



**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2016 ♦ 7:00 pm**  
**Boardroom**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** Rick Petrella (Chair), Cliff Casey (Vice Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Carol Luciani, Bonnie McKinnon, Robyn Zettler (Student Trustee)

**Absent:**

**Senior Administration:**

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Thomas R. Grice (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Patrick Daly, 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 Trustee McKinnon.

Trustee Dignard read a Memorial Statement for Julia Clarke, former trustee with the Brant County Roman Catholic Separate School Board and St. John's College Board of Governors.

**1.2 Attendance – As noted above.**

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Dan Dignard  
Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the January 26, 2016 meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest – Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2015**  
**Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes - December 14, 2015**

Moved by: Carol Luciani  
Seconded by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Board meeting.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**



**1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil**

**2. Presentations**

Alex Felsky, Brant United Way Campaign Associate, presented the Board with the 2015 Award of Excellence. She commended the Board for the involvement of 100% of schools in Brantford/Brant County, for exceeding the target set by the United Way, and for raising \$41,227, which represents an 8.5 per cent increase over the 2014 campaign. She also added that Sandra DeDominicis, Special Education Resource Teacher at St. Gabriel School, received a special Spirit Award for her energetic promotion of the campaign in her school community.

**3. Delegations - Nil**

**4. Consent Agenda - Nil**

**5. Committee and Staff Reports**

**5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 19, 2016**

Vice-Chair Casey reviewed the business of the January 19, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting and brought forward the following recommendations:

WHEREAS the Board has approved the following goals for the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan:

**Improving Student Achievement** – Knowing our Learners: When we know, understand and respond to the unique learning needs using assessment-rich learning, we can respond to the individual needs of our students and improve their outcomes;

**Catholic Faith Formation** – When we support the family and the parish in forming the faith of our students and we commit ourselves to the principles of our gospel values, as expressed through the example of Catholic Social Teaching, we help to build the Kingdom of God;

**Developing Safe and Inclusive Schools** – When we foster positive relationships that emphasize mutual respect, understanding, and trust, we are able to improve the cohesion of our community; and

**Communicating Effectively** – When we communicate effectively to our internal and external stakeholders, we enhance the engagement of our community which improves our ability to generate support for our system.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the goals of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan as the goals for the 2016-17 Budget.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the budget procedures as outlined in the 2016-17 Budget Procedures Manual (September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017).

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the 2015-16 Revised Budget Estimates, in the amount of \$121,135,667.



THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Public Concerns Policy 400.10.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the rescinding of the following policies:

- Code of Conduct – 200.05
- Safe Schools – 200.25
- Student Discipline – 200.26
- Bullying Prevention and Intervention – 200.27
- Program for Students on Long-Term Suspension and for Expelled Students – 200.28

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

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the revised Board By-Laws.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the addition of a Professional Activity Day on Friday, February 26, 2016 on the 2015-16 Elementary and Secondary School Year Calendars.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the request from St. John's College for an excursion to Gahanna, Ohio from Thursday, September 8 to Saturday, September 10, 2016.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board dedicates its annual Inaugural/Annual Meeting mass as a Memorial Mass to remember staff and students (present and past) who have died in the last year, recognizing their contributions to their school communities and to the Board, and to continue its practice of sending families a letter of condolence from the Director of Education, together with a Memorial Mass Enrollment card.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 19, 2016.

**Carried**

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 19, 2016.

**Carried**

## **5.2 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Zettler reported that the Student Senate have finalized plans for the Winter School Councils' Retreat, which will include a focus on supporting Syrian refugees in the community. She added that all secondary schools have been busy helping students prepare for January exams, and have also hosted successful Grade 8 Parent Night.



Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

Director Roehrig distributed copies of the operational 2015-2018 Strategic Plan publication, as well as the one-page parent-friendly flyer which has been sent to every family in the system.

Superintendent Shypula showed a copy of the Board's Catholic Social Teachings poster, which is now on display in all elementary classrooms, secondary religions classrooms, and in public areas throughout schools. She noted that the poster aligns with the Board's three-year Spiritual theme and reflects the tenets of the Catholicity pillar of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

Superintendent Shypula distributed copies of the 2015-2018 Board Improvement Plan Student Achievement (BIPSA) booklet publication, which has been provided to all principals and School Council Chairs, as well as showed the BIPSA poster which reinforces the core values and five fundamental principles for helping students achieve their fullest potential. Posters are now on display in every classroom and in common learning areas.

Chair Petrella commended Director Roehrig and staff for their work in creating these excellent, professional publications. In response to Trustee Dignard's inquiry as to whether these publications have been shared with the Ministry, Superintendent Shypula noted that they were showcased at a recent meeting with personnel from the London Regional Office.

Trustee McKinnon commended the over 50 teachers who took advantage of a professional learning opportunity on the January 18, 2016 assessment/report card writing Professional Activity day. Together with 120 Educational Assistants and 15 Principals, participants attended a day-long session titled, "Becoming a Behaviour Detective: Understanding, Surviving and Supporting Complex Behaviours", facilitated by Kim Barthel, world-renowned teacher and therapist from Victoria, BC.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Secondary by: Cliff Casey

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the information and correspondence items since the last meeting.

**Carried**

**7. Notices of Motion - Nil**

**8. Trustee Inquiries**

Trustee Chopp received confirmation that the additional PA Day on February 26, 2016 would be added to the school year calendar and published on the Board's website.

Vice Chair Casey requested and received an update on kindergarten registrations to date in the four schools that will be offering French Immersion ELKP programs in the fall. Additional discussions took place with respect to staffing French Immersion and Primary Core French classrooms, upcoming recruitment visits at Nipissing and Brock faculties, and the growing interest in French Immersion programming being seen across the province.



In response to Vice Chair Casey's question about the Bring Your Own Device pilot, Superintendent Shypula advised that the program is in the midst of rolling out to the six elementary and one secondary schools involved in this year's pilot.

Trustee Chopp suggested that the Board send a letter of congratulations to former Director, Theresa Harris, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association.

**9. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an in-camera session.

**Carried**

**10. Report on the In-Camera Session**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the in-camera session.

**Carried**

**11. Future Meetings**

Trustee attention was drawn to the list of future meetings and events.

**12. Closing Prayer**

Chair Petrella led the closing prayer.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the meeting of January 26, 2016.

**Carried**