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## **ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

### **School Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 12, 2021 3:30 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Corey Helms-President, Catherine Knapp-VP, Chad Bent, Rev. Michael Griffin, Joe Mehlhaff, Rev. Andrew Dickinson, **Absent-** Kristie Martin, **via Zoom-** Matt Althoff, BJ Schaeffbauer **Staff:** Tim Weisz, Vickie Haiar, Michala Heller, Elizabeth Gorski, Paula Florey, Terry Dosch, Rick Kline, Tammy Kost, Mark Stone, Derek Larson **Guest:** David Vetch

1. The May 12, 2021 meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by President Corey Helms.

- a. Opening prayer was led by Matt Althoff

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda changes:** Move approval of 5c to before recognitions. Amend 5e to approve up to \$4,000 to be spend on the creation of an RHS Football Program yearbook.

Corey Helms reviewed April financials.

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Father Michael Griffin, to approve the May 12, 2021 agenda with changes, April 14, 2021 minutes, April bills for payment, and financial report. Motion carried.

**5c.** Approve the purchase/lease of a vehicle for use in Driver Education program and other school business.

Motion by Father Michael Griffin, second by Catherine Knapp, to approve the purchase/lease of a vehicle for use in Driver Education program and other school business. Motion carried.

## **3. RECOGNITIONS**

- a. Mr. Weisz recognized the efforts of Dev. Director Rick Kline, Asst. Dev. Director Jill Young and the 2021 Roncalli Ball Committee to make the Ball a very successful and enjoyable event.
  - b. Mr. Weisz gave praise and thanks to God as well as the entire ACSS staff, our families, and the School Board for a successful year of 'in person' education during the year of COVID-19.

- c. Mr. Weisz recognized Coach Derek Larson who was recognized as the Region Girls Basketball Coach of the Year and the South Dakota Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Nice work Coach Larson.

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Administrative/Education Planning – *no meeting*
- b. Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Weisz added that they settled on replacing the carpet in three rooms at the primary school this summer.
- c. Finance- *no meeting*
- d. Marketing/Recruitment/Development – *no meeting*

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS-**

- a. First reading of policy 006.33, Tuition Cost, Employees

Motion by Father Andrew Dickinson, second by Joe Mehlhaff, to approve first reading of policy 006.33, Tuition Cost, Employees. Motion carried.

- b. Approve 2021-2022 Fee Schedule

Motion by Father Andrew Dickinson, second by Chad Bent, to approve 2021-2022 Fee Schedule Motion carried.

- d. Approve disbursement of Teacher Endowment

Motion by Father Michael Griffin, second by Joe Mehlhaff, to approve the disbursement of Teacher Endowment. Motion carried.

- e. Approve the Cavalry contributing up to \$4000 toward an RHS Football Program Yearbook.

Motion by Father Andrew Dickinson, second by Joe Mehlhaff, to approve the Cavalry contributing up to \$4000 toward an RHS Football Program Yearbook. Motion carried.

**f. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Discuss the possibility of moving the June School Board Meeting from Wednesday, June 9 to Tuesday June 8. To allow the Administrators to attend a retreat, the board agreed to change the date of the June board meeting.
- b. COVID update- We have ended the year with no active cases or close contacts in any school.
- c. Kindergarten enrollment as of 5.12.21 is at 48
- d. ACF Quarterly Report- David Vetch commented on the spreadsheet shared with the board and answered any questions.

**g. REPORTS** (additions to previously submitted written reports)

- a. President's Report- we will be posting an RFP for installation of the Homeland Security Grant Door Access project. We have been approved for another round of EANS dollars.
- b. Principal's reports- Elizabeth Gorski shared that the end of the year activities have all gone well. She is grateful to her staff for all their working in making it so. ACT Aspire testing went well and they found it advantageous to conduct the testing over an entire week as opposed to a few days. She thanked parents for helping with the school fun days organized by Mr. Dosch. As Mrs. Tammy Kost prepares to take over as PreK-6 Principal there will be a new leadership model implemented at the primary and elementary schools to help her in her new role. A Building Manager will be assigned at each school to help in the day to day administration. Mrs. Sandra Andera will serve in that role at the elementary school, assisted by Administrative Asst. Melissa Fisher. Mrs. Pat Buechler will serve in that role at the primary, assisted by Administrative Asst. Dona Mangan. The primary school welcomes to their staff Jill Sieh, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher and Jennifer Aman, Kindergarten teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. Development- 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees have been chosen and 4 of the 5 nominees have accepted their selection. Athletics: Meg Larson Kugler; Volunteer: Rita Pettigrew; Staff: Jeanne Webb; Benefactor: Earl & Arlene Randall. The final Cavalier Campaign mailing will go out soon. Rick is meeting with a major donor next week as well.
- d. Activities Director- no additions

#### **h. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Father Andrew Dickinson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer was led by Corey Helms

**NEXT MEETING-** Next meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

*Recorded by Michala Heller*