

**Holy Family Catholic Schools
School Board Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Schrup Family Board Room**

Members Present: Fr. Rosonke, Fr. Quint, Kevin Mullen, John Callahan, Isabelle Pattarozzi, Mike Dodds, Jeff Weber, Maggie Kramer, and Rennie Root

Holy Family Staff Present: Phil Bormann, Nolan Funke, and Bob Noel

Guests: Laura Park

The meeting began with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Costa Rica J-Term Trip

Laura Park presented. The committee discussed the impact of the transition from J-Term to May-Term on international travel opportunities for students, particularly current juniors becoming seniors who would otherwise miss the opportunity to participate. Laura recommended providing an opportunity for an international trip in January and during May-Term. After discussion with the Board, it was determined that the trip will take place in January. Priority will be given to seniors, and next year the trip will be offered in May. Laura will plan a different course to offer during the 2026-2027 May-Term.

No formal motion was required, as the trip itself had already been approved.

Advancement Update

Bob Noel provided an update to the Board regarding the Advancement Department for Holy Family Catholic Schools.

Approval of Minutes

- **Isabelle Pattarozzi moved to approve the April 7, 2026 School Board minutes as presented. John Callahan seconded. The motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

- **Jeff Weber moved to approve the Religion and Mission, HR, Student Services, and Facilities and Finance committee minutes as presented. Rennie Root seconded. The motion carried.**

Old Business

Platform for Excellence II Overview

Nolan Funke provided an update on the Platform for Excellence II project construction, costs, and cash flow. The Board encourages PFE2 work to continue and plans to schedule a time to walk around Central Campus to see the progress that is being made.

Chief Administrator Report

Phil shared his Chief Administrator Report. Highlights included:

- **Catholic Identity:**
 - 94 students are participating in Serva Fidem (20 Groups)
 - 24 students achieved the servant cord; Wahlert students were named “Volunteer Group of the Year” at Opening Doors
 - Next academic year, we will launch the Breitbach Institute for Faculty Faith Formation
 - Class of 2026 working on a Grotto as their class gift with the new construction
 - 5th Grade retreat was a success - this was the 5th year of having high schools student lead a full-retreat day for all-system 5th graders
 - Ruth began her position as Director of Catholic Mission on May 18
- **Recruitment and Retention:**
 - 26-27 Enrollment is currently 1804 (as of May 18). This is 100.2% of our budget goal.
 - ESA Application is now open, and as of May 18, we have had 1,550 student applications with 261 students left to apply.
 - Round 1 STO awards were sent out last week. A total of 497 students qualified for an STO award for the 2026–27 school year in the first round, compared to 432 students who received Round 1 awards last year.
- **Academics and Activities:**
 - ISASP, AP, and AAPPL testing completed. All went very well.
 - ISASP is changing their proficiency levels thus not making this year’s results comparable to previous years’ results. ISASP is adding testing for social studies in 27-28 and moving science from grade 10 to grade 11.
 - Working on the transition from Gradient to Canvas learning management system.
 - Currently planning on teacher training needs for the summer: AP, PLTW, and Biz Innovator (after hiring a business teacher) at University of Iowa.
 - New and improved staff faith formation programming will begin in the 26-27 school year with the Breitbach programming.
- **Facilities/Finance:**
 - New Accountant, Roan Martineau, starts June 1st
 - St Joe the Worker West side renovation is complete
 - OAC renovation is 50% complete
 - Resurrection south end demo will take place Jun 8, 2026. Prep work is nearly complete.
- **Talent/HR:**

- The 26-27 employee handbook will be presented to the board for approval in June.
- 4 candidates for system nurse are being interviewed this week.
- Other system recruitment needs include EC Assistant Director (x2), Central Office Administrative Assistant, WCHS English, and 6-12 Campus Minister.

New Business

Verify Email Votes

- **Isabelle Pattarozzi moved to verify the email votes to release Barb Klein from her 2026-2027 contract with no penalty. Mike Dodds seconded. The motion carried.**

Candidate Approval Verification

- **Mike Dodds to verify the email votes for the hiring of Logan Brosius, Jack Foley, Jose Flores, Kelly King, Bayleigh Esser, Krista Ligeralde, and Olivia Neuzil. Rennie Root seconded. The motion carried.**

EJ Droessler Resignation

The Board acknowledged EJ Droessler's resignation.

Barbara Klein Retirement

The Board acknowledged Barbara Klein's retirement and thanked her for her many years of service to Holy Family Catholic Schools.

2026-2027 Early Childhood Family Handbook

- **Jeff Weber moved to approve the 2026-2027 Early Childhood Family Handbook as presented. Maggie Kramer seconded. The motion carried.**

2026-2027 Substitute Handbook

- **Mike Dodds moved to approve the 2026-2027 Substitute Handbook as presented. Maggie Kramer seconded. The motion carried.**

2026-2027 Volunteer Handbook

- **Isabelle Pattarozzi moved to approve the 2026-2027 Volunteer Handbook as presented. Jeff Weber seconded. The motion carried.**

A final blessing was given and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.