

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 7:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Kiefer, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Ashley Harris, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O'Reilly (phone), Jeanne Skahan, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Larry O'Reilly Msgr. Reidy, Mike Johnson, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Lewis Hejna

Guests: Scarlett Weis, Keary Basecke, Lauren Lipscomb, Lydia Eck, Nikki Morrison, Erin Boster

OPENING PRAYER 7:04 PM Fr. Tom Kiefer opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The October minutes and November Consent Agenda items were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the consent items and minutes was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Boyd Crockett. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Scarlett Weiss, Keary Basecke and Lauren Lipscomb talked about the Interventionalist program that was founded this year for our lower elementary schools. This program is to help our elementary school students who are struggling in various academic areas to be pulled into a small group setting or one-on-one to focus on the areas where they are having issues.

Brian Pyck presented a proposal and video from Mitch Hauschildt who was unable to attend the meeting. Mitch spoke on the importance of upgrading our weight room. With the upgrades to the weight room, it will add more space and availability for our students to use it more frequently. Nikki Morrison from the booster club then spoke on the financial portion of the proposal. Booster club is willing to fund the majority of the project and only asked the school board to consider giving funds for the building improvements (flooring, painting etc.) that are part of our regular budget. Also, they asked the school board to approve the go ahead with the project. Kent Lammers thanked them for their proposal and stated that the board would discuss in executive session and send a letter to the Bishop for approval.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the October financial statements. A motion to approve the financials was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Jane Fairchild. Margaret also stated that we are down 3 students from the revised budget.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned she continues to work on obtaining and/or utilizing grants for security and learning loss. Also, they are still waiting to hear if FEMA will approve the changes we asked for in the Federal Grant. The principals did make their first submissions for reimbursement to the DESE Grant. Faculty and Relations committee has begun work on the 2024-25 system calendar.

Lastly, Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned that an official from MSHAA wrote an official write-up on our soccer team. It was a very complimentary email on the behavior and attitude of the team.

Director of Development: Becky stated that the Annual Fund is in full force. Everyone should have received their ask in the mail at the end of October. The upcoming weekend is Parish Appeal Weekend. Members of the Development Board along with a few other volunteers like Mrs. Skahan and Mrs. Harris will be making the ask at all Masses this Saturday and Sunday at Holy Trinity, IC, St. Agnes, and SEAS. Emerald Evening is on February 24, 2024. This is the 30th annual Emerald Evening. The Development Board kicked off the official sponsorship requests today at their meeting. Immaculate Conception's new fall fundraiser Casino Night will take place on November 17th. The Alumni Association will host a 'Home for the Holidays' social event at Hold Fast Brewery on Friday, November 24th at 7pm. This is the day after Thanksgiving. Hold Fast is owned by two SCHS sisters so we are happy to support them with this event as well. Giving Tuesday is coming up on Tuesday, November 28th. This year's efforts will go to support security. Lastly, CBNO event is December 6th at The Judy. This will be the Christmas Party along with the 10-year Anniversary celebration. This is a big milestone to celebrate their existence despite COVID setbacks.

OLD BUSINESS: Sr. Cecilia Ann spoke about the Mission Statement. The board decided to combine a couple of the options to form a new mission statement and it will be emailed to the board for their feedback.

A second reading of the following policies took.

- 1.33 Tobacco, Nicotine Products, Alcohol, Illegal Drugs or Unauthorized Prescription Medication, and Edible or Gummy Cannabis
- 1.34 Over the Counter Medications and Prescription Medication
- 1.35 Possession of Weapons
- 1.45 Student Immunization

A motion to approve the policies was made by Boyd Crockett and then seconded by Jane Fairchild. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Policies First Reading

- 1.36 Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities
- 1.37 Student Usage of Electronic Communications Devices
- 1.39 Student Bullying

Lastly, a proposal was made to change the school board time to 6:00 p.m. All approved.

CLOSING PRAYER Sr. Cecilia Ann closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.