

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 7:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Shelby Williams, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Paige Duda, Jeanne Skahan, JoAnne Bailes, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Suzanne Cronkhite, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Msgr. Tom Reidy, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Mike Johnson, Ashley Harris, John Griesemer

OPENING PRAYER 7:04pm Fr. Patrick Nwokoye opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

December Minutes and January 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 Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the December financials. As of January 10th, we are down \$921 from the revised budget. A motion to approve the financials was made by Jane Fairchild and seconded by Fr. Patrick Nwokoye. The motion was approved.

Enrollment as of today reflects 1 gain, however there is a new student starting tomorrow in the high school.

Director of Schools: In Sr. Cecilia Ann's absence Margaret and Suzanne shared her report. Bishop Edward Rice approved the replacement of the HVAC unit. Work has begun on the calendar and classes for next school year. PK4 will move to a 5 days a week program. Parents will pay for five days whether or not the student comes every five days. Intruder training took place at each school on January 4th.

Director of Development: The Development Board had their monthly meeting today. Dinner parties for the Shepherds' Fund are starting to kick into gear as well as individual solicitations. The alumni group is heading up a March madness bracket. Frank Gallant received the National Golf Coach award yesterday. February 10th will be alumni night at the basketball game here at the high school. The next CBNO meeting will focus on taxes. The February CBNO event will be held at Bauer Orthodontics. Pat Bauer will speak on contingency plans for your home and small businesses. February 5th is the Phone-a Thon. Matt Maxwell will be at the high school helping students. The goal this year is to beat the \$42,500 raised last year. The Development Board is looking for new members. Suzanne asked the board to reach out to her if they knew of anyone interested. Emerald Evening will be April 1, 2023, at the White River Room. Sponsorship information packets have gone out.

OLD BUSINESS: Policies Second Reading

- 1.15 Attendance
- 1.15 Attendance During a Pandemic
- 1.16 Enrollment (PK-12)

No new changes to the policies. A motion to approve the policies was made by Fr. Patrick Nwokoye and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

Jeanne Skahan introduced Julie Bolts and Debbie Randell to the committee. Julie and Debbie presented the results of the latest PSAT results and where our school ranks. They are seeing a decline in Math according to the test results. They have spoken to others, and it seems to be nationwide, and possibly due to COVID. Last year they started giving the 8th grade a math test to see where they fall in math to better help students make decisions on class choice. This will also catch those students who are falling behind and help them build a stronger foundation. Reading is another area where test scores have fallen. They believe that this is due to our digital world and not sitting down to read proper reading materials. Suzanne gave an update on

the Prairie Garden. The first round of treatment has been completed. A sign should be going up in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shelby Williams spoke on behalf of the maintenance committee. Over the winter break during extreme low temperatures there were a total of 11 places where water pipes broke above the ceiling tile in the Chemistry Lab. Floors in the area flooded and ceiling tiles were damaged, but no further damage was noted. Repairs were made. The classroom is in the far northwest part of the building in the new wing addition. In the ceiling there is a strong air draft when there are high winds. There is metal roofing above this area and possibly inadequate insulation. Looking into appropriate steps to prevent this from happening again. This unit will probably need to be replaced vs the one for the Central Office.

The committee is revisiting the idea of needing an energy audit and is currently working on bids.

CLOSING PRAYER Fr. Lewis Hejna closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting adjourned 7:47pm.