

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 9th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 7:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Paige Duda, Jeanne Skahan, JoAnne Bailes, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Suzanne Cronkhite, Msgr. Tom Reidy, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Mike Johnson, Ashley Harris, John Griesemer Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Guests: Jacob Hurt, Linda Yates

Absent: Shelby Williams, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye

OPENING PRAYER 7:05pm Sr. Cecilia Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

GUEST SPEAKER A presentation from Linda Yates was given to the School Board on the Security Grant Program. Linda is a current St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioner and is offering her services to help Springfield Catholic Schools apply for security 2 grants from the government that would help our schools with our current security needs.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The January Minutes and February 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 Jane Fairchild. The motion was approved.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the January financials. Margaret mentioned they are working with 25 families who have not paid their tuition. Margaret also handed out the endowment funds overview. The Endowment Committee will be meeting on Mach 1. A motion to approve the financials was made by John Griesemer and seconded by Fr. Lewis Hejna. The motion was approved. Enrollment as of today reflects we are up 3 students from budget.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann talked about Catholic Schools' Week. Due to ice, we were out of school Monday - Wednesday with Tuesday and Wednesday being AMI days. Some schools will move their "fun" days to next week. Many students wrote letters to their parents telling them why they like attending a Catholic School and thanked their parents for their sacrifice; schools had signs of appreciation made for Bishop Rice and Deacon Huff, parishioners, cafeteria staff, maintenance, staff, etc. Our schools also helped in collecting items for our system wide service project for the homeless that our faculty will participate in tomorrow during our system wide in service. Our schools had their open houses and they seemed to be very well attended.

Sr. Cecilia Ann also mentioned we have completed one semester with our Resource/Security officer at the high school. We also have on occasion Gary and his dog Max who is trained to detect drugs. Jeanne then spoke about how well each of the officers are doing and what a great addition it has been to our school. She mentioned it has been a calming environment. She also mentioned we are not sure if we will be able to have them again next year due to the cost. Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned February 10th is our SCS System in Service Day. We have Burrell, Springfield Dyslexia Center, Dr. Wanda Miller, Fr. Brian Straus (speaking on the Eucharist), three publishing companies to present for our Reading textbook adoption (k-8), and several topic specific meetings taking place along with a system-wide service project led by Elaine Jones. Letters to our Preschool and Prekindergarten parents went out letting them know of the change to a full day - 5 days a week program for Prekindergarten. Lastly, Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned that there were two stipend requests, presented to principals, and she asked the Board if there was a hold on stipend requests. At this point we will proceed as usual.

Director of Development: The Development Board had their monthly meeting today. Suzanne mentioned there is a CBNO event happening on February 15th hosted by Pat Bauer. February 5th was the phone-a-thon. The day went great, and the total amount raised was over \$42K. April 23rd is recruitment weekend. Dinner

parties continue for the Shepherds' fund. The development office has brought back Meet the Staff Mondays. Be on the lookout for those. Emerald Evening is fast approaching, and we are almost sold out.

OLD BUSINESS: Jacob Hurt came to speak on behalf of the Maintenance and Construction Committee. Jacob talked about the HVAC system and the broken water pipes over Christmas. He mentioned because of the broken pipes and the extreme temperature in the science rooms the decision has been made to replace the HVAC unit over the science wing vs Central office. There will be a larger unit purchased. The company will reuse pipes instead of purchasing new ones which would have cost around \$40K. This will begin in March.

NEW BUSINESS: Policies- First reading of Policy

- 2.14A – Guidelines for Sick Leave Pool Policy

CLOSING PRAYER Msgr. Tom Reidy closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.