

**Spalding Catholic Schools Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

The Spalding Catholic Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:45 p.m. in the Alton St. Mary's Rectory.

Members Present: Maureen Berg, Father Terry Roder, Lori Budden, Dennis Schmit, Paul Stoll, David Christoffel, Rick Kellen and Dr. Timothy Grieves.

Members Absent: Larry Davis (in contact via phone)

The meeting was called to order by Lori Budden at 7:58pm.

1. Opening Prayer- Father Terry Roder
2. Board review of February 21st meeting minutes- motion made by Paul Stoll to approve February 21st board minutes; seconded by Father Roder, all board members approved and motion carried.
3. Discussion held regarding citizen input from tonight.
4. Discussions held regarding the constitution stating the Board of Education's Recording Secretary should be board appointed but not a voting member or representative. We have had difficulty finding a board secretary this school year. Discussion to ensue at a later date.

New Business:

A. School decision for 2017-2018 school year:

Discussion held regarding a tabled decision due to the absence of 1 board member. Noted that per the Board of Education Constitution quorum is present and the decision meeting should continue.

Following board discussion regarding Spalding as a PreK-6th grade school with 7th and 8th grade going to Gehlen, a motion was made by Dennis Schmit for 7th and 8th grade to be moved to Gehlen, motion seconded by Father Roder, motion carries by majority vote.

Scenarios #3 (Alton PreK-6th), #4 (Granville PreK-6th) and #5 (Alton PreK, Granville K-6) remain for discussion. The board held discussions regarding each members least preferred scenario. Consensus was reached that #4 (Granville PreK-6) was the least preferred scenario and could be taken off the table for further discussion.

Discussion whether the 2 remaining scenarios could/would be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year. Board consensus reached that either of the 2 remaining scenarios would be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year.

Discussion held regarding 2 remaining scenarios #3 (Alton PreK-6th) or #5 (Alton PreK, Granville K-6), pros and cons of either decision. Following discussion, motion made by Dennis Schmit to move Spalding Catholic PreK-6 to Alton, seconded by Rick Kellen. Motion carried with majority vote.

Discussions held to determine a communication plan for sharing the information with teachers, staff, parents and supporters. It was determined that a letter would go out via email tonight to teachers, staff and parents. The decision letter will be attached to the bulletins at mass this coming weekend. Mrs. Berg asks board members for their presence at the staff meeting Wednesday April 5th at 3:45pm if possible for questions teachers and staff may have. It was also suggested by Timothy Grieves that the board hold a parent meeting in the next couple of days to field questions from parents. This meeting is set for Sunday April 8th, 2017 in Alton. Maureen will communicate this to parents.

Closing prayer was held and motion made to adjourn by Dennis Schmit, seconded by Paul Stoll. Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lori Budden
School Board President

