

Spalding Catholic School Board of Education Minutes

Spalding Catholic School Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Granville. Members present: Maureen Berg- PreK-8 Principal, Fr. Terry Roder-Spalding Catholic Schools President, Lori Budden-Board President, Dennis Schmit-Board Vice-president, David Christoffel, Larry Davis, Paul Stoll, Rick Kellen, Dan Goebel-Development Director and Dee Atsma-Bookkeeper.

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Maureen Berg.

Review Minutes: Minutes from April 4, 2017 meeting approved, motion by Fr. Terry and seconded by Dennis Schmit.

Teacher visits: None

Citizen Input: Mark Von Arb, Curtis Christoffel

Agenda Additions: None

Old Business:

Development, Marketing/Enrollment:

--Report from Enrollment/Marketing on REP survey. Copies of results were handed out to BOE members. Main reasons for not attending Spalding was small class size, tuition cost, and perception of quality and amount of extracurriculars.

Finance:

--De Atsma gave update on bookkeeper meeting recommendations. Finance council meeting had been moved for April. Future increases in 401(k) match, not until next year. Question on whether we will have staff who apply for unemployment and what cost will be to Spalding. De will look into that. Request made for balance sheet and profit and loss at BOE meetings.

Catholic Identity:

No report

Leadership/Governance:

No report

Building and Grounds:

No report

New Business

Calendar for 2017-18 presented. Spalding will return to following Gehlen schedule. Main changes for our families will be having Friday of President's Day weekend off, in trade off of having school on Holy Thursday. Motion made by Lori Budden to approve, seconded by Dennis Schmit.

Long Range Plan must be approved by the board so that copy can be sent to diocesan office. Since changes need to be made with the building decision, discussion on approval now, with revisiting finance and academic sections in the fall. Fr. Terry Roder made motion to approve, with Dennis Schmit seconding.

Teacher pay was brought up as our average salary is the lowest in the diocese. Discussion on holding off on any decisions until we have more information on the budget.

Sick leave as payout was discussed for teachers affected by reduction in force. Board members by consensus agreed to follow precedent with high school closure and apply current teacher sub pay to the number of days of accumulated sick leave. Maureen will write up notice for the staff members affected.

Timeline of transition to Alton center only was discussed. Father will set up meeting with school board and parish council on either May 17th or 22nd.

Budget projections and accuracy were discussed. Maureen and De will budget for highest teacher pay, most people taking insurance, busing costs and instructional costs for PreK-6.

Alton Center Renovation—Diocesan approval over \$20,000 expenses. Father will inform Alton Parish Council of any building changes.

Busing—discussion on looking at new bus in 2017-18 due to large expenses of repairs on 15 and 12 year old buses. Update on 3% reduction in non-public transportation for this semester already, with possibly more cuts next year due to Iowa budget shortfalls.

Motion made by Larry Davis to adjourn, seconded by Rick.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Maureen K. Berg