

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School
Board of Education Minutes
August 19, 2021 6:00 p.m. (Unofficial minutes)**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Ron Golka, President called the meeting to order at 6 pm in the Library. Prayer was led by Father Marty Egging.

Roll Call/Attendance

Board members present: President Ron Golka, Vice-President Jim Rein, Secretary Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg, Rina Huntwork, Chris McCarraher, Rob Czaplewski, Al Corey, Fr. Jorge Canela, Fr. Don Buhrman, Fr. Joe Kadaprayil, and Fr. Marty Egging. Also present: Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Dr. Julie Hehnke and Jolene Wojcik. Absent: Mike Rohweder, Dick Ross and Kristen Maser. Guests were Amy May and Allen Glass

Additions to and adoption of Agenda

Rina Huntwork motioned to move elections up on the agenda. Al Corey seconded the amended agenda. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed

Election of officers:

Jim Rein moved to elect Ron Golka President of the Board. Rob Czaplewski seconded. Jeannee Mueller Fossberg moved nominations cease. Father Marty Egging seconded. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed and Ron Golka was elected President.

Ron Golka moved to elect Jim Rein as Vice President. Rina Huntwork seconded. Father Don Buhrman moved nominations cease. Father Marty Egging seconded. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed and Jim Rein was elected Vice President.

Father Marty Egging moved to elect Jeannee Mueller Fossberg as Secretary. Rina Huntwork seconded. Jim Rein moved nominations cease. Chris McCarraher seconded. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed and Jeannee Mueller Fossberg was elected Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Father Marty Egging moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2021, 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 and Jordan have met and some changes need to be made to the Faculty Handbook. The Policy and Review Committee will meet to work on these changes. Jordan will get the Policy Handbook digitally on the website.

Marketing, Public Relations, and Recruitment Committee

There will be a meeting Sunday August 22 for new members. The committee will have a report at the September Board of Education meeting

Curriculum Committee

No report

Facilities Committee

Jordan reported that all projects have been finished on time. There will be a final bid on the windows in the west alley at the September Board of Education meeting.

Budget and Finance Committee

No report

Fundraising Assessment Committee

No report

Fine Arts Guild

Chris McCarraher reported the band will be marching in many upcoming parades. Hannah Thagard will represent Central Catholic in the Harvest of Harmony parade October 2

Athletic Booster Club

Jordan reported there have been discussions with Jolene Wojcik of the Foundation Board about the new video score board. It should be paid off in 5 years. Anchor sponsors have been sold. The steak feed was held this last Saturday August 14. The attendance was low, as they were competing with the Garth Brooks concert. It was felt the profit was good, even with that competition

Administrators Report

Vice Principal Report

Phou reported that the first full week of school has been completed successfully. Nothing new

Counselor's Report

Dr Julie Hehnke reported student schedules are in place with course changes completed as of August 17. Seniors and Juniors are enrolled in over 70 online college credit courses including Central Community College, American Sign Language Institute, MIT Open Courseware. Planners were provided and distributed to every 6th grader and Mrs McFarland is working with each 6th grade student to write classes and assignments in them. Students were notified to sign up for the upcoming National PSAT test to be given at GICC to any 10th or 11th grader interested in taking the test October 13th. The test qualifies students for a National Merit Scholarship. There is 1 student enrolled in the coop class with Wayne Education that Monika Peters is teaching. State College and University Virtual Conference for Counselors will be September 14. Information about 2022 College admissions and scholarships will be communicated to senior parents from that conference. ACT prep begins August 20 in preparation for September 11 ACT test

Activities Director Report

Jordan reported for Dick Ross, who was at the girls' softball game. Fall sports and other activities are off and running. Masks are required at all indoor activities, but not required at outdoor activities.

Financial Report

Copies of the current cash flow statement were distributed, presenting revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year to date, through the month ending July 31, 2021. Jordan reported for Mike, on the revenue side, that tuition payments in August have been high with many families paying up front. Go Big Give from July, payment was more than anticipated. Past tuition payments received in July were high. On the expense side, the building expenses were over 8% because most projects are completed in the summer. The balance sheet showed that the Athletic Booster Club lost revenue last year because of covid and the inability to have concession stands. The school account will offset that loss. Everything else looks good.

Director of Development Report

Jolene Wojcik reported that we are still on track to receive some funds for the FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant for physical security enhancements due to risks of a terrorist attack/shooter. For the JBS Hometown Strong grant application for a new cafeteria and kitchen, we are just waiting on cost estimates to submit the application. Golf Tournament is August 20th at Indianhead. The Knight is scheduled for November 19th. The plan right now is still an in person event. Gift acquirement letters have been mailed and phone calls are being made. They are looking for co-chairs for next year, the 25th anniversary year. Grandparents' mass is September 9. Invitations have been mailed. Library renovation has been completed. Work is continuing to solicit and finalize agreements with businesses to advertise on the new video scoreboard. The Foundation was able to obtain some pickle cards to distribute to businesses. Meetings have been held with people planning estates. The class of 1961 and 1971 have contacted the school about visiting during their class reunions. The class of 1961 is the 1st class to attend all high school years at Central Catholic. Donations and transfers to the school for July were listed.

Principal Report

Jordan reported enrollment will be 275 next week, due to the addition of 2 foreign exchange students. Last year we were at 269 at this time. Attendance for parent orientation was 85%. Messages were sent to the rest of the parents. There was positive/constructive feedback. There is a new informal evaluation framework in place...every teacher was checked informally this week. They are seeing good stuff from the teachers as the classrooms are visited. New SPED procedures are great, working through GIPS. There is a new framework and the first meeting went well. Work is still being done to make sure the activity calendar is what we want it to be. A separate calendar, not including activities, is being worked on.

New Business

- A. Election of officers - moved to earlier on the agenda
- B. Committee reorganization/assignments - changes are reflected in the committee Assignments at the end of these minutes
- C. Covid - As of today, 33 are sick. 13 tested positive, 2 negative. Some are symptomatic, Some asymptomatic. 1 student has been hit especially hard. Should hit natural Immunity quick. There is continual sanitizing. 16 students were vaccinated at the clinic At school. Feedback on cases, etc, will be sent to the school board every Thursday

And a vote will be taken before noon every Friday for a decision for the next week. The Situation will be evaluated on a weekly basis. Discussion was held about masks being Cancelled if no positive cases for 14 days. Evaluation will be done weekly.

On August 17 an email was sent to the board that stated at least 8 students had tested Positive for covid and 1 staff member was getting tested and several more students Were home sick who had not been tested. The proposal was made that masks or face Coverings at all times indoors at GICC to be re-evaluated on a weekly basis. Masks Would be dropped when community spread for Hall County drops below 50 cases/100K Or when the school goes 14 days without a positive. Virtual school will be offered for Quarantined/isolated students, as well as for families that would rather not mask. School Board voted to approve this proposal in an email vote

Items for Future Meetings

None

Executive Session

None

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2021_____.

Announcements

None

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm. Rina Huntwork moved to adjourn the meeting. Father Don Buhrman seconded. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed. Closing prayer was led by Father Jorge Canela. _____.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jeannee Mueller Fossberg**

Board of Education

Ron Golka, President (At Large Representative-term ending June 2022, Foundation Liason)

Jim Rein, Vice President (At Large Representative term ending June 2024)

Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg, Secretary (St. Mary's Representative-term ending June 2024)

Rina Huntwork (Resurrection Representative-term ending June 2023)

Chris McCarraher (At Large Representative-term ending June 2023, Fine Arts rep)

Rob Czaplewski (Blessed Sacrament Representative-term ending June 2024)

Al Corey (St. Leo's Representative-term ending June 2022, ABC Rep)

Rev. Donald Buhrman, Pastor St. Leo Church

Rev. Jorge Canela, Pastor Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev. Martin Egging, Pastor Blessed Sacrament Church

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

Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee

Mike Rohweder
Fr. Don Buhrman
Fr. Joe Kadaprayil
Jim Rein
Ron Golka
Jordan Engle

Curriculum and Academics Committee

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

Facilities Committee

Mike Rohweder
Ron Golka
Jim Rein
Rob Czaplewski
Shane Stava

Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Janelle Armstrong
Chris McCarraher
Father Jorge Canela
Jordan Engle

Policy Review Committee

Phou Manivong
Ron Golka
Rina Huntwork
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg
Al Corey

Fundraising Assessment Committee

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Fr. Don Buhrman

Jolene Wojcik

Janelle Armstrong

Matthew Armstrong

Stephanie Connick

Tena Herbek

Jeff Palik

Gina Woods