



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Minutes

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

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 26, 2023 ♦ 7:00 p.m. Boardroom

Members:

Trustees:
Rick Petrella (Chair), Carol Luciani (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Mark Watson, Caroline Goveas (Student Trustee), Mia Martorelli (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Scott Keys (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer), Kevin Greco, Lorrie Temple, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Trustee Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the September 26, 2023 Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest - Nil

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2023

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the June 27, 2023 Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2023

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board.

Carried

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2023

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Meeting of the Board.

Carried



1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes – Nil

2. Presentations - Nil

3. Delegations – Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes of the Mental Health Steering Committee

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 20, 2022.

Carried

Contract Summary Report (Q3/Q4)

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Contract Summary Report (Q3/Q4).

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Summary of 2022-2023 Reports to the Board

Director McDonald presented the 2022-2023 reports to the Board report. This is a summary of all reports that were brought to the Board of Trustees during the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives 2022-23 Reports to Board Summary

Carried

5.2 Student Achievement Plan

Superintendent Temple presented the student achievement plan. This Student Achievement (SAP) stems from, aligns with, and is an extension of the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan launched this September 2023, as well as current Ministry of Education priorities.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Achievement Plan for 2023-2024.

Carried

5.3 Curriculum Changes 2023-24

Superintendent Temple presented the Ministry mandated curriculum changes for the 2023-24 school year. The Student Achievement Team has been sharing key information on these changes with the administrators and the educators to support the implementation of these curriculum changes.



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Moved by: Dennis Blake

Second by: Mark Watson

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Curriculum Changes for 2023-2024.

Carried

5.4 Student Support Services and Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-26

Superintendent Greco presented the student support services and mental health and wellbeing strategy for 2023-26. The mental health and well-being of students continues to be a critical priority for the provincial government, the Ministry of Education, and the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board. The Mental Health Steering Committee exists to assist the Board in developing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and reporting on the achievement of the Board Mental Health Strategy and its annual Action Plans.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Second by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Support Services and Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-26.

Carried

5.5 Borrowing Resolution – Capital Priorities

Superintendent Keys presented the borrowing resolution – Capital priorities. The Capital Priority Program provides school boards with an opportunity to identify and address their most urgent pupil accommodation needs, including; accommodation pressures, replacing schools in poor condition, supporting past consolidation decisions, providing facilities for French-language rights holders in under-served areas, and creating new licensed child care spaces in schools. Discussion regarding the cost of the new school builds, and preliminary designs. The vote was unanimous among the Trustees.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Second by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (THE “BOARD”) TO BORROW MONEY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 247 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (THE “ACT”) FOR THE RAISING OF FUNDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION, UNTIL CURRENT REVENUE IS RECEIVED.

Whereas:

- A. The Board has receiving funding under the Ministry of Education’s 20XX-20XX Capital Priorities Program;
- B. The Board wishes to apply to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (“CIBC”) for a capital loan/line of credit for the purpose of financing the growth-related new school and childcare centre builds and land costs;
- C. The total cost of the related capital projects is within the Board’s Debt and Financial Obligation Limit as established by the Ministry of Education and Training;
- D. The interest expense incurred will be repaid to the Board by the Ministry of Education under the ‘Allocation for Short-Term Interest Grant’.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to borrow \$94,370,580 for growth-related new school and child care centre builds and land costs in accordance with the Act, plus interest.
2. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board are authorized for and on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver all such documents and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

Carried

5.6 Math Action Plan 2023-2024

Superintendent Temple presented the 2023-24 math action plan. The focus of the math action plan includes the use of multiple evidence-informed strategies and approaches to address local learning needs in schools. Discussion around the support provided, including ongoing professional development and current best practices was had.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Math Action Plan for 2023-2024.

Carried

5.7 Summer Programs Update

The three superintendents presented the summer programs update. Several programs ran over the summer months including Camp Blast, Summer school, Focus on Youth, Ready Set Go, Camp Connect, Bartimaeus Summer Support, Student Support Services and Metal Health Support. A report was requested to be brought to the board regarding the number of high credit students attending over the last 10 years.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Second by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Summer Programs Update report.

Carried

5.8 Remote Work Policy #300.26

Superintendent Greco presented the remote work policy. The remote work policy when approved in February 2023, was requested to be reviewed at the September 2023 Board meeting. The data presented was reviewed and discussed. Next steps were considered by the Board of Trustees including bringing the policy back to the policy committee for further review. The importance of remaining competitive within the labour market, including a remote work policy that is aligned with other school boards and other employment sectors within the geographical area of the board was discussed. The remote work policy was requested unanimously to be moved to the in-camera session for further discussion.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board amends the Remote Work Policy #300.26 to; Remote work arrangements shall not be undertaken on an ad hoc basis. Except in extenuating circumstances, employees authorized to work remotely shall be limited to



a maximum of two (2) scheduled days per week for remote work arrangements and shall commit to that work schedule.

Deferred

5.9 Summary of School Suspension Data

Superintendent Greco presented a summary of school suspension data. The Brant Haldimand Norfolk District School Board BHCNDSB (the Board) is committed to cultivating safe and accepting school climates. The District Safe and Accepting Schools Team (DSAST) annually reviews the Districts Safe and Accepting School Plan and provides direction for Principals to annually update their School Safe and Accepting Plan. This report was requested as information by the Board of Trustees at a previous Board meeting.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Summary of School Suspension Data.

Carried

5.10 Strategic Plan Monitoring Report

Director McDonald presented the strategic plan monitoring report. The BHCNDSB Strategic Plan will remain as the foundation by which change, and growth will occur in our Board. It will continue to be the vehicle by which the mission and vision of the Board are operationalized by all staff and understood by our community. The plan will reflect the diverse geography, communities and stakeholders who make up the BHCNDSB learning community. The monitoring document will be the avenue through which senior team can assess the overall success of the plan through the monitoring of the goals as indicators of success. This assessment will be critical to inform next steps and further action. Action items and responsibilities, along with indicators for success and criteria for measurement, will be included in this plan.

Moved by: Carol Luciani

Second by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Monitoring Report.

Carried

5.11 Naming of New Secondary School, Brantford, ON

Director McDonald presented the naming of the New Secondary School report. The Trustees voted unanimously on the name St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School as the name for the new secondary school in Brantford, Ontario.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Second by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School as the Name of the New Secondary School in Brantford, ON.

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5.12 Naming of New Elementary School, Caledonia, ON



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Director McDonald presented the naming of the New Elementary School report. The Trustees voted unanimously on the name Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School as the name for the new joint Catholic elementary school in Caledonia, Ontario.

Moved by: Mark Watson

Second by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School as the Name of the New Joint Elementary School in Caledonia, ON.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 Start-up Enrolment and School Organizations Update

The school enrolment and school organizations were presented to the Board of Trustees.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

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

Carried

7. Notices of Motion

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

9. Trustee Inquiries

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

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

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.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the September 26, 2023 Board meeting.

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Next meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom