

### **Minutes**

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

# Annual Board Meeting Tuesday, December 10, 2024 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom

Members: Trustees:

Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Carol Luciani, Rick Petrella, Mark Watson

Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee), Ryan Toft (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

Michael McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Lorrie

Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

# 1. Opening Business

# 1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Director McDonald.

#### 1.2 Attendance and Welcome

Director McDonald welcomed trustees, senior administrators and members of the public. He noted that everyone was in attendance.

## 1.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the

Annual Meeting of the Board of December 10, 2024

Carried

## 2. Appointment of Scrutineers

Director McDonald appointed Superintendents John Della Fortuna and Phil Wilson as Scrutineers for the nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

### 3. Nomination and Election of the Chair of the Board

Director McDonald requested that ballots for the nomination of the Chair of the Board be distributed. Trustee Rick Petrella was nominated and respectfully declined the nomination. Trustee Carol Luciani was also nominated and let her name stand. Trustee Luciani was acclaimed for the position of Chair of the Board.

Moved by: Dennis Blake Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination and election of the Chair of the Board.

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#### 4. Nomination and Election of the Vice-Chair of the Board

Trustee Carol Luciani assumed the Chair of the Board and requested that ballots for the nomination of the Vice-Chair be distributed. Trustees Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard and Mark Watson were nominated. All three Trustees let their names stand. An election was held. Chair Luciani declared Trustee Dignard elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board.

Moved by: Dennis Blake Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination and election of the Vice Chair of the Board.

Carried

# 5. Appointment of Board Auditor

Director McDonald presented the staff's recommendation that Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh Chartered Accountants continue in their role as the Board's auditors.

Moved by: Dennis Blake Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh, Chartered Accountants, as auditors for the year ending August 31, 2025.

Carried

#### 6. Address by the Chair of the Board

Chair Luciani thanked everyone in attendance. She thanked fellow Trustee Rick Petrella for his dedication to the role of Chair and his work with the Ministry of Education, helping to secure funding for the two new BHNCDSB schools. She congratulated Dan Dignard on his election as Vice-Chair of the Board. Chair Luciani noted that together, as a Board, they will work closely with the dedicated senior administration team, ensuring solutions that reinforce the shared mission. This includes supporting initiatives that result in improved outcomes, acknowledging the school-home-parish partnerships, engaging openly with the community, and ensuring the focus remains on the students who are at the heart of everything they do.

## 7. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Annual meeting of

December 10, 2024.

Carried