

Board of Education Meeting
August 20, 2019
Schrup Family Board Room

Board Members Present: Brian Kane, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Jan Sigwarth, Fr. Steve Rosonke, Fr. Phil Gibbs, Kevin Mullen, Todd Link, Dan Walsh and Scott Leibried

Board Members Absent: Kelley Schiesl

Staff Present: Bob Noel, Phil Bormann, Bonnie Sigwarth and Todd Wessels

Meeting began with prayer at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 16, 2019 Board of Education meeting were included in the packet for review.

- **Dan Walsh moved to approve the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Scott Leibfried seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

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

- **Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to accept the committee minutes and reports as presented. Dan Walsh seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

All open certified teaching positions have been filled for the 2019-2020 school year.

The beginning of year Mass for staff was held at St. Anthony Parish on August 20. Phil Bormann thanked Fr. Steve Rosonke for hosting and Fr. David Schatz for leading staff in catechetical time.

Personalized learning for 2019-2020 is off to a great start. There were concerns in June and July regarding the impact on enrollment for our sixth-grade class when it was decided to go “all-in” for personalized learning at that grade level for the upcoming school year. At this time, we have surpassed projection of 117 students and anticipate having between 123-125 students in the sixth-grade class for 2019-2020. Fourth and fifth grades have also met or exceeded projections in personalized learning classrooms. Principals will meet weekly with a Summit mentor who has extensive training in personalized learning and will offer guidance on implementation.

The Holy Family Development team is working on creating an online spirit apparel store for all schools, which will be open year-round and will allow the Wahlert booster club, parent associations, parents and alumni to have access, order, and have apparel delivered directly to their homes.

In an effort to incorporate co-curricular classes into the school day, Wahlert Catholic will now offer four new classes for 2019-2020 that will be open to grades 9-12. These classes include Drumline and “From Bach to the Future” with Mr. Bechard, and Intro to Robotics and Advanced Robotics with Mr. Oberfoell.

Strategic Planning and Resurrection Faith Formation Center

Discussions regarding strategic planning and the Resurrection Faith Formation Center were deferred to Executive Session.

Verification of Email Votes for Teacher Candidate

- **Todd Link moved to verify email votes for the hiring of Norma Fernandez. Jan Sigwarth seconded. The motion carried.**

Consolidation Agreement

Brian Kane highlighted a proposed policy addition to the Consolidation Agreement, which was included in the packet for review. The Policy for Parish Initiated Capital Improvements to Elementary School Sites would allow for a consistent process in the event that a parish wants to make a major capital improvement to an elementary site and is seeking Holy Family assistance. The policy would apply to capital improvements exceeding \$500,000. The Executive Committee is in support of the policy.

- **Dan Walsh moved to approve the Policy for Parish Initiated Capital Improvements to Elementary Sites pending approval of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Archdiocese Board of Education. Kevin Mullen seconded. The motion carried.**

Executive Session

At 6:08 p.m., a motion was made to convene to Executive Session.

At 7:48 p.m., a motion was made to conclude Executive Session.

- **Dan Walsh moved that, in a non-binding fashion and subject to the compliance of the amended Consolidation Agreement, Holy Family Catholic Schools support the capital improvement to Resurrection School with no less than a \$1.5 million gift. Todd Link seconded. The motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.