

**Board of Education**  
**September 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Schrup Family Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Todd Link, Fr. Rosonke, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Kelley Schiesl, Kevin Mullen, Brian Sullivan, Cheryl Syke, Jan Sigwarth

**Board Members Absent:** Brian Kane and Fr. Hauer

**Staff Members Present:** Kari Nickol, Carol Trueg and Kathy Abba

Brian Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting began with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

- **Kelley Schiesl moved to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda Items**

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review.

Todd Link questioned how in-depth the ten-year budget can be when considering future changes in spending. Kathy Abba explained numbers in the ten-year budget are based on what has been done in the past and are subject to change.

Minutes from the annual meeting of the Corporate Board were also included in the packet for review. Kathy Abba gave a quick overview on what this annual meeting involves.

Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel questioned improvements to the eighth-grade religion curriculum and instruction as mentioned in the Mazzuchelli report. Carol Trueg will speak with Phil Bormann regarding these changes and report back to Sharon.

- **Fr. Rosonke moved to accept the committee minutes and reports as presented. Todd Link seconded. The motion carried.**

**Chief Administrator Report**

Media coverage continues for the EDGE program at Mazzuchelli, with an article in *Julien's Journal* and a KCRG report. Implementation of the program is going well, although there have been some learning curves. One unexpected concern is reduced socialization between students in the EDGE program and their classmates. Ways to connect EDGE students with their classmates are being explored.

Current enrollment is at 1,682. We achieved our budget target of 1,687 for three days, but have since lost five students due to various reasons. However, families continue to express interest in Holy Family and tours continue. Retention between kindergarten and first grade is an ongoing concern and will be reviewed. Rebecca Mueller is working on a quick response plan to make

sure those who are thinking about leaving the system are contacted before a final decision is made.

### **Update on Wahlert Renovation**

Construction crews have been vacating the building with one electrician still working onsite. There have been some struggles with contractors who have come in over budget. Kathy Abba is working to address those issues. Occupancy of the west wing is planned for early October, well ahead of schedule. Kathy pointed out that the Soaring report included in the packet has been updated.

Kevin Mullen brought attention to some graffiti that is still visible on the side of the Wahlert building when the sun hits it just right and asked that it be sandblasted. Kathy Abba will look into this.

### **Update on Elementary Long-range Planning**

Carol Trueg updated the board on the progress made since the August meeting, including meetings with Archdiocesan officials and the Dubuque Priests' Deanery. A next step will be to meet with Rick Dickinson of the Greater Dubuque Development Corporation to better understand plans for Dubuque's North End. Board members were asked to hold October 17 for another work session.

### **Recognition of National Merit Semi-finalists**

Carol Trueg congratulated National Merit Semi-finalists, Annie Hermann, Jayne Munshower and Joe Patrick, who earned the designation as a result of their performance on the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). Their scores are among the top one percent of students in the nation.

### **Approval of Spain Trip**

Information on a school-sponsored trip to Spain in June 2018 was included in the packet for review. Per Archdiocesan policy, all international trips must be approved by the Board of Education in advance.

- **Kevin Mullen moved to approve the trip to Spain in June 2018. Kelley Schiesl seconded. The motion carried.**

### **Executive Session**

- **At 6:03 p.m., Todd Link moved and Kevin Mullen seconded to convene Executive session.**
- **At 6:51 p.m., Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to end Executive Session. Cheryl Syke seconded.**
- **At 6:51 p.m., Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved and Cheryl Syke seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**