

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 10th, 2023

Springfield Catholic High School 7:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Larry O'Reilly, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Fr. Kiefer, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Jeanne Skahan, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Ashley Harris, Margret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Brian Pyck, Casey Wilkerson, Shelby Williams, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Ryan O'Reilly, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Msgr. Reidy, Mike Johnson, Becky Conroy

Guests: Melissa Bondy, Virginia Baily, Shilo Smith, Courtney Spitz, Kristen Wannemacher Bright

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

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The June Minutes and August 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 Jane Fairchild. The motion was approved.

REPORTS Kristen from FORVIS presented the Compilation Report and Financial Statements July 2022-June 30, 2023. Kristen mentioned that this was not an audit or review. Kristen mentioned that this year there is a breakout with donor and without donor restrictions.

Margaret presented the June 30th, 2023, financials. Margaret also mentioned there are 30 families that have not made tuition payments for option 1&2's. A motion to approve the financials was made by Fr. Tom Kiefer and seconded by Fr. Patrick Nwokoye. The motion was approved. Margaret also mentioned that we are down 24 students overall from budget.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned we are still waiting to hear about the security grant. They had originally said we should know by the end of July, now they are saying late August or early September. Our school system is getting a 3-person Educational Intervention Team to assist students who struggle academically. We hired a security coordinator, Casey Wilkerson, for the 2023-24 school year. Irish Eats expanded into Immaculate Conception School. Sr. Cecilia Ann mentioned the HVAC system replacement for the central office, band room and chapel will take place later this fall. Our School Board/Development Board Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th. Miss Rita Lipin retired after nearly 50 years of teaching! This year we will continue to focus on mental health. We have 3 interns again this year. Lastly, August 14, 2023, is the beginning of school year Mass with Bishop Rice at St. Agnes Cathedral.

Director of Development: Sr. Cecilia Ann spoke on behalf of Becky Conroy. There were 35 businesses that participated in the Irish Gold Cards this year. Each of the home & schools will distribute their cards the first full week of school. The Alumni reunion is scheduled for September 16th at SCHS. Soiree is just around the corner. All four teams have been working hard this summer to fundraise and on their individual performances. This is a tasting event. There are 14 food and beverage vendors along with live music. As of today, we have raised \$145K. There are only 3 tables left before the event is sold out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shelby Williams spoke on behalf of the Maintenance and Construction committee. The science wing is now fully insulated. The high school was resurfaced this past week. Shelby also mentioned the tennis courts were successfully resurfaced. In regard to the drainage ditch, the school is responsible for excavating and clearing out the area to properly drain. The quote came in from Conklin Excavation for \$19,750. We are waiting for Bishop Rice's approval. The gym floor was resurfaced, school floors are getting waxed, bad automated light sensors are getting replaced. The chapel has a new platform in the sanctuary and the wall behind the tabernacle has been painted/stenciled with fleur-de-lis. The baseball field lights are getting repaired. There are two trees down from the storm, one in the courtyard and one in the front of the central office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melissa Bondy and Virginia Bailey spoke on behalf of the Girls on the Run organization. Both spoke about the positivity and encouragement that this program has on girls and would like for our school system to promote the organization at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Kent and Sr. Cecilia Ann both spoke about the importance of our Catholic faith and promoting the Girls on the Run organization did not align with our mission. Also, our school system does not bring in outside organizations to run within our school system.

Brian Pyck, Shilo Smith and Courtney Spitz all spoke on behalf of our softball and baseball teams. They presented a project proposal to turf the baseball field. This would allow softball to practice and have games here at the high school vs paying various locations.

Casey Wilkerson introduced himself and spoke about school security. Casey will be working with all 4 schools and doing various types of assessments. Casey explained that he would also oversee training, along with developing safety standards and procedures for our schools. He also mentioned that our officers will be in more laid-back uniform to help keep the natural feel of the schools.

CLOSING PRAYER Fr. Tom Kiefer closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting ended at 8:31 p.m.