



April 7, 2021, 10:00 am

Virtual Zoom

Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance via Zoom

Trustees:

- Judy Wawia, Chair of the Board
- Amanda Monks, Vice-Chair of the Board (Excused Absence)
- Marline Ilijow
- Shirley Jean
- Kristy Lachance
- Chereyl Marino
- Hugh McCorry (Absent)
- Lawrence McParland
- Lilliana McPherson

Administration:

- Maria Vasanelli, Director of Education
- George Scott, Finance Manager
- Barry Biggs, Manager of Plant & Field Services Manager
- Billy Luby, Information Technology Manager
- Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education
- Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education
- Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education

- Valerie Nakani, Manager of Human Resources

Guests:

- Angela Gainer, Principal, St. Hilary Catholic School

Recorder:

- Deana Figliomeni, Executive Administrative Assistant & Communications Officer

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgment

Prayer

God of the mountains, God of the sparrow,
we come before you today in awe at the beauty and diversity of all you have created. As
people of faith, may our eyes always be open to the wonder and majesty of this world,
and may we appreciate and honour the myriad of creatures who, together with us, make
up this amazing cosmos. May our marvelling lead us to be wise stewards of your
creation, careful in our use of its resources, so that future generations may enjoy the
abundance and splendor with which you have surrounded us.
All praise to you, our Creator, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Acknowledgement

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the
ancestral territory of the Anishinaabe and the Métis. We wish to recognize and show
respect to the long history and contributions of the First Nations and Métis Peoples in
Ontario, as well as, the Inuit People of Canada

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #27/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the agenda for the Board meeting #4/21 being held on April 7, 2021, be accepted
as amended.

Carried.

Amendments include the addition of two recommendations (Item f.2 and f.3) under Plant & Field Services.

Resolution #28/21

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT the Board acknowledges and accepts the excused absence of Trustee Monks, from attending Board Meeting #4/21 held April 7, 2021.

Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution #29/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Lachance

THAT the [minutes for the Board Meeting #3/21 held on March 8, 2021](#) and [Pivot to Remote Learning electronic vote on March 30, 2021](#), be accepted as received.

Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Reports

- a. [Principal Presentation, Angela Gainer, St. Hilary Catholic School](#)
- b. Director's Report
 - i. [Maria Vasanelli, Director's Report April 7, 2021](#)
- c. Student Achievement
 - i. [Kerry Desjardins, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

- ii. [Rima Mounayer, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)
- iii. [Paul Tsekouras, Superintendent of Education Monthly Report](#)

d. Finance

- i. [George Scott, Manager of Finance Monthly Report](#)
 - 1. [Financial Report as of March 31, 2021](#)

e. Information Technology

- i. [Billy Luby, Information Technology Manager Monthly Report](#)
 - 1. [Billy Lu: Interactive Playground Presentation](#)

f. Plant & Field Services

- i. [Barry Biggs, Plant & Field Services Manager Monthly Report](#)
 - 1. [Annual Energy Benchmark Report](#)
 - 2. **Holy Saviour Catholic School Yard Improvements**

Resolution #30/21

Moved by Trustee Ilijow

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Board approves PDR Contracting Thunder Bay Limited award of the Holy Saviour / VDB Yard Improvement 2021 Tender, for the value of \$229,762.00.

Carried.

Holy Saviour Catholic School also received a donation from Barmingo, Provost, Lafarge Canada, Valard and Darell Levesque to go towards this Outdoor Learning project.

3. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Modified Repairs on

Roof

Resolution #31/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board sole-source the contract to Cardinal Roofing for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Modified Repairs on the roof. Value of \$66,580.00.

Carried.

Decision and Action Items

a. Borrowing By-law

a. Schedule A

Resolution #32/21

Moved by Trustee McPherson

Seconded by Trustee Jean

A BY-LAW authorizing the Superior North Catholic District School Board (the "Board") to borrow money pursuant to the provisions of section 247 of the Education Act (the "Act") for the raising of funds to finance certain permanent improvements as more particularly described in this By-Law.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Board has authorized the permanent improvements as detailed in Schedule "A" attached to this By-Law;
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") for a capital loan for the purpose of financing the permanent improvements;
- C. The total cost of the project is within the Board's Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education and Training.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Chair and the Secretary of the Board are authorized on behalf of the Board to borrow \$5,064,872 for permanent improvements in accordance with the Act, plus interest at a rate to be agreed upon from time to time with CIBC.
2. The Chair and the Secretary are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such other documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this By-law.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a By-law of the Superior North Catholic District School Board in the Province of Ontario duly passed at a meeting of the Board and that this By-law is in full force and effect.

Carried.

b. Technology Purchase Order Approval

Resolution #33/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Board approves the [purchase order](#) for the amount of \$318,109.92 to CDW Canada for the purchase of technology equipment for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Carried.

b. [Revised 2021-2022 Modified School Year Calendar](#)

The Board approved the proposed 2021-2022 School Year calendar at the February 8, 2021, Regular Board meeting. On March 1, 2021, the Ministry of Education provided a memo to all school boards with updates regarding the requirements for submitting the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. The memo outlined the revision to the calendar submission deadlines and the amendment of the PA Day requirements. The Ministry advised that boards are now required to schedule three mandatory PA days prior to the start of the student instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. The Ministry will provide additional direction regarding the topics for the mandatory PA day topics before the May 7 submission deadline. The attached revised draft modified calendar now contains the three mandatory PA days prior to the start of the school year and has been agreed upon with the coterminous boards of whom we share busing services. The May 13, 2022, PA day was rescheduled to September 1, 2021. The first day of school for student instruction is now Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Resolution #34/21

Moved by Trustee McParland

Seconded Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board accepts the proposed amendments to the Modified Calendar and approves the Revised 2021-2022 School Year Calendar to be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Carried.

c. Policies and Administrative Procedures

Resolution #35/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Ilijow

THAT the Board approves the following revised policies and administrative procedures for distribution:

1. [P-CP 204](#) Growing Success – Assessment Evaluation-Reporting of Student Achievement
[AP-CP 204](#) Growing Success – Assessment Evaluation-Reporting of Student Achievement
2. [P-ES 306](#) Equity and Inclusive Education
[AP-ES 306](#) Equity and Inclusive Education
3. [P-ES 318](#) Working Alone
[AP-ES 318](#) Working Alone
4. [P-HR 531](#) Student Self-Identification
[AP-HR 531](#) Student Self-Identification
5. [P-F 412](#) School Fundraising
[AP-F 412](#) School Fundraising

Carried.

Information and Discussion Items

- a. OCSTA AGM May 1, 2021
 - i. The meeting will be hosted on the Zoom videoconference platform with technical support provided by the firm GetQuoru. All Trustees will receive a registration link directly from GetQuoru. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
 - In the link to register for the AGM there is an option to assign an electronic proxy, therefore due to the nature of the virtual format of the event, an OCSTA proxy form is not required and paper copies of proxies will not be accepted. If you are appointing an individual as a proxy to vote on your behalf at the OCSTA Virtual Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, please remember to inform the proxy holder that they have been assigned a proxy. In addition to their own vote, proxy holders will automatically have one additional vote counted for every proxy they are carrying. Please note that if you assign a proxy and then join the meeting, your proxy will automatically be revoked. The deadline for the assignment of proxies is April 29 – 9:00 a.m. (EDT). It is important that you join the meeting early (8:30 a.m. EDT) on May 1st to ensure that you are able to access the webcast and to complete attendance requirements.
 - [Draft OCSTA AGM Agenda - May 1, 2021 at 9:00 am](#)
 - Trustees McPherson, McParland, Lachance, Marino, Jean and Wawia will be attending.
- b. 2021 AGM Resolutions was reviewed.
 - In order to ensure that the resolutions and the process for handling them at the Annual General Meeting are considered and understood by all delegates, OCSTA asks that the attached [2021 AGM Resolutions Package](#) be reviewed by the board prior to the OCSTA Virtual AGM.
- c. [2020 Resolutions Final Status Chart](#) was reviewed.

Committee of the Whole

Resolution #36/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee McParland

THAT we resolve into Committee of the Whole with Trustee Wawia in the Chair and that the meeting shall not be open to the public pursuant to Section 207 (2) of the Education Act (R.S.O., 1980).

Carried.

Resolution #37/21

Moved by Trustee Jean

Seconded by Trustee Marino

THAT the Board moves out of the Committee of the Whole and reconvenes as a Board in public session and accepts all recommendations contained therein.

Carried.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Blessed are you, Source of every gift, for the rich blessings of creation. The awesomeness of your world—its tiny one-celled creatures and its vast oceans and deserts—inspires us to praise and thank you daily. Teach us to hear the song of creation, and to know that we are a vital part of the complex web of life, called to wisdom, humility and care. As we respect the integrity of creation, so may we work for genuine justice for our sisters and brothers, as part of that “integral ecology” to which the Church has called us. May we respect, preserve and celebrate creation, and may it always lead us to you, its Creator.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. +

Resolution #38/21

Moved by Trustee Ilijow

Seconded by Trustee Jean

THAT the Superior North Catholic District School Board meeting on April 7, 2021, adjourn at 2:23 pm.

Carried.

Originally signed by

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Judy Wawia,
Chair of the Board

Maria Vasanelli,
Director of Education