

Board of Education Meeting

October 15, 2019

Burbach Information Center

Board Members Present: Brian Kane, Dan Walsh, Kevin Mullen, Todd Link, Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel, Kelley Schiesl, Diane Rambousek, Scott Leibfried and Fr. Steve Rosonke

Board Members Absent: Fr. Phil Gibbs

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

Several members of the community and Holy Family school system were also present.

Meeting began with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- **Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to approve the September 17, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Dan Walsh seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

Committee minutes and reports from system administrators were included in the packet for review. Phil Bormann noted that requests for assessment relief from parishes have started to come in. The Assessment Committee is scheduled to meet again in October to continue work on an assessment formula.

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

Chief Administrator Report

The Religion and Mission Committee is working on developing a lens that can be used to assess the Catholic nature of Holy Family's Faith in Action experiences that will be extended to all students.

A Title IV and Title II professional development request has been submitted to Dubuque Community. These funds will be used toward system-wide initiatives that align with Holy Family strategic planning priorities.

The final CRAFT community input session was held on September 24 with a focus on Talent. Ten community members attended to share their input on what Holy Family can do to improve in the areas of fostering top performance, recruitment of faculty and staff, and retention of faculty and staff.

Elementary School Proposals

Phil Bormann gave an update on the three elementary proposals, the pros and cons of each proposal, and alternative ideas shared by community members over the past several weeks. The Board of Education met for a work session on October 3 to go over all of the feedback received

from the community and each idea was fully considered. The three proposals on the table include:

1. Holy Ghost School transitions to St. Columbkille, Resurrection or St. Anthony School.
2. St. Anthony School transitions to St. Columbkille, Resurrection or Holy Ghost School.
3. Both Holy Ghost and St. Anthony Schools transition to St. Columbkille or Resurrection School.

Brian Kane reminded community members that the Board of Education's number one priority is Holy Family's mission, *forming disciples of Jesus Christ through Catholic educational excellence*, and impressed the importance of staying together and working together to provide all students with an excellent Catholic education. Each board member took a turn to share with community members their journey when considering each proposal as well as which proposal they would be supporting. A statement from Fr. Phil Gibbs was also shared in his absence.

- **Dan Walsh moved that the Holy Family Board of Education adopt proposal #3 to transition both Holy Ghost and St. Anthony to Resurrection and St. Columbkille effective for the 2020-2021 school year. Diane Rambousek seconded. Brian Kane requested a show of hands with six board members voting to adopt proposal #3 and two board members voting to adopt proposal #2. Fr. Steve Rosonke abstained. The motion carried.**

Brian Kane thanked community members for attending and assured them that Holy Family will do everything to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

Archdiocesan Policy Review

Board members reviewed the 1000-3000 series of the Archdiocesan policies, summaries of which were included in the packet. Phil Bormann reminded the board that the Archdiocesan policies supersede any policy the board would make, and anything passed by the board would need to fit within those policies.

- **Scott Leibfried made a motion to reflect that the Holy Family Board of Education reviewed Archdiocesan policies 1000-3000 effective for the current school year. Kelley Schiesl seconded. The motion carried.**

2019 Fiscal Year Audit

An electronic copy of the 2019 year-end audit from Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. was sent separately to board members for review and approval. In general, all revenues and expenses were consistent with the previous year. Holy Family received a clean, unqualified audit opinion with no exceptions.

- **Todd Link moved to accept the fiscal year 2019 audit as presented. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Purchase of Wahlert Weight Room Equipment

A proposal to purchase \$30,000 in new and updated weight room equipment for Wahlert Catholic was approved by the Finance Committee at the October 11 meeting. Donors who

contributed to Platform for Excellence wanted to see some enhancements and decided an update to weight room equipment would benefit all students. Funding for this project will come from Platform for Excellence monies.

- **Dan Walsh moved to approve the purchase of \$30,000 in weight room equipment for Wahlert Catholic. Fr. Steve Rosonke seconded. The motion carried.**

The next Board of Education meeting originally scheduled for November 12 will be moved to November 19, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.