



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Special Meeting of the Board Tuesday July 22, 2025 ♦ 3:30 p.m. Board Room

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Dan Dignard (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Mark Watson

Regrets: Dan Dignard, Rick Petrella (on leave)

Senior Administration:

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

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the July 22, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest

Trustee Chopp declared a conflict of interest on item 3.1 Unapproved Recommendations of the Budget Committee Meeting. He left the room and did not take part in the discussion, consideration or vote on any question with relation to this item.

2. Committee and Staff Reports

2.1 Unapproved Recommendations of the Budget Committee Meeting - July 22, 2025

Trustee Blake brought forward the recommendations from the July 22, 2025, Budget Committee Meeting. The 2025–2026 budget reflects the Board priorities of its excellence in learning and faith formation while ensuring belonging and well-being for all. By ensuring that funds, including an operating portion of our accumulated surplus, have been spent strategically and judiciously to support BHNCD SB students in their classrooms. Additional staffing, technology, new curriculum resources and special education and mental health supports were all prioritized throughout the budget process to inspire our students to live out our vision where our faith based BHNCD SB community inspires lifelong learning and service to others. The BHNCD SB has achieved another balanced budget for the 2025-2026 school year including the repurposing of the surplus funds. Trustee Blake congratulated Rajini Nelson, Superintendent of Business, on the hard work of the senior administration and finance team.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2025-26 total OPERATING budget in the amount of \$201,762,652 Million.



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THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2025-26 total CAPITAL budget in the amount of \$40,499,942 Million.

THAT the Budget Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2025-26 realignment of the accumulated surplus (working funds) in the amount of \$2,400,000 Million.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Budget Committee Meeting of July 22, 2025.

Carried

3. Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Chair Luciani

4. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the July 22, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday September 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom