

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School
Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting COVID-19
March 14, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Prayer was led by Fr. Don Buhrman.

Board members present were President Ron Golka, Vice President Jim Rein, Secretary Rina Huntwork, Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg, Laura Fox, Lana Lenz, Al Corey, Fr. Jim Golka, Fr. Don Buhrman, and Fr. Marty Egging. Also present was Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Jolene Wojcik, Janelle Armstrong, Dr. Jennifer King, Dr. Jeffrey King, Dr. Jose Friesen, and Dr. Elizabeth Friesen. Absent was Dr. Julie Hehnke, Mike Rohweder, Dick Ross, Fr. Joe Kadaprayil, and Dawn Taylor.

Purpose of Meeting and Actions-

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the current worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 and how it could effect the GICC Middle and High Schools, students, faculty, families, and surrounding communities in our area.

Note: Jordan Engle encouraged confidentiality in the context of this meeting.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 3:15 pm CST NSAA announced that there would be no spectators allowed at the Boys Basketball State Tournaments due to the COVID-19 outbreak within the country.

The Commissioner of Education, Matthew Blomstedt sent out a statement to all schools last week and based on his sources that he would not be cancelling schools at this time.

Jordan Engle contacted the Central District Health Department for information and guidance. However, recommendations for school closures were not available at that time.

Jordan Engle made inquiries regarding the Nebraska Department of Education concerning the yearly required credit hours, if cancellation of schools happen.

Jordan Engle reached out to area Superintendents to consider contingency plans. Formal communications between all area schools would continue.

Jordan Engle consulted local medical practitioners for their medical perspective regarding the safety of our students, faculty, families, and surrounding community members associated with our school.

Discussion commenced and Fr. Don Buhrman made a motion to close GICC Middle and High Schools and no activities for three weeks. Second by Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg. Additional discussion yielded an amendment to allow for salary compensations during this time and that Monday, March 16, 2020 will be a Contract day of Professional Development for further discussions with the staff of GICC Middle and High schools. An amendment to the above motion was added and is now motioned again by Fr. Don Buhrman to close GICC Middle and High schools for one week beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020 until Sunday, March 22, 2020. This includes a cancellation of but not limited to: all classes, all student activities, all sports and their practices, musical practices, any student gathering that is school sponsored. (Activities that we presently coop with will be discussed further.) The School Board of Education will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to access and discuss the matter at hand. The amended motion is second again by Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg. Members voting in favor: all. The amended motion has passed.

Fr. Jim Golka made a motion to add a faith component during the GICC Middle and High Schools closure. He will provide a special Prayer and made available online to all families as an important daily exercise. Second by Jim Rein. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting-

The next Board of Education meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer-

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. Closing prayer was led by Fr. Jim Golka.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rina Huntwork**

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Laura Fox (Foundation Liaison and At Large Representative-term ending June 2020)
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

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