Holy Family Catholic Schools

School Board Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Schrup Family Board Room

Members Present: Kevin Mullen, John Callahan, Maggie Kramer, Fr. Brian Delleart, Fr. Gary Mayer, Fr. Michael Schueller, Rennie Root, Mike Dodds, Isabelle Pattarozzi, Annie Murphy, Jon Sarrazin

Members Absent: Jeff Weber

Holy Family Staff Present: Phil Bormann

The meeting began with prayer at 5:30

Introductions

Kevin Mullen began the meeting by welcoming everyone and having Phil introduce the new members of the pastoral representatives, Father Brian Delleart (Pastoral Coordinator), Father Gary Mayer (East Pastorate Representative), and Father Michael Schueller (West Pastorate Representative). They bring with them, not only faith, but also experience, as all of them are alumni of Catholic schools, with Father Delleart and Father Schueller both being Wahlert alumni. All of the other board members introduced themselves and told about their families and Phil introduced Whitney Arnold, the new Central Office Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 21, 2026 School Board meeting were included in the packet for review.

- **Rennie Root moved to approve the May 21, 2026 School Board minutes as presented. Maggie Kramer seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

On August 18, 2026, all certified staff participated in a full day of professional development on Salvation History as a part of our new Breitbach Institute for Faith Formation, a new part of our organization that allows all staff members to develop in their faith, so they are able to better lead in classrooms to support our mission. Ruth Carlson is leading this and has set up another professional development day for February where it will focus on Catechism. There will be

events throughout the school year to allow this community to build. There is also a new staff member named Sophia Knepper, who is in a new position of 6-12 ministry coordinator.

TK-12 Enrollment for 2026-2027 is 1818, a 3.6 percent increase over certified enrollment from last year. Highlights include 156 Kindergartners and 35 TK students and four of our five schools are seeing enrollment increases from certified numbers last year:

- Resurrection: 3.2%;
- Mazzuchelli: 3.7%, with a 6th-grade class of 142.
- Wahlert Catholic: 5.6%, with a freshman class of 147
- St. Columbkille: 7.2%

This year our focus will be on making sure our specialist teachers have everything they need as part of our regular adoption cycle. This includes STEM, visual arts, performing arts, physical education and school counselors. Katie Bormann and Ruth Carlson have been working closely to integrate virtues into our Leader in Me program throughout all sites. Our technology team has also been working hard to ensure that this school year starts out with ease in our switch over to Canvas, a program that works in conjunction with PowerSchool for teachers. Logic is being incorporated throughout the Mazzachelli curriculum, with a class being taught at each grade level this year. Latin is starting to be taught at the fourth grade level at St. Columbkille. We won the Sportsmanship Award for the second year in a row and for the fourth year out of six.

The English Athletic Center (EAC) is now 97% complete and is looking beautiful. The sound is getting adjusted to optimal levels. At St. Joseph the Worker, new carpet was installed in the hallways, and both the North and South stairwells have been redone and include a new ceiling, lighting, painted walls, and stairwell treads. The Resurrection demo of the south end is complete.

This year, we welcome 12 new certified teachers to our system: 5 come from the public school system, 3 new graduates, 1 who has relocated to the Dubuque area, and 3 Holy Family employees from other areas that became certified. With our competitive wages, it allows more teachers to be able to have the opportunity of working for Holy Family, showing their support for our beliefs and our mission, while still being able to support themselves and their families. Hannah Porcic was hired as the new system nurse. Hannah comes from the DCSD and has children in the system. Maddy Marty was also hired as the new Director of St. Joseph the Worker.

Facility Update

The board was presented with an auditorium update and shown the most recent renderings of both the exterior and interior of the building. Bob Noel received an anonymous donation to be able to get the ceiling design that we like for the lobby area outside of the auditorium. The inside seating will be set up with a sloped seating design with an aisle between the bottom seating area

and the top. Aisles were designed specifically for the ability to help with flow during mass services. The board was also presented with different options for the lighting inside of the auditorium for them to look at and provide input. They provided pros and cons for the different styles and showed interest in specific styles over others.

The board was also walked through the most up to date blueprints of the football stadium, baseball diamonds, tennis courts, water basin and embankment. Tennis courts have not been started yet, but the football field is at the approximate height that it will be and the sewer line has been laid down. The board also discussed the agreement with the city about the new area, as well as the maintenance and liability, which will all fall on Holy Family according to the documents.

Approval of the Executive Committee

Because of the lack of a quorum at the June meeting, the executive committee was voted on at this meeting.

- **Mike Dodds moved to approve the executive committee as presented. Jon Sarrizan seconded. The motion carried.**

Review of Safty Initiatives

August is our month to review all of our safety processes and protocols. This year, Phil met with the Fire Marshal and, because of this meeting, we changed some of the language in our plan, as well as distinguishing what to do during an internal and external lockdown. Part of our update is looking at new security cameras and incorporating the PDK system at Central Campus and Resurrection for staff members. On August 21, all of the Holy Family certified teachers participated in Run Hide Fight training at Wahlert and all sites tested their emergency response systems. Our first aid bags were updated to include tourniquets in them with the help of some funds from Circle of Celebration. We switched over to a new system called Verkada for security from Raptor. All school systems are using this new system now. Kevin Mullen commented that he believes that the Holy Family School System is on par, if not ahead, of the game on safety.

Review of Committee Representation

Phil asked if anyone wished to make changes to their committee assignments. The board agreed that committees are reasonably balanced, and no major changes are necessary at this time.

Amendment to the Constitution

With the combining of the area parishes to create an East Pastorate and West Pastorate, we want to incorporate that onto our board. With that, we will need to update the language of our constitution to include this change. We will be working with the archdiocese to be able to develop the appropriate language for the new adjustment. The language will be presented at the September meeting, with the vote being done in October.

- **Kevin Mullen made the motion to start a conversation with the archdiocese to improve the language of the constitution to incorporate a representative from the East Pastorate and the West Pastorate on to the voting board. Jon Sarrizan made first the motion. Father Dellaert seconded. The motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm with a final blessing.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2026