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ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2020 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Corey Helms, Rev. Mark Lichter, via video conferencing, Tina Dosch, Catherine Knapp, Joe Mehlhaff, Rev. Michael Griffin, **Absent:** Todd Zens VP, BJ Schaeffbauer **Staff:** Tim Weisz, Paula Florey, Vickie Haiar, Michala Heller, Rick Kline, via video conferencing Terry Dosch, Peggy Freidel, Elizabeth Gorski, Mark Stone, Pat Buechler

1. The April 8, 2020 meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by President Corey Helms.

a. Opening prayer was led by Tina Dosch

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda additions: add Executive Session to end of the meeting
add 5a. approval to issue teacher contracts

Father Mark Lichter reviewed March financials

Motion by Tina Dosch, second by Catherine Knapp, to approve the April 8, 2020 agenda, March 11, 2020 minutes, March bills for payment, and financial report. Motion carried.

3. RECOGNITIONS

a. Mr. Weisz commended the entire staff on how well they have stepped up to the situation and embraced the e-learning process. Mr. Helms also extended a thank you for their hard work.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative/Education Planning – met 4/8/20, minutes will be sent to board
- b. Buildings & Grounds –next meeting 4/22
- c. Marketing/Recruitment/Development–
- d. Finance- met 4/7//20, minutes will be sent, next meeting 4/22

5. ACTION ITEMS-

- a. Grant approval for teacher contracts to be issued

Motion by Tina Dosch, second by Father Mark Lichter, to approve issuing teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS-

- a. Bus update- the bus has been ordered and should arrive in November
- b. E-learning update- Principals at all levels shared that the process is going well. They are pleased with how well the teachers have embraced this challenge. Teacher/Parent communication is at an all time high. They still need to work at avoiding over-loading the students with work, reaching out to students who are struggling. The SPED teachers and school counselors are doing a good job of trying to connect with students who normally have extra challenges in school. They appreciate all the teacher's efforts.
- c. Paycheck protection program- The school has submitted an application to the SBA (Small Business Association) and are working through Dacotah Bank to secure this loan. Loan amount is \$653,351.78.
- d. Coronavirus consequences as they relate to school- there are obvious cancelations, school in person, no athletics or other activities, no After School care, no Roncalli Nearly New. We are working on a plan for graduation. There is discussion on what to do about Summer Patch. Pat Buechler will check in with the other major summer care providers to see what they are thinking. Our thought is to keep it open with the CDC precautions followed closely and with few students enrolled. The board thinks we can make a decision on or before the next board meeting.

7. REPORTS (additions to previously submitted written reports)

- a. President's Report- He will keep everyone updated on graduation plans as they are solidified. He announced that Daryl Thuringer will no longer serve as the Diocesan Liaison and that Matt Althoff will replace him.
- b. Principal's reports- The RHS Blood Drive hasn't officially been canceled. Paula wondered if we want to have the donors in our building. Tina Dosch suggested transferring the drive to the Vitlant site as Avera did that.
- c. Development- no additions
- d. Activities Director- Next Wednesday, April 15 there will be a uniform turn in for all spring athletics from 8-10 at RHS.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Tina Dosch, to move into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Father Mike Griffin, second by Father Mark Lichter, to move out of Executive Session at 4:17 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Tina Dosch, to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Closing prayer led by Tim Weisz

NEXT MEETING- Next meeting is May 13, 2020.

Recorded by Michala Heller