

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School
Board of Education Minutes
November 12, 2020 6:00 p.m. (official minutes)**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Ron Golka, President called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm virtually on zoom. 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. Jim Golka, Fr. Joe Kadaprayil, and Fr. Marty Egging. Also present: Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Dr. Julie Hehnke, and Dick Ross.

Absent: Fr. Don Buhman, Mike Rohweder, Jolene Wojcik, and Randy Gleason.

Also present: Ryan Smith, GICC Science teacher who was observing for a class

Additions to and adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Al Corey moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting with the modification that the name of the out building be amended to Five Points Bank Field. Second by Fr Jim Golka. Members voting in favor: all. Motion passed

Audience and Communication

None

Old Business

None

Reports:

Standing Committees

Policy and Review Committee

Ron Golka reported that all board members should have received the new policy document by email. Phou contacted the school attorney and he has not had time to review the policy. There are 2 options for what it could cost. 1) The attorney cost would be about \$8000 to review the policies, will come back to the committee with pointers and will look through for updates.

2) Subscribe to a policy service for \$9800. They would be "canned" policies and would need to be customized. Since there is no audit this year, there is money in the budget to cover the cost.

Marketing, Public Relations, and Recruitment Committee

Jordan reported that the committee met last Wednesday and visited about specific prospects from different schools. NTV was in the building November 12 for commercials. You Tube ads on certain demographics will be made. Some will be in Spanish.

Curriculum Committee

Jordan reported the committee has not met

Facilities Committee

Ron congratulated Rob Czaplowski, Jim Rein and the committee for their work. It is much brighter downstairs because of the new painting. Rob reported that the committee met a couple of months ago with Mike Rohweder and James Martinez to get a get a plan together to figure out what should be done first and to get bids. The middle school boys locker room will be updated, windows removed and painted white. There is a flag pole up on the northwest corner. They are hoping to have things wrapped up before the track season.

Budget and Finance Committee

Ron reported the committee has not met yet. Planning to meet in February

Fundraising Assessment Committee

Jordan reported the committee has met and the report on the continuity of fundraising is on the agenda under new business

Athletic Booster Club

Met November 11. Winter sports activities will be starting soon. State Champion trophies have been reorganized and every area is in the main hallway. James Martinez and Dick Ross will work on taking pictures of old trophies. Winter concessions are being planned. They also discussed the attendance policy for winter sports

Fine Arts Guild

They have not met yet for November. They are working in conjunction with FBLA on a fundraiser of window decals for cars. An item for band is under new business on the agenda

Administrators Report

Principal Report

Jordan reported that the CDHD stated today the positivity rate of Covid is about 50%. It is a desperate situation and is hitting hard. Mr Koeppe and Mrs Ostdiek have been out of school because of Covid. The school is running out of substitute teachers as the second wave is approaching. 1 student who had Covid 3 months ago, may have it again. There was a huge spike from Halloween with 20 students quarantined after being at parties. November 24 is a day for students with poor grades to improve their grades. There is a fear of a Thanksgiving quarantine and students may not have to chance to be in school November 24 to improve their grades. The staff is working hard to keep school open. Please keep praying for the students and to stop the spread of Covid. There are lots of good things happening. It has been a good year for retention and 1 student who left is coming back. Check the Striv page for activities.

Vice Principal Report

Phou said he had nothing profound to report

Counselor's Report

Julie reported that the Susan Buffet scholarship has opened. 10 students have applied to date and applications are due February 8. She has not met with the Juniors yet. Julie is also getting career webinars lined up.

Activities Director Report

Dick reported that Zach Cloud finished in 6th place at the State Cross Country meet. The girls' team finished in 13th place, with Raegan Gellatly finishing 21st. The football team lost in the 1st round of playoffs against Wilber Clatonia. It was the first time since 2014 that the football team made the playoffs. The volleyball team lost a heart breaker in district finals. Winter sports season starts on Monday November 16. The 2 fall concerts in October went very well. The music department is getting ready for 2 Christmas concerts. The One Act team will have their first competition at Conference November 21 in David City. They were planning to compete in North Platte November 9, but students had missed many rehearsals, due to Covid.

Financial Report

Jordan reported for Mike and distributed copies of the current cash flow statement, presenting revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year to date, through the month ending October 31, 2020. Revenue - we are one third of the way through the year and the parishes are on schedule with their payments. A big thank you to the priests and the parishioners. Mike is continuing to try to get back tuition. In October the school received payments from the Foundation for chromebooks and tuition assistance from Go Big Give, and a Covid grant for PPE related items. There was also a payment received from the Foundation and campaign for 4 projects that have been completed: the touch screen Hall of Fame in the gym, bus usage, sound system from Ron's Music, and the signs on the building that are lit at night. If you see anyone from the Foundation, please thank them. Expenses - the teachers have been very frugal and Mike Rohweder does a great job for the school. Since we are not required to have an audit this year, the audit and legal proposed costs will not be spent, so the policy attorney fee could come out of this, as well as replacing server hardware with internet speed up, which will put us over on tech.

Director of Development Report

Jordan reported for Jolene. All the chairs for the Knight are quarantined at home, so lots of help is needed for this virtual event, as well as 700 raffle tickets need to be sold. The Board was asked to help any way we can. We received a grant (from out of the blue) from the Snow Redfern Foundation to be used for lunch accounts.

New Business:

A. _ Winter Activity Protocols - The policy was 25% attendance from the DHM with no cheerleaders, band or dance team, Players were included in that count of 150 people. New protocol is 350 in attendance - participants of team, cheer, band and dance are not included in that count. Direct household members may attend, as long as the count is not over 350. The opposing team administration will have a list of household members. Jeannee moved and Rob seconded to approve the new protocol. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Activities are being broadcast on Striv by Ryan Smith. It appears lots of people are watching.

B. Approval of Band Uniform Purchase - Picture of proposed band uniforms was passed around. The last time band uniforms were purchased was in 1989 or 1990 and they are worn out. The proposal is to buy 70 band uniforms for \$35,297.50. Mrs. Peters would also like to purchase an instrument for \$5000. Fine Arts has the money, they are just looking for approval from the school board. They need to be ordered now for next year. Jeannee moved and Chris seconded to purchase the uniforms and instrument. All voted yes. Motion approved.

C. Policy Review/Approval - Private school policies are different than public school policies. The attorney knows both and what we would need and not need. Since we are a non profit, we do not need to audit every year, so the money in the budget for auditor this year could be used for the attorney to go over the policies. Jim Rein moved to approve utilizing \$8300 to have the attorney go over the proposed policies and make suggestions. Fr Jim Golka seconded. All voted yes. Motion approved.

D. Husker Harvest approval - Jordan met with the committee. The recommendation from the committee was to have 1 stand that would serve burgers, polish dogs, ice cream, beverages. Going from 2 stands to 1 will reduce expenses significantly, as well as number of people needed. The contract is coming due soon. School will remain in session. Rob moved to approve the committee's recommendation. Rina seconded. All voted yes. Motion approved. The school calendar will be modified.

E. Fundraising Assessment Committee Suggestions/Actions

1. GICC shall remove activity/book fee language from the tuition schedule beginning with 2021/2022 school year
2. The Fine Arts Guild/Booster Club committee shall operate as zero-sum entities. The school shall hold the responsibility to adequately fund both entities at the end of each fiscal year without any interruption to the regular duties of each.
3. Each school board related capital campaign committee shall include representation from the Fine Arts Guild and Athletic Booster Club.

Fr. Marty moved to approve the recommendations. Rob seconded. Much discussion followed. Motion was amended to add to #2 "It will be the responsibility of the Fine Arts Guild and Athletic Booster Club to provide budgeting information to the board with monthly updates." Fr. Marty moved to approve the recommendations with this amendment. Rob seconded. All voted yes. Motion approved. Jordan stated he applauds the board for working to oversee funds.

Items for Future Meetings

Policies

Executive Session

None

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Thursday January 21, 2021

Announcements

None

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm. Closing prayer was led by Fr. Joe Kadapryail. Al moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob seconded. All voted yes. Motion passed

**Respectfully submitted,
Jeannee Mueller Fossberg**

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Rev. Joseph Kadaprayil, Pastor Church of the Resurrection

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Phou Manivong, Vice Principal
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Dick Ross, Activities Director
Dr. Julie Hehnke, Guidance Counselor

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