



**Inaugural Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 ♦ 7:00 p.m.  
Norfolk Room**

**Trustees:**

**Present:** Dennis Blake, Bill Chopp Dan Dignard, Carol Luciani, Rick Petrella  
Halaena Buenviaje (Student Trustee)

**Absent:** Mark Watson

**Senior Administration:**

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

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**1. Opening Business**

**1.1 Opening Prayer**

Director McDonald opened the meeting with a prayer.

**1.2 Attendance and Welcome**

Director McDonald welcomed trustees and senior administration and noted that Trustee Watson was not in attendance.

**1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of November 22, 2022.

**Carried**

**2. Certification of Election Results by the Municipal Clerks**

Mike McDonald read the official election results, as follows:

For the Corporation of the City of Brantford, Bill Chopp and Rick Petrella – acclaimed

For the County of Brant, Dan Dignard – acclaimed

For the County of Haldimand, Mark Watson – acclaimed

For the County of Norfolk, Dennis Blake and Carol Luciani – declared

He congratulated all trustees and thanked them for their commitment to Catholic Education.

**3. Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance**

Trustees read and signed the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance forms. Trustee Watson declared his oath and signed the form earlier.



**4. Appointment of Scrutineers**

Director McDonald appointed Superintendents Kevin Greco and Phil Wilson as Scrutineers for the nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board.

**5. Nomination and Election of Chair**

Director McDonald requested that ballots for the nomination of the Chair of the Board be distributed. Trustee Petrella was nominated and let his name stand. Director McDonald declared Trustee Petrella acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Board.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination and election of Chair of the Board.

**Carried**

**6. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair**

Newly elected Chair Petrella assumed the Chair and requested that ballots for the nomination of the Vice-Chair be distributed. Chair Petrella declared Trustee Luciani as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board destroys all ballots in the nomination and election of Vice-Chair of the Board.

**Carried**

**7. Appointment of Board Auditor**

Superintendent Keys presented staff's recommendation that Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP continue in their role as the Board's auditors for the year ending August 31, 2023.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the appointment of Millard, Rouse & Rosebrugh LLP as auditors for the year ending August 31, 2023.

**Carried**

**8. Inaugural Address by the Chair of the Board**

Chair Petrella thanked the Board for the support of his nomination and acclamation as Chair of the Board. Chair Petrella thanked his Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger for joining the Board and celebrating mass with our Catholic community. He congratulated Carol Luciani on her re-election as Vice-Chair of the Board, he welcomed Trustee Blake as he returns as a trustee of the Board and he welcomed the newest member of our Senior Team, Phil Wilson.



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Chair Petrella commented on the strong fiscal health of our Board and for achieving another year of surplus. He is pleased that the Board has secured funding for the construction of two new schools, that the Board was able to provide resources in the areas of numeracy and literacy and that we were able to assist families navigate health and safety during the pandemic.

He commended staff for making the Board's 2020-23 Strategic Plan, *For All*, a remarkable success and confirmed the Board's commitment to work together with the support of our families, staff and parish community.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of November 22, 2022.

**Carried**

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom