

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 21, 2021 6:00 p.m. (Official 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 Mr Jordan Engle.

**Roll Call/Attendance**

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

**Additions to and adoption of Agenda**

Father Jim Golka moved to approve the agenda. Second by Rina Huntwork. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rina Huntwork moved to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting. Second by Father Marty Egging. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed

**Audience and Communication**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Reports:**

**Standing Committees**

**Policy and Review Committee**

Ron Golka reported the committee met by zoom twice in December with the school attorney working on the policies. Ron then had a zoom meeting with the attorney to finalize the proposed policies. This item will be discussed more, as it is on the agenda for this meeting.

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

Jordan Engle reported they are reworking the Explore GICC night for mid March. The night that is picked is the Chrism night in North Platte. The priests are OK with this date.

**Curriculum Committee**

Jordan Engle reported the committee will meet Tuesday January 26 at 6PM

### **Facilities Committee**

Rob Czaplewski stated there is a written report in the packet school board members received at tonight's meeting. There are external and internal projects that will be bid out. Rob thanked Jim Rein, Shane Stava and Wayne Weins for painting the downstairs locker room. The committee will meet in February to figure out what projects to tackle first. They are hoping to focus on some funding.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Jordan Engle reported the committee plans to meet January 23 at noon

### **Fundraising Assessment Committee**

Jordan Engle reported he sent a report to the members of the school board, and will resend, so it can be on the agenda for the February meeting. Janelle Armstrong is doing a great job with this committee. Most of the work of this committee has been completed, It is now in a follow up stage.

### **Fine Arts Guild**

Jordan Engle reported that they met in January. The new band uniforms should be here in April. They got a better price than expected. The Fine Arts Guild was able to cover all expenses for the band uniforms, except for \$80.

### **Athletic Booster Club**

Dick Ross reported that the booster club met in December and January. The ABC banquet is scheduled for May 27. The steak feed is set for August `14 at GICC. It will be a fundraiser for GICC. The Booster Club is looking into replacing the Crusader padding in the old gym.

### **Administrators Report**

#### **Principal Report**

Jordan Engle reported we are plus 4 for second semester enrollment. We lost 1 student at semester. The free tuition offer did bring in extra students. Letters of intent have been handed to staff and are due back by April 15. Jordan did receive a letter of resignation from Jackie Dirkschneider. There was a unanimous email vote to accept her resignation, so Jordan could begin the search for a replacement. A policy needs to be written for financial help and tuition for families. This will be a 3 tiered policy. The churches will need to be contacted about parent involvement in the parishes. Parents have already talked with Jordan about what this might look like. Legislative update - There is lots of legislation coming up that is timely for Catholic schools. Much funding has been given to the Governor's office, and we have a Catholic Governor who supports Catholic schools. PPE items are not eligible for funding. LB 364 hits committee next week and this could be a game changer for Catholic schools. Please pray it happens. Catholic Schools week - February 1-5. Father Sid will be leading a faculty day of prayer. The staff will work on a project together. Jordan will be traveling with the Bishop that week to hand out donations to Catholic schools in the Diocese. February 4 will be a full day of adoration in the gym from 8AM-3:30PM. The public is asked to join. The gym will be decorated. Masks will be worn. Deacon Frank from St Mary's spoke with the seniors and thought there was a real difference in the students by the time they were done.

#### **Vice Principal Report**

No report from Phou Manivong

### **Counselor's Report**

Dr Julie Hehnke reported there is just a couple more months left for scholarship applications. Most seniors have narrowed their college choices and completed the admissions process. GICC made a decision with the foundation to drop the payment for use of John Baylor ACT prep videos, they cost the foundation \$3500 per year. Dr Hehnke has compiled a listing of ACT resources: general tests to use for practice, ACT testing strategies and tips websites/articles, websites that offer specific skills to be increased for testing materials, videos that provide test strategies and useful strategies when taking the ACT test. These resources are free and Dr Hehnke will be using some of them with the ACT prep that will take place for 2 weeks in late January and the first of February. ACT prep will also be offered during lunch study halls 2-3 times weekly beginning in mid-March for 5 weeks to prepare for the ACT April 17 test. A virtual college fair will be available for Juniors to explore colleges in March. Work has begun on scheduling for next year. Graduation caps and gowns have been ordered and will be arriving soon. Seniors voted to have navy for boys and white for girls.

### **Activities Director Report**

Dick Ross reported boys and girls basketball teams are both rated #1 at this time. GICC will be hosting conference January 26. There are 6 boys out for wrestling. Wrestling has been hit the hardest by covid. 6 students are out for swimming. The NSAA has announced that state basketball tournaments will be 5 days, and swimming will be 3 days. March 9 GICC will be hosting District Speech. If the boys basketball team makes it to state, it should not interfere with the District Speech meet.

### **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 December 31, 2020. We are halfway through the school year and we are on schedule. Tuition is above 50%. The 4 parishes are doing a good job of keeping up with their payments in this difficult time. We received \$9000 for a grant which was used to purchase a server. The Foundation gave the school \$250,000 for the Knight and school promise. Expenses - we are halfway through the year and the expense side has been uneventful. Staff Christmas bonuses were bigger this year, due to the cancellation of the Christmas party. A parent also donated \$500. Heating bills have been good, due to the nice weather and the efficient heating system we have. Mike also has come up with a cash balance sheet that he handed out with balances for the general fund, Fine Arts, Athletic Booster Club, Husker Harvest Days, Carnival Kapers, lunch fund and activities/clubs/class funds. He stated all groups/organizations are doing well.

### **Director of Development Report**

Jordan Engle reported for Jolene Wojcik who was unable to be at the meeting. Revenue wise, things are very promising and it is growing at a good rate. The Foundation board is very mindful of the rate the money is growing, as well as the budget deficits, which they are talking about. This year's Knight shattered records for any previous Knight events. They have already started working on the Knight for next year. One of the big differences was the raffles brought in a lot of money and expenses were down. Jordan did give Jolene recognition for the great job that she does.

## **New Business**

A. Board policy adoption - Ron Golka reported that a copy of the policies had been emailed to all school board members. The attorney Jordan and the policy committee met twice on zoom for a total of 6 hours. Jeannee Fossberg moved to accept the policies as sent to the board members. Rob Czaplewski seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: All Motion passed. Policies will be reviewed periodically. The committee of Ron Golka, Rina Huntwork, Al Corey, Phou Manivong and Jeannee Fossberg were thanked for their work.

B. School calendar 21/22 Adoption - Jordan Engle presented the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Husker Harvest Days has been removed as days off. The Friday before and Monday after Easter have been added as days off. Father Jim Golka moved to accept the 21/22 school calendar. Father Marty Egging seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: All. Motion passed. Jordan thanked Janelle Armstrong for her hard work on the calendar.

C. Discussion of added para/translator position - Jordan Engle reported this position is a good add for this year and the presence of this person has been a boost for GICC. Does not need to be full time position. A para/translator would be cost efficient, not a full time position, but up to 22-25 hours a week, and not paid during the summer. Jordan would like to go the Foundation to pay for this position for this year. Father Marty Egging moved to accept this proposal. Rob Czaplewski seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: All. Motion passed.

## **Items for Future Meetings**

Fundraising assessment committee email and sign over the Honors' Board

## **Executive Session**

Meeting went into Executive session at 7:20PM. The meeting came out of Executive session at 7:40PM.

## **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be Thursday February 18, 2021\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41PM. Closing prayer was led by Father Marty Egging. Father Jim Golka moved to adjourn the meeting. Father Marty Egging seconded the motion. Members voting in favor: All Motion passed\_\_\_\_\_.

**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 McCarragher (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**

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Ron Golka

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Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg

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**Fundraising Assessment Committee**

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Matthew Armstrong

Stephanie Connick

Tena Herbek

Jeff Palik

Gina Woods