

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School
Board of Education Minutes
August 20, 2020 6:00 p.m. (Official minutes)**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Jim Rein, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6 pm in the Library. Prayer was led by Father Jim Golka.

Roll Call/Attendance

Board members present: Vice-President Jim Rein, Secretary Jeannee Mueller Fossberg, Rina Huntwork, Chris McCarraher, Rob Czaplewski, Al Corey, Fr. Jim Golka, Fr. Don Buhrman, and Fr. Joe Kadaprayil. Also present: Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Mike Rohweder, Dr. Julie Hehnke, Dick Ross, Jolene Wojcik, Randy Gleason and Gina Woods. Absent: Father Marty Egging and Ron Golka.

Additions to and adoption of Agenda

Jordan Engle wanted to add an item to the agenda regarding the contract for a current staff member. Rob Czaplewski moved to approve the amended agenda. Second by Al Corey. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Rob Czaplewski moved to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020, regular Board of Education meeting. Second by Al Corey. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed

Audience and Communication

None

Old Business

None

Reports:

Standing Committees

Policy and Review Committee

Phou Manivong reported for the committee. Ron Golka is retyping all policies, which is a huge job, The board will see how intense when all policies are presented. Ron Golka and the rest of the committee is to be commended for their work. Once everything is typed, the next step is to report to the school attorney before being presented to the school board for final approval

Marketing, Public Relations, and Recruitment Committee

Jordan Engle reported on behalf of the committee, which met right before the school board meeting. The committee is working on new ways to approach families. Central Catholic will celebrate 2 Catholic Schools weeks this school year. One will be in November with activities planned outside the building. Catholic Schools week will be celebrated in early February.

Curriculum Committee

Jordan Engle reported this committee will meet soon

Facilities Committee

Mike Rohweder reported the committee will meet in 2 weeks to discuss future projects. Mike gave a shout out to Rina and James Huntwork, Rob Czaplewski, Jim Rein and all others for their help, hard work and many hours painting the hallways. The School Board was invited to tour the building after the meeting

Budget and Finance Committee

Mike Rohweder reported that we are now in a new fiscal year. The Budget and Finance Committee will not officially meet for 3 weeks.

Fundraising Assessment Committee

Jordan Engle reported there is no Husker Harvest Days this year, so obviously, the school will not be involved. Due to Covid restrictions, the Fundraising Assessment Committee has not been able to meet.

Administrators Report

Financial Report:

Mike Rohweder distributed copies of the current cash flow statement, presenting revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year to date, through the month ending July, 31, 2020. July numbers are up. We are off to a good start. Tuition continued to come in. As of July 1, 2020, there was \$161,000 in the bank. Expenditures are on track. As of July 31, 2020, we had \$97,000 in the bank account. Central Catholic is getting another PPE grant, however this does not affect the school's budget.

Activities Director Report:

Dick Ross reported girls's softball started today. Varsity volleyball is participating in a jamboree, 11 students are involved in tennis. 30 in football, 11 in softball, 23 in volleyball, 9 in girls' golf, 6 in boys' cross country and 7 in girls' cross country. Fine Arts is off to a great start. Junior high swing choir auditions are this weekend, and high school swing choir next weekend. There are large numbers enrolled in middle school and high school band and choir. There will be no steak feed this year. People are needed to do the gate for activities.

Counselor's Report

Dr Julie Hehnke reported that class scheduling is good and class sizes are doable. It has been an easy start and not as chaotic as anticipated. The students have been great! 6th and 7th graders have been given weekly planners. Academic training has been going well. The students have been quiet, but the staff is not seeing much depression in students. Students are struggling to get back into routine. The staff has been pointing out to other staff members those students struggling with depression. There will be conversations with those students that appear to be having problems. A therapy dog is at the school now and the students are enjoying having that dog there.

Vice Principal Report:

Phou Manivong had a report....he stated walk throughs have been done and it is good to have students and teachers in the building. Things are progressing as the administration had hoped they would.

Principal Report

Jordan Engle reported school enrollment is 273 (+4). Committee work seems to be going well from a management perspective. Jordan continues to be in constant contact with

CDHC, CHI and others with regard to Covid policy making. Students have gone home sick, but so far, no students have tested positive for Covid. Jordan represented the Diocese of Grand Island at the Nebraska Catholic Conference with Governor Pete Ricketts. Jordan also reported that new Special Ed teacher Dawnell Gluntz has experienced an increase in IEP'S. She has also brought in a therapy dog, which has been a huge boon to the students and staff. Channel 4 and the Independent have done stories on the SPED staff and therapy dog, which relates directly to the suffering the students are going through. There are now 2 memorials to Elizabeth Ann Seton and pray stations throughout the building, which are tremendous additions to the school. Jordan also addressed the attendance policies at GISH stadium. Their requirements include no visiting fans, only 4 people allowed in per participant, no concessions and no gate admission. The staff has decided to move all football games to the field at GICC. The first home game would be on Friday afternoon September 11 at 3PM with Centennial, After that, home football games will be on Saturday afternoons. Central Catholic will allow visiting teams, charge gate admission and have limited concessions, in accordance with Teresa Anderson and the CDHC. There will be no limit on seating or people. There will be separate entrances for home and visiting teams.

Director of Development Report

Jolene Wocjik reported the golf tournament is August 21. They will be abiding by Covid guidelines in wearing masks, box lunch on the carts, and awards will be presented outside on the patio at Riverside. Thanks to Shane Stava for all he does for this event. The goal is to come out of this with no positive Covid cases to protect students and staff. Grant applications have been submitted to Nebraska Dept of Health and Human Services/CARES Recovery Grant \$12,000 PPE, JBS Hometown Strong \$5,000 Knight dinner, \$49,000 for lunch, still pending and \$1,800 for temperature sensors and \$20,000 for janitor costs.

The Knight - November 20....Plan A - normal event, Plan B - reduced capacity in person, Plan C virtual event. Foundation Board members have been asked to assist with gift acquirement with September 30th as the deadline. -700 vehicle raffle tickets need to be sold at \$100 per ticket. Tom and Kim Dinsdale have donated a new 2020 Suburban.

There will be no Grandparents' Day in September. It is possible a Grandparents' Day could be held during Catholic Schools week.

Adopt a Student donations were \$41,479. Kim and Tom Dinsdale \$60,000 donation. Memorials and general donations \$7,156. Transfers to school for July were \$40,469 to Capital Campaign and \$47,115 for Tuition Assistance, Adopt a Student and lunch money.

Events: August 21 - GICC golf tournament, November 20 - The Knight

New Business

A. Budget approval for Fine Arts/Athletic Booster - budgets were in the school board packet. Rob Czaplewski motioned to approve the budgets. Father Don Buhrman seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

B. Approval of Fine Arts purchase of lighting Phase 2 - budget was in the school board packet. This has already been approved by Fine Arts, they have the money and are ready to go with

this phase. Rob Czaplewski motioned to approve. Rina Huntwork seconded. All voted to approve.

C. Discussion/Approval of Home Game policies for GICC gym. The policies are those enforced and recommended by the CDHC and Teresa Anderson. Policies fit all health guidelines. There will be separate entrances for home and visiting teams. Capacity will be 75%, so 1500 of the 1700 the new gym holds. The first event in the gym will be volleyball August 27. Rob Czaplewski moved to approve. Rina Huntwork seconded the motion. All voted to approve

D. Contract amendment - Dawnell Glunz is the Sped Ed teacher. Her current contract is 5/9s time. Jordan would like approval to move her from 5/9s to 2/3s time, which is an extra 50 minutes a day. In budgetary terms this is about \$7200 a month, including benefits, with a projected budget difference of \$17,000 for the year. Rob Czaplewski moved to approve. Father Don Buhrman seconded the motion. All voted to approve.

Items for Future Meetings

None

Executive Session

None

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Thursday September 17th _____.

Announcements

None

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Closing prayer was led by Jordan Engle _____.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannee Mueller Fossberg

Board of Education

Ron Golka, President (At Large Representative-term ending June 2022)
Jim Rein, Vice President (At Large Representative term ending June 2021)
Jeannee Mueller Fossberg, Secretary (St. Mary's Representative-term ending June 2021)
Rina Huntwork (Resurrection Representative-term ending June 2023)
Chris McCarraher (At Large Representative-term ending June 2023)
Rob Czaplewski (Blessed Sacrament Representative-term ending June 2021)
Al Corey (Foundation Liaison and St. Leo's Representative-term ending June 2022)
Rev. Donald Buhrman, Pastor St. Leo Church
Rev. Martin Egging, Pastor Blessed Sacrament Church
Rev. James Golka, Pastor Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev. Joseph Kadaprayil, Pastor Church of the Resurrection

Administration

Jordan Engle, Principal
Phou Manivong, Vice Principal
Mike Rohweder, Business Manager

Dick Ross, Activities Director
Dr. Julie Hehnke, Guidance Counselor

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Budget and Finance Committee

Mike Rohweder
Fr. Don Buhrman
Fr. Joe Kadaprayil
Rob Czaplewski
Ron Golka
Jordan Engle

Curriculum and Academics Committee

Jordan Engle
Dr. Julie Hehnke
Fr. Marty Egging
Rina Huntwork
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg

Facilities Committee

Mike Rohweder
Ron Golka
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Rob Czaplewski
Shane Stava

Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Fr. Jim Golka
Al Corey
Rob Czaplewski
Janelle Armstrong

Policy Review Committee

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Matthew Armstrong
Stephanie Connick
Tena Herbek
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