

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11th, 2024

Springfield Catholic High School 6:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Boyd Crockett, Jane Fairchild, Msgr. Reidy, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O'Reilly, Jeanne Skahan, Mike Johnson, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Lary O'Reilly, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent Ashley Harris

Guests: Scarlett Weis, Keary Basecke, Lauren Lipscomb, Casey Wilkerson, Jacob Hurt and Brian Pyck

OPENING PRAYER 6:04 PM Fr. Patrick Nwokoye opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The March minutes and April Consent Agenda items were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the consent items and minutes was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Scarlett Weis spoke as the interventionalist at our St. Agnes and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton schools. Scarlett mentioned a majority of the students improved in their IReady testing by 2 or more grades. Scarlett mentioned that when we resume in fall there will be a better picture of kids to serve, while some kids will move on others will always need maintenance. Scarlett mentioned they have iPads and reading pens that really help students with reading and comprehension.

Casey Wilkerson spoke on security and the areas in which the security team has completed thus far. Casey handed out detailed reports on each of the schools and their specific security needs. Casey also talked about wanting to add a behavioral intervention team (BIT) at each school and the advantages of having one in place.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the February and March financials. A motion to approve the financials was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion was approved.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann spoke about the continued work on the grants that have been obtained. She mentioned the Federal grant office emailed and the funds are still on hold for contracted security. Submissions for reimbursement from the DESE grant are going well. We will try to use the grant to also obtain some new cameras for our schools. Also, the schools are in the process of making submissions to the EANSIIa grant which addresses situations (sanitation and learning loss) due to COVID. Dr. Wanda Miller will be presenting at the May school board meeting. Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned on April 8th there was a system wide in-service day hosted at each site. She mentioned we have a bid for the removal of our dirt mound at SCHS. On Thursday May 9th is the Kids for Kids final presentation. It will be held at the Springfield Cardinals Hammons Field. Our school board meeting will take place right after 7pm. She also mentioned that we are looking to have our August school board meeting on August 13th after Bishop Rice has our beginning of the school year Mass at IC.

Director of Development: Becky mentioned the Alumni Association just wrapped up their March Madness Bracket Challenge. They will also be sponsoring this year's Senior Breakfast. This is a great first touchpoint with these seniors as they are hours away from becoming Alumni. At that time, they will also be gathering contact information so we can be sure to stay in touch. Recruitment Weekend at each of the parishes is April 27th and 28th so be on the lookout following each Mass time. Information will also be shared with each parish's PSR program. With enrollment opening tomorrow for our returning families and in just a few weeks for our new families, we are off to the races with communications. Becky mentioned there will be a big shift in the fall fundraiser. They are moving it to the High School. This will not only increase our profit margin on the event by not having the Oasis fees but will allow us to

broaden the vendors we leverage. This will also be a great recruiting tool by getting our elementary school families into the high school and helping all to see the larger system view. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 28th. This is a month later than the fall fundraiser has been. This will allow new families to get in on the fun. Becky also mentioned they will be adding representatives from each of the school's homes and schools to the Development Board. These will be 1-year positions.

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret presented the second reading of the 2024-2025 Budget. No additional comments or suggestions. A motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Jacob Hurt spoke about the HVAC unit. One of the Mitsubishi compressors has gone out and in need of a replacement. The current bid for the unit will be \$77,938 with no piping like before. The first reading of the following policies took place.

- a. 1.41 Release of Student During the School Day
- b. 1.42 Students with Special Needs
- c. 1.42A Guidelines for Students with Special Needs
- d. 1.43 Student Pregnancy

CLOSING PRAYER Fr. Lewis closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 7:25p.m.