

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7th, 2024

Springfield Catholic High School 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Lary O'Reilly, Ashley Harris

Guests: Kelsey McLemore, Brian Pyck and Courtney Spitz

OPENING PRAYER 6:03 PM Jane Fairchild opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The February minutes and March 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 Boyd Crockett. The motion was approved.

GUEST: Kelsey spoke about Irish Eats. She mentioned everything is going well and they are operating in the black even with the amount of free and reduced lunches they serve. Kelsey also mentioned that the transition to Infinite Campus has made the cashier process faster and more efficient. Lastly, Kelsey mentioned all four schools had zero health violations when the health inspectors came to each school. Courtney Spitz presented a proposal to purchase a new streaming software called AWRE. AWRE Sports is an advanced hardware and software company built for every level of Sport - from large-scale facilities to individual parents. The suite of tools includes event and team management, online charting, mobile apps, smart cameras, livestreaming, AI created video highlights, performance analytics and more. Courtney mentioned the cost of this program would be \$9999.00 with a \$4000.00 yearly subscription. Courtney talked about the advantages of being able to have fixed cameras on the field vs iPad dependent like our current HUDL subscription. Margaret asked about how they would pay for the yearly subscription since we are currently paying for all our other sports to have HUDL. Courtney was hopeful that parents would purchase splash sponsorship pages to cover the cost. There were discussions about only using one system, however, AWRE only supports baseball. The board would like to further investigate the AWRE before purchasing.

REPORTS

Financial Statements: Margaret presented the tuition report. We are currently \$9199.00 below the revised budget. Margaret also presented the enrollment and endowment reports.

Director of Schools: In Sr. Cecilia Ann's absence Cheryl Bond presented the Director of Schools report. We continue to work on the grants we have obtained. Our three grade schools are in the process or have completed having security window film put on their windows. Once each school is complete, we can submit for reimbursement from the DESE grant. We have made our first submission to the EANSIIa grant (from SEAS) so we will hopefully be successful with this new process which will help going forward. Members of our Educational Intervention team will be presenting at our April School Board meeting. Please save the date. On Thursday, May 9, we hope to have our Kids for Kids final presentation. It will be held at the Springfield Cardinals practice arena. The School Board and Development Board will be invited. SPS's calendar is out, and the week of March 17th, 2025 is also their spring break, so our 2024-25 school year calendar is now posted to our website. Our Feb. 16 SCS In Service went well. Greg Miller presented on Artificial Intelligence and its use in the classroom. His presentations were great, and he even sent us some templates for AI policies, so we will begin to work to develop some system-wide policies in this regard. Lastly, it was asked if it would be possible to have our May meeting at 7pm? The school board approved.

Director of Development: Becky mentioned the Development Board met today at St. Agnes as the final stop on their spring school tour having met at IC in January and SEAS in February. The Alumni Association will be running a March Madness Bracket Challenge. Registration for the challenge is now open and the link to complete your bracket will be sent out next Sunday following the selection. 1st prize is \$100 and new AirPods earbuds. The challenge will support the Alumni Association and their Good Samaritan Fund.

Becky thanked everyone who attended and supported the 30th Emerald Evening. This was a record-breaking event being the largest fundraising event in Springfield Catholic history. The event raised \$810,000 with over \$450,000 going toward the night's Fund-A-Need: The Shepherds' Fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret presented the first reading of the 2024-25 school year budget. A motion to approve the salary increase portion of the budget was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Ryan O'Reilly. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne Skahan spoke on behalf of the academic office. They are asking the board to make a change to how we schedule new incoming freshman. Due to the timeline of registration which happens May, it is nearly impossible to get any new incoming freshman scheduled in a timely manner. It was mentioned to possibly move the whole registration process up a month or two. Discussions took place on the various impacts this would have on the different areas of the process. Further discussions will be had on how to change the whole process. A motion to approve allowing only new incoming freshman for the 2024-25 school year to register early was made by Ryan O'Reilly and seconded by Boyd Crockett.

CLOSING PRAYER Msgr. Reidy closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting ended at 7:31p.m.