



# BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

## Minutes

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

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### Special Meeting of the Board Tuesday, October 16, 2018 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Boardroom

**Members:** **Trustees:**  
Rick Petrella (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani,  
Kaiya Daly (Student Trustee)

**Absent:** Bonnie McKinnon

#### **Senior Administration:**

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Thomas R. Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Mike McDonald, Michelle Shypula and Leslie Telfer (Superintendents of Education)

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## 1. Opening Business

### 1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Petrella.

### 1.2 Attendance

As noted above.

### 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of October 16, 2018.

**Carried**

### 1.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil

## 2. Presentations – Nil

## 3. Delegations – Nil

## 4. Consent Agenda – Nil

## 5. Committee and Staff Reports

### 5.1 Education Development Charges

Chair Petrella invited Jack Ammendolia, Director, Education at Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. and Brad Teichman, Lawyer from Overland LLP to explain the implications of the recent action by the Ministry. Mr. Ammendolia indicated that there was a change to the regulation which freezes the rates as of August 31, 2018. The Ministry is currently in the process of reviewing the EDC by-law, which may take up to 8 months. Mr. Ammendolia drew attention to the implications that the change in legislation would have in the Haldimand and Norfolk areas in that there is no way to pass an EDC by-law in those areas until the legislation changes. However, Mr. Ammendolia indicated that the Board has satisfied all of the legal requirements that need to be met in order to pass the by-law with the rates as of August 31, 2018.



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Trustee Casey inquired about sending the Ministry a letter that encourages them to review the legislation as quickly as possible as they are freezing the levies, but the price of land is not in the same freeze. Mr. Ammendolia indicated that other Boards will be sending letters to the Ministry. Trustee Casey further inquired about how we would collect money that was lost during the freeze. Mr. Ammendolia indicated that the money lost would be considered in the future EDC calculations.

Mr. Teichman reiterated that the regulation has now frozen the EDC rates as of August 31, 2018. He indicated that the current by-law is set to expire on November 1, 2018, unless the by-law is passed with the existing rates. Mr. Teichman outlined the 40-day appeal period, when anyone can appeal the by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. However, since the charge is staying the same it is unlikely there will be an appeal.

Superintendent Grice briefly reviewed the Education Development Charges report, which outlines the process that has been followed to allow the Board to pass the by-law and the current charges as of August 31, 2018.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board has determined that a further public meeting is not necessary prior to passing the education development charge by-law.

**Carried**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Education Development Charges By-Law No. 2018-A3; with an implementation date effective October 21, 2018.

**Carried**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board send the Ministry a letter outlining a request for a quick review of the Education Development Charges legislation.

Trustee Dignard inquired if the Board would be able to go back revise the EDC by-law once the Ministry has completed their review of the legislation. Mr. Ammendolia indicated that it would depend on what the new legislation looks, there is no way to tell until then.

Trustee Luciani asked Director Roehrig for his opinion on sending a letter to the Ministry. Director Roehrig indicated that Chair Petrella was helpful in working with the Ministry to have the opportunity to pass the by-law before its expiration. He indicated that if a letter was sent, the Board should be strategic in their communication.

Trustee Chopp questioned the timing and inquired why the Board did not pass the by-law earlier. Mr. Ammendolia indicated that the rate still would have remained the same.

**Defeated**



**5.2 Student Behaviour, Discipline and Safety Policy 200.09**

Superintendent Shypula discussed the legislation that was being passed regarding the use of cannabis. She indicated that the revisions to the policy, which will now include cannabis, narcotics, or any other substance used for the purpose of intoxication, will help us to ensure that our students, staff and community members are being kept safe. The changes are specifically around suspensions and expulsions. There will be an information session held at the next AAC which will include a police representation, health practitioners, etc. A parent information session, with community partners, will be held in December. It will focus on health promotion and prevention of substance abuse.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the revised Student Behaviour, Discipline and Safety Policy 200.09.

**Carried**

**Trustee Inquiries**

Trustee Chopp inquired about the process that would be followed if a student comes in with forms from a medical practitioner indicating that they are able to use medical marijuana. If this happened it would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Chair Petrella inquired if there would be any safety concerns. Director Roehrig indicated that are a number of medications that can be prescribed that have a wide array of side effects. We already have processes in place that address safety, this will be no different.

**6. Information and Correspondence – Nil**

**7. Trustee Inquiries – Nil**

**8. Business In-Camera – Nil**

**9. Report on the In-Camera Session – Nil**

**10. Closing Prayer**

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Special Meeting of the Board of October 16, 2018.

**Carried**