



Board of Education Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026
Administration Office

Members Present: Jacki Kelly, Jessica Felix, Fr. Randy Schon, Joe Malsam, Fr. David Esquiliano, Jenipher Hernandez, Ben Uhl, Brent Olson, Dan Kriener

Via Phone Call: Fr. Tim Friedrehn, Rhonda Bridges

Absent Members: Fr. Brad Pelzel

Staff Members: John Flanery, DJ Faller, Marisa O'Connell, Kristi Wilshire, Principal, Holy Cross

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Randy Schon

2. Approval of April 21, 2026 Board Meeting minutes

Motion: Joe Malsam

Seconded by: Jessica Felix

All in Favor: Aye

• Kristi Wilshire, Principal, Holy Cross Schools

- 2025-26 Focus
 - Culture
 - Relationships – working on how to tie faith into relationships
 - Communication
 - Communication has improved (i.e. parents in classroom etc.)
- Video by 7th grader and mother thanking those who serve our community
- Third grade “house” program based on different Saints
 - 8th grade CLT members lead this program
 - Cup House winners announced at end of school year
 - Students stay in the same saint “house” from 3rd to 8th grade
- Tier 1 Behavior System
 - Be a Saint
 - BLT “Building Leadership Teams”
 - Stewardship
 - Accountability
 - Imitating Christ
 - Nobility
 - Tenacity
- Working closely with Father Schon incorporating faith with teachers/classroom

3. Committee Reports

- Academics – Joe Malsam – see attached
 - Meeting held - May 13th
 - Reading Scores
 - Some scores went down
 - Focus on phonics next year

- Math Scores
 - Went up
- PLC's – Professional Learning Communities
 - Teachers working on district standards
- Stem
 - STEM class time for 6th – 8th grades should have a dedicated STEM time during week
 - This time should be a protected time, not used as reward or punishment
- AI usage – should just be used for ideas, not to do actual papers etc.
- Catholic Identity – Jacki Kelly
 - No Meeting
 - Position for Campus Minister at High School
 - Fr. Crotty will be re-assigned and we are reaching out to Bishop for direction
 - Daily masses are random at high school due to schedules
- Enrollment and Marketing – Jennifer Rose Bass - see attached
 - Questionnaire will be attached to online registration for next year
 - Offer High School parking lot events this summer
 - Hoopla August 26th
 - New Enrollment and Marketing members are being requested
- Finance – DJ Faller, Brent Olson – see attached
 - Tuition receivables – Infinite Campus and Blackbaud reports attached
 - Blackbaud Monthly Receivables - \$519,304
 - Parish Receivables – see attached
 - All are current
 - Financials
 - Year-end estimate 2.5 or 2.6 million for the buckets
 - 2026-27 budget discussion
 - Budget Draft #2
 - Budget based on enrollment number of 1685
 - Sacred Heart parish assessment request
 - Lower to \$25,000 per month
 - Committee to discuss parish assessments (buckets vs lower monthly assessment payments)
 - Committee members to include the following:
 - All Priests
 - Jacki Kelly
 - Jessica Felix
 - DJ Faller
 - Parish bookkeepers
 - Diocesan representative
 - Fr. David Esquiliano will send an invite to priests regarding committee meeting
 - Motion to approve budget as is with parish assessments being discussed after committee meets for further conversation
 - Motion by: Dan Kriener
 - Seconded by: Jessica Felix
 - Opposed by: Ben Uhl
 - Abstained: Fr. Tim Fredrichsen
 - All remaining board members in attendance: Aye
- Leadership & Governance – Jessica Felix – see attachment for notes
 - Composition of an Executive Committee
 - Eligibility to be on Executive Committee
 - Board vice-chair selection

4. President's Report

- Advancement – 2025-2026 – scorecard and documentation attached
 - Auction update
 - 69 items did not sell during night of the auction
 - Items were later listed as an “online option”
 - We have brought in an additional \$5000 by selling the remaining items online
 - Hope to have final auction financial numbers in June
- Enrollment update – see enrollment and capacity report attached
 - 1691 current enrollment numbers
 - Registration window is now open for all
 - Holds – started at 73 families/143 students.
 - Current hold status – 21 students
 - Preschool, Kindergarten and 6th grade reflect an increase in enrollment numbers
 - Approximately 950 ESA's applications have been completed – will need to have around 1400 done by June 30th
- Next Capital Campaign discussion
 - Mike Neswick – will provide drawings for Memorial Field
 - Mike finally received a land survey, which was needed to do the Memorial Field drawings
 - Kevin Strehle with BCDM Architects from Omaha – West Wing
 - Work can be done by their interns at no cost
 - Kevin has done work for other Catholic organizations
 - BCDM has experience working with schools
- Marian Hall – counteroffer from the Diocesan Finance Council
 - \$458,000 plus all closing costs (around \$6,000)
 - Apartment Repairs
 - List of items that need to be repaired in apartments
 - Diocese would be responsible for completing this list of items before closing
 - Motion to purchase Marian Hall at \$458,000 plus closing costs of \$6 000 with a \$10,000 minimum punch list
 - Motion by: Ben Uhl
 - Seconded by: Fr. Randy Schon
 - All in Favor: Aye
- North lots – going out for RFP “by the end of the month”
- 11th street land between Cathedral and CYO – update from City Council meeting
 - Land is considered “Urban Renewal property”, so in next 30 days the City can consider other submitted offers
 - Letter of Intent submitted
- Open faculty and staff positions update
 - 1st grade teacher resigned as of today
 - Director of Student Services position open
 - Will post Director of Safety position
- Teammates update – in the packet for your review
- Staff retreat to Broom Tree, SD – June 11-12

6:15 pm

- Other business
 - 1213 Grandview – clean out items in home (Hope Street, other organizations)
 - Call City of Sioux City and MidAmerican to not transfer service; pull meter at closing June 26th
 - Contact Casey Fenton
- List of Professional Development sessions for next year - Ben

7:04 pm

- Move to Executive Session
 - Motion by: Jennifer Rose Bass
 - Seconded by: Dan Kriener
 - All in Favor: Aye

7:10 pm

- Move out of Executive Session
 - Motion by Dan Kriener
 - Seconded by: Fr. David Esquiliano
 - All in Favor: Aye

7:10 pm

- Motion to adjourn
 - Motion by: Brent Olson
 - Seconded by: Joe Malsam
 - All in Favor: Aye

Next meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.