



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

Board Meeting June 23, 2026 ♦ 7:30 p.m. Boardroom

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Toni Poirier
Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

Regrets: Dan Dignard, Rick Petrella (on-leave)

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)
Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

Regrets: John Della Fortuna (Superintendent of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chair Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above. Chair Luciani shared that she received regrets from Trustee Dignard who submitted a written request to be excused as per *Ontario Regulation 463/97, Section 7 subsection 5*.

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the absence of Trustee Dan Dignard as per *Ontario Regulation 463/97, section 7 sub-section 5* from the June 23, 2026, Board meeting.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the June 23, 2026, Board meeting as amended to have area 37 removed from item 5.1 City of Brantford School Attendance Boundary Review.

Carried as amended

1.4 Declaration of Interest

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2026

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the May 26, 2026, Meeting of the Board.

Carried



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1.6 Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes – June 9, 2026

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the June 9, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.7 Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations

2.1 Retirement Recognition

The Board recognized the retirement of Karen Wilkinson, principal St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School.

2.2 Farewell, Thanks and Recognition of Phil Wilson, Superintendent of Education

The Board recognized Superintendent of Education Phil Wilson and thanked him for his contributions to Catholic Education and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

2.3 Student Trustee Recognition

The Board recognized outgoing student Trustees Riley O'Brien and Mulan How and welcomed the 2026/2027 student trustees Joshua Ocampo and Jenna Ugwu.

3. Delegations -Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes form the Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 26, 2026

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 26, 2026.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting - June 23, 2026

Vice-Chair of the Board, Trustee Chopp presented a summary of the June 23, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting along with the recommendations which include:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Attendance Support Program Policy #300.47.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the amended City of Brantford elementary school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 4 and Figure 5, with the removal of area 37, where students will remain at St. Peter School, effective September 2028.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the legacy provisions to be implemented that permit Grade 7 and 8 students (currently enrolled Grade 4 and 5 students as of the 2025–26 school year) and their siblings at affected schools to remain at their existing school through to Grade 8.



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Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 23, 2026.

Carried

5.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Mulan How and Riley O'Brien and Ryan Toft presented their final student trustee report for the 2025/2026 school year. Some of the highlights across the four high schools included senior proms, year end masses, coffee houses, drama productions and athletic banquets. Other notable successes include the various athletic team achievements in soccer, rugby and track and field at AABHN CWOSSA and OFSAA as well as the students in the knitting club at Holy Trinity living out their faith by knitting blankets for NICU babies.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report.

Carried

5.3 Issuance of Tender #T-2726

Superintendent Nelson presented the Issuance of Tender Report for tender #T-2726. The board requires renewal of competitively procured snow removal services across the Board's district. Tender #T-2726 invites contractors to bid for the supply of all labour, tools, materials, and equipment necessary to complete snow removal for all Board locations for a three-year period. The areas to be serviced were noted along with the proposed schedule for the projects.

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the issuance of Tender #T-2726.

Carried

5.4 Strategic Plan Update 2023-2027

Director McDonald presented the Strategic Plan report update. Throughout the course of the year the senior team frequently re-visits the plan to ensure adherence to the goals and timelines, as well as ensuring that Board priorities remain the focus. On an annual basis the senior team formally critiques and reviews the goals set out in the plan in the form of a monitoring document. This document (Appendix A) is the avenue through which senior team assesses the overall success of the plan through the monitoring of the goals as indicators of success. Looking ahead, on January 21, 2027, a working group that encompasses all employee groups along with community partners will meet to determine the next strategic plan that will come into effect in June 2027.

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Strategic Plan Progress Report.

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6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 School Climate Survey

Superintendent Greco presented the highlights from the school climate survey. Survey participation rates went up from 52-64% and positive trends were noted across all areas compared to the provincial data.

7. Notices of Motion - Nil

8. Notices of Motion being Considered for Adoption

Trustee Chopp submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board rename the Catholic Secondary School on Powerline Road in Brantford, ON currently known as St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School; AND

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic School Board, starting in the fall of 2026, use the process as outlined in the Naming of Schools Policy OPS #400.17.P, updated in February 2026, to determine a new name prior to going to the Minister of Education and Bishop at the Diocese of Hamilton for final approval

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

The motion was on the floor for debate.

Trustee Chopp noted since the school boundaries have been determined for the new Catholic Secondary School it is a fitting time to revisit the naming process to ensure good governance by following the recently updated school naming policy that provides a collaborative approach comprised of BHNCD SB staff, local trustees and community members with a goal to begin the process in the fall and to have a new school name in December 2026. Director McDonald noted that the next steps will include communicating the decision to the BHNCD SB community along with the greater Brantford community.

Chair Luciani called the question and noted that she would be voting.

All Trustees voted in favour.

Carried

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session.

Carried

11. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session which includes that the BHNCD SB approves the leave absence request for Trustee Rick Petrella from June 30, 2026, to September 30, 2026.

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12. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

13. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Luciani.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the June 23, 2026, Board meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom