

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School  
Board of Education Minutes  
February 18, 2021 6:00 p.m. (Official minutes)**

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Jim Rein, Vice President called the meeting to order at 5:58PM pm Library, in President Ron Golka's absence. Prayer was led by Father Marty Egging.

**Roll Call/Attendance**

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

**Additions to and adoption of Agenda**

Rob Czaplewski moved to approve the agenda. Second by Father Marty Egging. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rob Czaplewski moved to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2021 Regular Board of Education meeting. Second by Rina Huntwork. Members voting in favor: all Motion passed

**Audience and Communication**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Reports:**

**Standing Committees**

**Policy and Review Committee**

No report....It is done and approved!

**Marketing, Public Relations, and Recruitment Committee**

Jordan reported that March 22 is GICC Explore night for potential students and their families. Invites have been sent out and 14 RSVP's have already been received

**Curriculum Committee**

Jordan reported the committee met January 26. A new science curriculum is being looked at. Phou is doing some checking on this. Jennifer Koralewski will be teaching the new curriculum, so she is helping the pick the curriculum.

**Facilities Committee**

Rob Czaplewski reported. The committee of Rob, Jim Rein, Mike Rohweder and Ron Golka met to go over the list of external and internal projects and which seemed most imminent. They will be getting bids on the improvements they selected. They may have a couple of bids coming as soon as February19. They will have a better idea of costs of these projects at the March school board meeting

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Mike Rohweder reported that the committee has met twice, They plan to meet 1 more time and will have a final draft for the March school board meeting. Things are moving along well. He thanked the parishes and the priests for all they are doing.

### **Fundraising Assessment Committee**

Jordan said we will discuss this under new business

### **Fine Arts Guild**

Jordan reported the Fine Arts Guild met Monday February 15. A decision has been made to forego Karnival Kapers this year. There will be an announcement on social media that Karnival Kapers will be back next year, bigger and better, without a raffle.

### **Athletic Booster Club**

Jordan reported in the absence of Dick Ross. The Athletic Boosters met last week. They discussed replacing the old Crusader padding in the old gym and extending it out further. The current padding is at least 30 years old. The Athletic Booster Club has money and may vote as a committee to fund this project, like the Fine Arts did for the new band uniforms.

### **Administrators Report**

#### **Principal Report**

Jordan reported that current enrollment is 273, we are up 5. Attrition is way down with only 1 transfer. Jordan has spent time away from GICC traveling with Bishop Hanefeldt for his job as Superintendent of the Diocese, He had a legislative update on LB 364. Governor Ricketts has put this in his preliminary budget to adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits for donating to a scholarship fund give to a school. It is good for people who are generous to school. They get 100% credit. Senator Ray Aguilar from Grand Island is on board with this legislation. We are good with hours we have used for snow days. Since there was no Husker Harvest Days, GICC has extra days. NDE - there was no audit this year, but we are not short on instruction hours. No staff is on quarantine. Jordan said he will be away from school a few days in March, for State Speech and the birth of the new member of the Engle family.

#### **Vice Principal Report**

Phou Manivong had a report. He said checks have been signed and Mike Rohweder has paid the school's bills. Phou and Dr Hehnke have teamed up to cover for Jordan when he has been out of the school. They have become a good cop/bad cop team.

#### **Counselor's Report**

Dr Julie Hehnke reported graduation gowns have arrived and are being distributed to all Seniors, white for females, navy for males. Pre-ACT is tentatively being planned for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders to take at GICC Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 8-11:30AM. An informative video will be sent to all Junior parents/students before March 1, 2021. Questions will be encouraged to be emailed, phone calls or face-to-face meetings requested by Junior students/parents.

### **Activities Director Report**

Jordan reported in the absence of Dick Ross. Sub district basketball hosts have changed. We will be hosting both this year and it is working out well. Girls district basketball is next Friday and we could possibly be hosting that. Dick has been working hard to stay up on all the changes brought about by Covid.

### **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 January 31, 2021. We are on track with 58% of the revenue in. Not much going on, everything is normal. Tuition and parish payments are timely. We received \$250,000 from the Foundation. Thanks to that process, we are over the hump. Expenditures - For snow removal in December and January, cost was \$2800. Over a 10 year period, that averages out. We will probably have another big bill for February. Rick's Lawn Care does a great job of snow removal for the school. Utilities have been on track, but we may see a bump next month. The legal fees of \$9900 for the policy review has us at 99% for that area. We have \$161,000 cash in the bank, due to help from the Foundation. Things are good and we are on track. Mike also distributed a balance sheet for Fine Arts and the Athletic Booster Club. Things are dipping due to not being able to have events because of covid, but they still have money markets that get .01%. Thank you, Mike, for all your diligent work making sure this all runs smoothly.

### **Director of Development Report**

Jolene Wojcik distributed a sheet showing the transfers to the school from the Development Foundation for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. \$50,000 for fund an item has been donated to the general fund. Two grants to JBS Hometown Strong are pending. FBLA has applied to the Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Board for a \$10,000 grant. 375 thank you notes to GICC supporters were written by middle school students during Catholic Schools Week. They were very well received. There were also social media posts highlighting Catholic schools ad our students. We received a \$6,000 Covid 19 Compassion Fund grant for mental health initiatives. Adopt a Student received over \$13,000 in donations. Memorial donations are up. An ambo and credence table were purchased for the Chapel. Go Big Give is set for May 6 with money donated possibly going towards chrome books and the new science curriculum. GICC golf tournament is set for August 20. The Knight will be November 19. The first meeting has been held, a theme selected, initial brainstorming has begun for live auction items, and the 3 co-chairs will be returning. Jolene and the Foundation office staff have been working hard.

### **New Business**

- a. Fundraising Assessment Policy - The policy proposed by the Fundraising Policy Committee was sent to the board after the January meeting, so the board would have time to review before this meeting and be able to discuss. The main goal is not doing every fundraiser and to stay away from the Knight and the Golf Tournament, hosted by the Foundation. A distinction between personal equipment and school equipment was made. Janelle Armstrong is working with coaches of all activities on what are school expenses and what are parent/student expenses. Cheer and dance being the most expensive activities. This handbook will be ready for the 2021-2022 school year. The Committee worked very hard and Father Don Buhman was pivotal, so please thank him for his help, Rob Czaplewski moved to accept this policy. Second by Jeannee Mueller Fossberg. Members voting in favor: all Motion passed

### **Items for Future Meetings**

None

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be Thursday March 25, 2021, due to State Speech on March 18.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Father Marty Egging moved to adjourn the meeting. Al Corey seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: all Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM. Closing prayer was led by Father Joe Kadaprayil \_\_\_\_\_.

**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, ABC rep)  
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, Fine Arts rep)  
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

## **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

### **Facilities Committee**

Mike Rohweder  
Ron Golka  
Jim Rein  
Rob Czaplewski  
Shane Stava

### **Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee**

Fr. Jim Golka  
Al Corey  
Rob Czaplewski  
Janelle Armstrong

### **Policy Review Committee**

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

### **Fundraising Assessment Committee**

Jordan Engle  
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg  
Fr. Don Buhrman  
Jolene Wojcik  
Janelle Armstrong  
Matthew Armstrong  
Stephanie Connick  
Tena Herbek  
Jeff Palik  
Gina Woods