

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 7:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Larry O'Reilly, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Kiefer, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Ashley Harris, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Brian Pyck, Casey Wilkerson, Ryan O'Reilly, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Msgr. Reidy, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Jeanne Skahan, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye,

Guests: Shilo Smith, Courtney Spitz, Michele Scott, Virginia Mire

OPENING PRAYER 7:03 PM Fr. Lewis Hejna opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The August minutes and September 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 July and August financial statements. Margaret mentioned she will be working on the revised budget for next month. A motion to approve the financials was made by Jane Fairchild and seconded by Fr. Lewis Hejna.

Margaret presented the enrollment report. We are currently down 33 students from budget. She mentioned Immaculate Conception only has 1 preschool class, where we budgeted for 2. Margaret also mentioned on the enrollment report she has added the percentage of non-Catholic and Catholics not registered to the report.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann reported that we have finally heard back on the security grant we have been waiting for. There are a few more things that need to happen to finalize things. The principals met on August 31st to work on the DESE security grant which was due on September 8th. Sr. Cecilia Ann also mentioned she participated in a Sept. 12 ZOOM meeting about EANS IIA which is open to all private/parochial schools that were in operation during COVID. Each school needs to register by Sept. 29, and she has sent a request for our principals to do so. Anyone approved for this grant will receive a minimum of \$10,000 and more will be awarded depending on need and establishment of economic deprivation. Sr. Cecilia Ann spoke about Catholic identity in our schools - obvious in our great bulletin boards, weekly news notes (saints highlighted, Did you know facts about our Catholic Faith, etc ..) monthly virtues, blessing of backpacks, new tennis courts, blessing of fall athletes, prayers prayed before each class, celebrating Mass on Solemnities and Feasts like today's celebration of the Exultation of the Cross, etc .. Each month we will be hearing from one of our faculty about a new or developing program/activities for our school. Last month we heard from Casey Wilkerson for our Security program; this month we will hear from Brian Pyck about our Athletic program; in October we will hear Kelsey McLamore share how Irish Eats is working out at IC; November we will hear from one or more of our Educational Interventionists; and in December we will have Dr. Miller share about our Mental Health program. Second semester we will plan to have each of them speak again. A special thank you to all those who were able to attend our SB/DB Retreat last night. Every 5 years we are required to review our school Mission and Vision statements. Fr. Allen celebrated Mass for us and then gave a very inspirational talk about the Eucharist and how it should inform all that we do. After some small group work, we collected 4 different revisions of our Mission Statement. Sister will be typing these up and presenting them to the School Board for further consideration next month.

Director of Development: Becky Conroy mentioned that the Development board met today. Plans for The Shepherds' Fund and Annual Fund are underway for the year. Becky thanked everyone who attended and supported Soiree. It was a record-breaking year for the fall fundraiser, bringing in \$267,274 with 613

people in attendance. The All Class Alumni Reunion is this weekend. We are happy to celebrate all SCHS graduates and have a great group registered to attend. This is purely a fun community-building event including Mass, a school tour, a short program, and dinner. There will be a CBNO event at The Pitch on Wednesday, Sept 20th at 5:00pm. Becky asked all school board members who have businesses to join CBNO if you are not already and attend the event.

The development office is hosting the all-school Home & School Conference on Sept 27th. It is a great opportunity to bring leadership from each of the 4 schools together to share ideas and support each other as a system.

OLD BUSINESS: Kent gave an update on the maintenance and construction. The HVAC in the central office is going out, however, there are plans to have the new one installed in October. The drainage on the northeast side of the property has been completed. The committee is also getting other bids for a more comprehensive pesticide vendor.

Courtney Spitz and Shilo Smith addressed the board with a proposal for turf on the baseball field. Both spoke on fundraising, maintenance, and the overall need for turf. Courtney and Shilo are looking for guidance from the school board on how to proceed with moving this proposal forward. The board is going to investigate the next steps and advise.

NEW BUSINESS: Two of our school nurses, Virginia Mire and Michelle Scott, spoke on changing policy 1.45 Student Immunization. Our nurses feel like our medical exemptions are being abused. They are looking to have these exemptions provided 2 weeks before school starts to allow them to follow up on the details of why these exemptions are being made. Also, they are asking for the medical exemptions to be well documented by the doctors.

Brian Pyck presented an athletic report to the board. Brian spoke on all the ways he has highlighted our athletes and coaches through meetings and social media. Brian talked about the importance of prayer and faith in our sporting events. He is making sure our athletes and coaches are praying before events, listening to appropriate warm up music, and overall implementing our mission statement.

Casey Wilkerson spoke on our safety officers in our buildings and his assessment of each of our buildings. Casey has been working on a safety mission statement along with many safety concerns at each of our facilities. We will likely use objectives instead of an actual "mission statement" for this program.

CLOSING PRAYER Fr. Tom Kiefer closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.