

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 8th, 2024

Springfield Catholic High School 6:00 PM

Present: Kent Lammers, Boyd Crockett, Jane Fairchild, Fr. Kiefer, Msgr. Reidy, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Paige Duda, JoAnne Bailes, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Ryan O'Reilly, Jeanne Skahan, Mike Johnson, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Michelle Auzias de Turenne

Absent: Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Larry O'Reilly, Ashley Harris

Guests: Brian Pyck

OPENING PRAYER 6:05 PM Fr. Tom Kiefer opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The January minutes and February Consent Agenda items were reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the consent items and minutes was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Brian Pyck presented to the board the accomplishments on the fall and winter sports. Brian also mentioned that our school system has moved to paperless physical forms via Final Forms. Brian thanked the central office and school board for allowing him to attend the athletic directors' conference in Florida.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the January financial statements. Margaret mentioned we have 40 families who have outstanding tuition. This amount is about the same as last year at this time. A motion to approve the financials was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.

Margaret presented the enrollment numbers. PS-PK is up by 4, K-8 is down by 2 and the high school is down by 2.

Director of Schools: Sr. Cecilia Ann is continuing to work on Grants for security and learning loss issues. We are still on hold regarding the Federal Grant. Things should be up and running next school year. The DESE grant will be used for the security window film. This project is already in process at Immaculate Conception and SEAS and will soon be on the calendar for St. Agnes. We are hoping to use the EANSIIA grant to assist us with some purchasing of science textbooks. Sr. Cecilia Ann also mentioned that IC, SA, and SEAS are taking part in a Kids for Kids project through The Giving Square. It is a philanthropic program geared toward 4th grade. It includes 8 lessons and focuses on helping students research non-profit organizations in their community and determining which one they would like to donate \$ to – to assist with their mission. The Hatch Founding is sponsoring this program for our schools – paying for the curriculum and providing the \$1000 donation each class will give to a non-profit. The principals have decided on the 2024-25 school system theme. It will be "Rejoice Always!" February 16th is an all-system In-Service day. Rachele Parker will give a short 30-minute witness talk about her conversion to the Catholic Church – highlighting the importance of the Eucharist. Greg Miller is also coming to talk about artificial intelligence and how it can be positively used to differentiate instruction, etc. These presentations were made possible by utilizing Title IV Funds.

Director of Development: Becky talked about the Phone-A-Thon. 80 students showed up and made phone calls to reach their goal of \$30,000. After the week of online giving and phone calls on Sunday the students raised approximately \$37,000 in donations and pledges! 417 Magazine did an article in their latest edition on Private Schools in the area. Springfield Catholic Schools was part of this article. The development office pushed this article out on social media. Shepherds' Fund dinner parties are being confirmed and booked. The new Shepherds' Fund website is now live! TheShepherdsFund.com. Emerald Evening is just a few weeks away. Becky mentioned the committee is making their final push to secure

tables and donations. The Fund A Need will support The Shepherds' Fund again this year. Lastly CBNO will have an event on Wednesday February 21st at Maso.

OLD BUSINESS: Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the second readings for the following policies:

- 1.39 Student Bullying

A motion to approve the policy was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Msgr. Reidy. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Sr. Cecilia Ann presented the 2024-25 system calendar. The only change that could happen is if Springfield Public Schools has a different spring break. If that is the case, we will move ours to match theirs as well. A motion to approve the calendar was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Msgr. Reidy. The motion was approved.

CLOSING PRAYER Msgr. Reidy closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.