**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 9th, 2024**

**Springfield Cardinals Stadium 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Kent Lammers, Boyd Crockett, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O’Reilly, Jeanne Skahan, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Lary O’Reilly, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

**Absent** Ashley Harris Jane Fairchild, Msgr. Reidy, Mike Johnson,Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Tom Kiefer

**Guests**: Dr. Wanda Miller

**OPENING PRAYER** 7:09 PM Fr. Lewis Hejna opened the meeting with a prayer.

**REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS**

The April minutes and May 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:** Dr. Wanda Miller presented a slideshow on the various elements of the mental health efforts being provided to the Springfield Catholic Schools. Dr. Miller mentioned they served 150 students in some capacity at all the schools including St. Joseph. She also mentioned she will have 2 interns from Evangel from August – April. Lastly Dr. Miller mentioned growing the internship program to provide more therapy. She is working on a Suicide Prevention plan collaborating with Casey Wilkeson in putting together a behavioral intervention team (BIT).

**REPORTS**

**Financial Statements:** Margaret presented the April financials. Margaret mentioned the finance department has roughly $10-15K in uncollectable debt. Some of this is due to the acquisition of St. Joseph students. A motion to approve the financials was made by Ryan O’Reilly and seconded by Boyd Crockett. The motion was approved.

**Director of Schools:**  Sr. Cecila Ann mentioned the grant work continues. May 20th is the deadline for the DESE Grant, so they are trying to finalize some work with Netwatch for security upgrades. September 1 is our deadline for the EANSIIa Grant. Sr. Cecilia Ann also mentioned they have been awarded more money ($30,000-$50,000) for our schools participating in this grant. She also participated in a ZOOM meeting on Friday, May 3rd, to learn about the new guidance regarding the EANSIIa Grant. As far as the Federal Grant, we still have not heard anything. Bishop Rice has sent two letters approving the work on the HVAC units and the work to remove of the mound east of the football field. Sr. Cecilia Ann thanked everyone who was able to attend the Kids 4 Kids presentation. Looking forward she asked if it would be possible to have the August School Board meeting on Tuesday August 13th after Bishop Rice has the beginning of the school year Mass at Immaculate Conception.

**Director of Development:** Becky mentioned the Alumni Association sponsored the May 9th Senior Breakfast. They welcomed the newest Alumni and collected their contact information, so they can stay can touch with Springfield Catholic Schools. Also, the Development Board had its final meeting of the year today. They introduced some exciting new plans for next year and celebrated this year’s achievements. One of which was The Shepherds’ Fund crossing the $8 million mark. The Home & School Conference will be moving to the spring so that all of the ‘24-’25 officers are equipped for their summer planning and can start the school year on the right foot. The conference is set for May 22nd. The new fall fundraiser has a name. Mark your calendars for the ‘ShamRock Showdown’ on Saturday, September 28th at SCHS. The Development Board will launch the Irish Impact Fund. This is a rebranding of the Annual Fund. Like the Annual Fund, the Irish Impact Fund will support both the Operating Budget as well as the General Endowment. The rebranding will allow new life to be brought to these efforts along with supporting Development’s efforts to strengthen and streamline messaging to our donors.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The second 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

Policy 1.43 will still need revisions the other three policies were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**: First reading of policy 1.44 Artificial intelligence was reviewed. Next, Lary O’Reilly mentioned there are a few maintenance projects that the committee will be working on. As previously stated, the removal of the mound on the east side of the school property will be removed, extending the bus parking and possibly more fencing around the turf.

A vote to keep the existing School Board officers in place for another year was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

**CLOSING PRAYER** Fr. Lewis closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:04p.m.