

## Spalding Catholic School Board of Education Minutes

Spalding Catholic School Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday June 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm the Alton Center Cafeteria.

Members present: Maureen Berg- PreK-8 Principal, Fr. Terry Roder-Spalding Catholic Schools President, Lori Budden-Board President, Dennis Schmit-Board Vice-president, Paul Stoll, Rick Kellen, Dan Goergen

Members Absent: David Christoffel

The meeting was called to order at 1833; Father Terry Roder led us in opening prayer.

**Teacher visits:** None

Citizen Input: None

Agenda Additions: None

### **Old Business:**

#### **Finance:**

--De Atsma reports we are close to having a budget set for the coming school year. With the new teacher hires she was able to have exact numbers to work with. We have not seen the tuition assistance information from FACTS as of yet. There is a conference call with Dan Ryan tomorrow regarding this topic, hopefully with the assistance information. Information will be relayed to families as soon as possible. All tuition payments will be due the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month and Hot Lunch payments will be due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### **Development, Marketing/Enrollment:**

--Diocesan schools will be utilizing a new company to update school websites as the current one has been problematic. The change is not available yet but it will offer more options for customizing the site. Dan Goebel will be attending a social media training in the near future.

#### **Building and Grounds:**

--Dennis Schmit reports the 2005 bus has been in the shop again and historically has \$10,000-30,000 of repairs per year. Suggested that it is time to discuss the purchase of a different bus.

--Planned renovations to the Alton Center will cost approximately \$13,200

--Teachers have asked for white boards to replace the current chalkboard in some of the rooms, preferably magnetic. Dennis does have 2 from the Hospers center that are currently in storage. Dennis and Maureen will look into this further.

#### **Catholic Identity:**

No report

#### **Leadership/Governance:**

No report

### **New Business**

--Preliminary budget presented with discussion held.

--Finance Committee met June 20, 2017 with the following suggestions for the board:

1. Explore utilizing a small ad hoc committee of 3-4 people to research a new bus purchase within the next year.

2. Increase/Restructure the teacher salary scale to better reflect local competition. Discussed the possibility of a bonus this year since contracts are already signed and returned.
3. Formation of an ad hoc committee to research all aspects of a more permanent salary scale change.
4. Suggestion of a tuition grant for each child this coming year, with discussions and research into restructuring tuition. REP survey revealed that cost was prohibitive, current families have also reported concerns. Maureen and Dan Goebel have some preliminary research how other schools are keeping their tuition reasonable while showing the actual cost to educate a child.
5. Present to the board a range of parish assessment reductions to evaluate for the upcoming school year.

--Founder's Circle: Letters to be mailed soon. Founder's Circle list divided for board members to contact potential participants. Personal contacts should begin after July 10<sup>th</sup>.

--Request for Foundation financial support signed and will be presented to the Foundation board at their next meeting.

--Preschool update: 11 enrolled, will continue to advertise throughout the summer for 4 year old preschool openings.

--Transition details: Discussion held regarding JH desks that Gehlen would like to purchase. It is decided that 1/3 of the desks will be left for St Joseph's parish to have if they wish. Dan Goergen to discuss with St. Joseph's parish directors regarding these desks. Dan Goergen will notify Maureen so she can contact Jeff Alesch. The remaining 2/3 will be sold to Gehlen regardless. Noreen Harvey from Remsen St. Mary's has made an offer on the kiln and this will be sold. Maureen has been going through textbooks, all that Gehlen could use were given to them. Many others have been sold.

--Budget: Parish assessment reduction and a 1 year Spalding grant were reviewed and discussed. Parishes will see a 5% reduction in their assessments for the upcoming school year and all families will receive a one-time Spalding Grant of \$450 regardless if they applied or tuition assistance or not. (See email vote from 6-21-17 for stipulations)

--Discussion held regarding the formation of separate ad hoc committees to research the purchase of a different bus and the current tuition structure.

2047 motion made by Dennis Schmit to adjourn, seconded by Rick Kellen.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Budden