



**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 January 13, 2026 ♦ 6:30 p.m.  
Board Room**

**Trustees:**

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard  
Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

**Regrets:** 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)

**Regrets:**

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Dignard.

**1.2 Attendance**

Attendance was as noted above

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the January 13, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**2. Committee and Staff Reports**

**2.1 Haldimand County Trustee Vacancy**

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, candidate Roy Walsh withdrew his application. In alphabetical order the following candidates made a 5-minute presentation to the Board of Trustees:

Kevin Brandt

Toni Poirier

John Vamos

Constant Verschoore

The Trustees proceeded to vote by secret ballot. Director McDonald and Superintendent Nelson acted as scrutineers and counted the votes. Toni Poirier was voted as Trustee representing Haldimand County.



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Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board appoint Toni Poirier as the Trustee representing Haldimand County for the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

**Carried**

### 2.2 Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance

Trustee Poirier read and signed the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

### 3. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

**Carried**

### 4. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session which includes, THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the leave of absence request for Trustee Rick Petrella from December 17, 2025, to March 17, 2026.

**Carried**

### 5. Closing Prayer

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Chair Luciani.

### 6. Adjournment

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the January 13, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom