

Board of Education Meeting
March 10, 2020
Schrup Family Board Room

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

Board Members Absent: Kevin Mullen

Staff Present: Bob Noel, Phil Bormann, Bonnie Sigwarth, Mary Sulentic

Meeting began with prayer at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 18, 2020 Board of Education meeting were included in the packet for review.

- **Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to approve the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Diane Rambousek seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda Items

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

- **Fr. Phil Gibbs moved to accept the meeting minutes and reports as presented. Kelley Schiesl seconded. The motion carried.**

Chief Administrator Report

Holy Ghost will hold Mass for all past and present Holy Ghost students and staff on Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. Phil Bormann invited board members to attend.

Phil congratulated Brian Kane for being appointed to the Iowa Board of Education and thanked him for his commitment at the state level to support all families seeking a Christ-centered education.

A survey went out to families on March 6 to gain feedback on the possibility of starting a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program at Holy Family. Many families are in favor of the concept; however, some expressed interest only if the program is offered at their preferred school site.

Phil, Rebecca Mueller and Sr. Mary Lee Cox met with Pastor Stan who represents the Marshallese community to ensure that Marshallese families understand the transition and feel welcome at their school of choice. They also discussed possible job positions within Holy Family for Marshallese parents.

Wahlert has fifteen students who have started Cyber Seniors. They are working with a local nursing home and are teaching them how to use technology to help connect them with loved

ones. The decision was made to do this electronically so care residents are not exposed to viruses.

Teachers who were scheduled to attend the Summit convening in Colorado will now attend electronically as a precaution.

Resurrection recently met to go over and approve the plans for their elementary school and early childhood center.

The Finance Committee approved a new starting wage for teachers and to provide a modest increase to the salary schedule. A subsidy for individual health coverage was also approved.

A communication went out to parents and staff in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and another correspondence will go out before spring break.

Resurrection Building Update

Fr. Phil Gibbs gave an update on the Resurrection building project. A video developed by Loras College showcasing Resurrection School and Early Childhood was shared with board members. Top donors were invited to a series of meetings where the video, building plans, and a history of Resurrection was presented along with a pledge envelope. The video will also be used during information sessions for the public.

2020-2021 Capital and Operating Budget

Bonnie Sigwarth highlighted the 2020-2021 Capital and Operating Budget, which was sent to the board electronically and was approved by the Finance Committee at their February 27 meeting. Major changes include a subsidy for individual health coverage, an update to the teacher salary schedule, and the replacement of network switches covered by E-Rate funding.

- **Todd Link moved to approve the 2020-2021 Capital and Operating Budget as presented. Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel seconded. The motion carried.**

Parish Assessment Late Fee

A recommendation to discontinue the charge of interest to parishes who are late in timely payment of their parish assessments was shared. The Finance Committee approved the recommendation at their February 28 meeting.

- **Dan Walsh moved to approve the recommendation to discontinue charging interest for parish assessments not paid when due. Fr. Steve Rosonke seconded. The motion carried.**

Teacher/Administrator Contracts

- **Sharon Wulfekuhle-Hefel moved to approve all contracts presented for 2020-2021 not to exceed a total of 140 FTE. Dan Walsh seconded. The motion carried.**

Executive Committee

At 6:05 p.m., Scott Leibfried moved and Kelley Schiesl seconded to convene to Executive Session.

At 6:37 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to conclude Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.