, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2023 BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini  
SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

- iii) Microsoft Azure Cloud Services

MOTION:

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE USE OF MICROSOFT AZURE SERVICES FROM THE VENDOR SOFTCHOICE FOR THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$157,200.00 PLUS HST FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

MOVER: Mr. P. Homerski  
SECONDER: Mr. M. Valvasori

CARRIED

- iv) Emergency Electrical & Civil work at St. Michael CES: Single Source

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL AND CIVIL WORK AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: SINGLE SOURCE, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2023 BE RECEIVED.

- v) Design Construction Updates

MOTION:

THAT THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES REPORT BE RECEIVED AS AN ITEM OF INFORMATION, AS PRESENTED IN THE REPORT DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2023.

MOVER: Mrs. M. Nardini  
SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

- d) Reports – Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Education

- i) Accessibility Compliance Report

MOTION:

THAT THE REPORT, ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE REPORT 2023, BE APPROVED.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini  
SECONDER: Mr. P. Homerski

CARRIED

- e) Reports – Human Resources

- i) Annual Statistical Recruitment Report 2022- 2023

MOTION:

THAT THE ANNUAL STATISTICAL RECRUITMENT REPORT 2022/2023, DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2023, BE RECEIVED.

MOVER: Mr. M. Valvasori  
SECONDER: Mr. J. Valvasori

CARRIED

- f) In-Camera Reports
  - iii) PASS Compensation System and Career Framework – Substantive Change Process (in-camera)
  - iv) School Board’s Reporting Requirements – Ontario College of Teachers’ Act (in-camera)
  - v) Patrick J. Daly, President, Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (in-camera)
  - vi) Personnel Matter

ITEM 6

MOTIONS TO RECEIVE, MOTIONS OF REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR STAFF OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS ITEMS

MOTION:

THAT ITEMS 6 (a) i-xx, 6 (b) i-iii BE RECEIVED AS ITEMS OF INFORMATION.

MOVER: Mrs. J. Angelini

SECONDER: Mrs. E. Agostino

CARRIED

**a) Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association (OCSTA) Correspondence – Patrick J. Daly, President, OCSTA**

- i) Memo dated September 28, 2023 RE: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops – 2023 Plenary Assembly – President’s Report
- ii) Memo dated September 28, 2023 RE: Ontario News: Getting Back to Basics Leading Student Outcomes
- iii) Memo dated September 30, 2023 RE: Statement from the Executive Committee to the Catholic Faithful on the occasion of the 2023 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- iv) Memo dated October 2, 2023 RE: the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops
- v) Memo dated October 3, 2023 RE: OCSTA Catholic Leadership Speaker Series – November 8, 2023 – “A Layperson’s Synodal Journey – Reflections and Insights” with Linda Staudt
- vi) Memo dated October 4, 2023 – RE: Local Government Week – 2023

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- vii) Memo dated October 5, 2023 RE: On the Way – Principles, Patterns, and Processes for Adult Faith Formation in Catholic Education in Ontario
- viii) Memo dated October 6, 2023 RE: Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum of the Holy Father to All People of Good will on the Climate Crisis
- ix) Memo dated October 10, 2023 RE: Ontario Legislative Update
- x) Memo dated October 10, 2023 RE: Grants for Student Needs Consultation 2024-2025
- xi) Memo dated October 11, 2023 RE: 2023 Annual Financial Brief Submission
- xii) Memo dated October 23, 2023 RE: Statement from Most Reverend William T. McGrattan
- xiii) Memo dated October 12, 2023 RE: Ontario Ombudsman’s Annual Report 2022-2023
- xiv) Memo dated October 16, 2023 RE: Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) Elect New Executive
- xv) Memo dated October 19, 2023 RE: Ontario News Release re: Ontario to Release Annual Fall Economic Statement and Pre-Budget Consultations in November
- xvi) Memo dated October 20, 2023 RE: Four Constitutions of Vatican II November Webinar Registration Open
- xvii) Memo dated October 23, 2023 RE: Bargaining Update- ETFO-EW Central Ratification
- xviii) Memo dated October 24, 2023 RE: Discerning Leadership Reflection – On the Road Together: “Going to the Highways & Byways: Peripheries”
- xix) Memo dated October 30, 2023 RE: 2024-25 GSN Submission
- xx) Memo dated November 1, 2023 RE: ON News Release-Ontario Strengthening Holocaust Education in High Schools

**b) Ministry Correspondence**

- i) Correspondence from Brenda Bushey dated September 28, 2023 RE: EQAO Release: 2022-2023 Provincial Assessment Data
- ii) Memo dated October 4, 2023 RE: The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act 2023 – Director of Education Performance

- iii) Correspondence from Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce dated October 10, 2023 RE: Supporting students following recent terror events in Israel

ITEM 7      PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND DISCUSSION OF REPORT

- a)      Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023. (Under Separate Cover)

MOTION:

THAT THE MINUTES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 BE APPROVED

MOVER: Mr. J. Valvasori

SECONDER: Mr. A. D’Intino

CARRIED

ITEM 8      STAFF REPORTS AND RESOLUTION

- a)      Awards and Recognition
- b)      Administrative Staff Report – ECE (in camera)
- c)      Administrative Staff Report - Teaching (in camera)

ITEM 9      NOTICES OF MOTION

There was none.

ITEM 10      NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 11      ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

Trustee Mr. A. D’Intino moved adjournment at 6:38 p.m. and all recited the closing prayer.