

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Administration Office

Members Present: Nick Hegarty, Tim Swedean, Doug Skinner, Fr. Brad Pelzel, Rick Bertrand, Jacki Kelly, Dan Kriener, Fr. David Esquiliano, Jennifer Rose-Bass, Melissa Uhl

\*via phone conference: Luis Villalobos

Members Absent: Fr. David Hemann, Bridget Breen, Fr. Terry Roder

Staff Present: John Flanery, Jeanette Frey, Laurie Dougherty, Marisa O’Connell

Business

1. Opening Prayer – 5:00 p.m. led by Fr. Brad Pelzel

Note following corrections to the August 17,2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

* Jeanette Frey did not attend August 17,2021 Board of Education meeting
* Approval of board meeting minutes should state for July 15,2021 meeting instead of

June 15, 2021

* Diocesan Corporate Resolution – Board chair, Nick Hegarty, made a motion to amend August board meeting minutes to note Diocesan Corporate Resolution was voted on and unanimously approved
1. Approval of August 17,2021 board meeting minutes

Motion by Dan Kriener; Seconded by Melissa Uhl

All in favor: Aye

1. Laurie Dougherty – Enrollment Report
	* 20-21 beginning enrollment - 1504
	* 20-21 end of year enrollment - 1518
	* 20-21 students withdrew - 242
	* 21-22 beginning enrollment - 1560
	* 21-22 students withdrew (primarily due to financial reasons) – 283
	* Largest Freshman class in several years
	* 17 states have started utilizing “voucher systems”
	* Affordability:
		+ $55,000 median family income
		+ Suggested a good lobbyist to represent our needs at the state level – lobby for state to issue funds to our school system from taxes, roads etc. that public schools receive
	* Rick Bertrand felt that ESA’s would be a topic in the Iowa Legislature again this year
	* Superintendents will go to Des Moines in January, suggested that Laurie be in attendance
2. President’s Report
	1. Covid Update
	* District court voted to allow mask mandates
	* Diocesan press release stated that we will not be changing our current procedures regarding masks. We do not fall under the judges ruling
	* Averaging 4 new Covid cases a week system wide
	1. Advancement
	* Staffing
		+ Director of Annual Giving, Patty Considine, will begin October 25th
	* Siouxland Big Give
		+ Big Give will be for the Crusader Courtyard, picnic tables and benches. We purchased 29 tables, 8 benches. We are getting trash receptacles and 4 handicapped accessible tables.
	* MLTF
		+ Goal has not been met since 2018
		+ Increase tax credits up 75% - 18.1% sold so far
	* Gold Club
		+ 9/16/2021 - $147,308 – Goal is $160,000 (need for chartered buses)
	1. EANS Funds
	* Reimbursement begins in October (Thompson contract, Best Buy, cleaning supplies)
	* Second round most likely available in January 2022
	1. FIRE Update
	* Fundraising event held – good success
	* BVU professor, Karen Shromeyer, met with teachers; IEP meeting at Holy Cross
	* Sioux City schools working better with us regarding students with IEP’s
	1. Personnel Updates
	* Short 1 PE teacher position at Holy Cross
	* Volunteers or substitute teachers cannot fill position
	1. Hispanic Heritage Event
	* Kermesse festival to be held on Sunday, September 26th, 11:00 – 3:00
	* Encourage more participation from Hispanic community
	* Fundraiser involving Hispanic families
3. Sub-Committee Reports
	1. Academics
	* Per Luis Villalobos, no report at this time
	1. Catholic Identity
	* Reviewed and approved Catholicism 101
	* 75 students went to Rochester for Steubenville conference
	* Rekindle Retreat – October 17th in Carroll
	1. Enrollment & Marketing
	* Parent/Ambassador program is having great success
	* Representative from Holy Cross will be joining committee
	* Push for utilizing “Win/Win Referral Program” this fall
	1. Finance
	* 1/10th of tuition balance is required to be paid each month (August-May)
		+ Jeanette to provide budgeted vs actual tuition received
		+ Jeanette to provide number of families with children in school with a prior year balance and no payment plan in place
	* Central Bank line of credit expired; need new line of credit with $500,000 limit, 3.75% variable rate
		+ Motion to Approve new line of credit outlined above by Dan Kriener
		+ Seconded by Tim Swedean
		+ All in favor: Aye
	* Pride III Loan Refinance; 5 years at 3.5 fixed rate
		+ Motion to Approve refinance by Tim Swedean
		+ Seconded by Fr. Brad Pelzel
		+ All in favor: Aye
	* Director of Lunch Program position
		+ Motion to Approve position; Nick Hegarty Motion to Approve position at $45,000 with benefits, go back to Holy Cross to backfill at $20,000
		+ Seconded by Rick Bertrand
		+ All in favor: Aye
	1. Leadership & Governance
	* Melissa requested more time during October 19th board meeting to review items committee has covered
	* Student to teacher ratios was mentioned – what would be the minimum & maximum numbers?
4. Other Business
	* Diocesan meeting on Thursday, September 23rd
	* Rick Bertrand comments
		+ Good transition at Holy Cross schools – kids are happy and things are looking very positive!
		+ Coach Foster has been doing a great job! The golf tournament with donors was a success and Coach Foster really stepped up his game especially with players at the gate checking into the event
		+ The Olympus half-time show was concerning to some parents due to content
	* John shared that approximately 500 students attended the Mary’s place dedication and conducted themselves politely and respectfully. It was a proud moment for our school.
	* Sacred Heart school received a glowing email from a family that has seen an incredible difference with their child since attending Sacred Heart school! Kudos to Sacred Heart – keep up the great job!!

**Next meeting Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**