



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK  
Catholic District School Board**

**Minutes**

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

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**Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 ♦ 7:00 p.m.  
Boardroom**

**Members:** **Trustees:**  
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair), Cliff Casey, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard,  
Mark Watson, Alex Medeiros (Student Trustee)

**Absent:**

**Senior Administration:**

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Rob De Rubeis, Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple (Superintendents of Education)

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Vice-Chair Luciani.

**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 September 22, 2020 Board meeting.

**Carried**

**1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil**

**1.5 Approval of Special Meeting of the Board Minutes – September 3, 2020**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.

**Carried**

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

**2. Presentations - Nil**

**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 – September 15, 2020**

Vice-Chair Luciani reviewed the business of the September 15, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting and brought forward the following recommendation:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 Report.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

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 September 15, 2020.

**Carried**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 15, 2020.

**Carried**

**5.2 Student Trustee Update**

Student Trustee Medeiros provided an update on the student senate which is currently being composed. It was noted that the staggered entry for the first week of school was helpful to introduce students to new protocols in the building. She advised that new standards of following signage, sanitizing and mask wearing has become second nature for staff and students and that student council will be hosting their weekly meetings via Zoom.

Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

**Carried**

**6. Information and Correspondence**

**6.1 New Math Curriculum**

Superintendent Temple provided an update regarding the new math curriculum. The new curriculum concentrates on the student's growth mindset and how individuals learn math. Areas of focus include number sense, special sense, coding and financial literacy. There will now be one mark for all the strands instead of individual marks for each. It was noted that the overall expectations are the same for all grades. There will also be a digital version for parents to view and follow topics along with webinars for teachers.

Trustee Casey inquired as to when new textbooks would be available. Superintendent Temple advised that all material and resources will be available in a digital format.



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Moved by: Cliff Casey

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

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. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption – Nil**

### **9. Trustee Inquiries**

Trustee Dignard requested an update on how many students are switching from virtual school to in-person and which schools will be affected. Director McDonald advised that depending on the situation the registration numbers could go either way although there is no anticipation that it will affect classroom compliance. The next crossover dates were noted as October 1 and November 1, 2020.

Trustee Chopp requested an update on staffing. Superintendent De Rubeis advised that secondary schools are fully staffed while elementary schools still have some vacant positions.

Trustee Casey requested an update on transportation. Superintendent Keys advised that recruitment and onboarding of new drivers is ongoing.

Trustee Chopp inquired as to the process for the use of isolation rooms. It was noted that a letter would be sent home to families and that there is no expectation of submitting a note from a physician. Discussion was held regarding the process across the system.

### **10. Business In-Camera**

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

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

**Carried**

### **11. Report on the In-Camera Session**

Trustees Casey, Chopp and Dignard declared conflicts of interest in Item 3.1 of the in-camera session and left the room. They did not take part in the consideration, discussion or vote on any question with relation to this item.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session.

**Carried**

### **12. Future Meetings and Events**

Chair Petrella drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

### **13. Closing Prayer**

The closing prayer was led by Chair Petrella.



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#### **14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the September 22, 2020 Board meeting.

**Carried**

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom