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## **ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

School Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Corey Helms, BJ Schaeffbauer, Catherine Knapp, VP, Joe Mehlhaff, Rev. Andrew Dickinson, Matt Althoff, Chad Bent, via phone call, Kristie Martin, Rev. Michael Griffin, **Staff:** Tim Weisz, Vickie Haiar, Michala Heller, Paula Florey, Tammy Kost, Elizabeth Gorski, Rick Kline, Terry Dosch, Mark Stone

1. The September 9, 2020 meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by President Corey Helms.

a. Opening prayer was led by- Father Andrew Dickinson

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda additions/corrections-** none

**Minutes additions/corrections-** none

Kristie Martin reviewed August financials

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by Kristie Martin, to approve the September 9, 2020 agenda, August 12, 2020 minutes, August bills for payment, and financial report. Motion carried.

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Administrative/Education Planning – no meeting

b. Buildings & Grounds – met, 9.2.20

i. Tim summarized: The Back on Track project is currently at \$221,000 raised; ProTech, out of Watertown will be patching the roof at RHS this fall; The sewer line project is on hold until 2021 when the city will be re-doing Dakota St.; Catholic Mutual did their onsite inspection of our schools and there were no major issues detected.

c. Finance- next mtg. 10.7.20

d. Marketing/Recruitment/Development – – next mtg. 9.23.20

### **4. ACTION ITEMS-**

a. First reading of revisions to policy 001.1 Membership

Motion by Catherine Knapp, second by BJ Schaeffbauer, to approve first reading of revisions to policy 001.1 Membership. Motion carried.

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update on COVID-19 situation, staff and students
  - i. Students out due to close contact: Preschool= 10 students; K-6= 5 students; 7-12= 4 students
  - ii. Staff members out due to positive COVID-19 test= 1 teacher
- b. Remote Learning update
  - i. Parents have positive comments regarding how things are going for those students who have either chosen distance learning or have been out due to virus contact
  - ii. Teachers and students in the 7-12 grade level have given positive feedback regarding the block scheduling they went to this fall to help with COVID restrictions
- c. Enrollment update
  - i. While we are at a substantial deficit this year due to many factors Father Dickinson gave some encouragement and highlighted this is a good opportunity to evaluate the factors that have gotten us to this point and make needed adjustments
  - ii. Matt Althoff thought it would be interesting and helpful to look at parish registrations during the last decade to see if those numbers might correspond to declining enrollment
- d. Accreditation update- Our state review will take place, via an online visit, on Oct. 20. We are prepared

## 6. REPORTS (additions to previously submitted written reports)

- a. President's Report- Mr. Weisz added that he has decided not to pursue essential worker classification for our teachers as President Trump has already done so.
- b. Principal's reports- Paula was asked how the block scheduling system is going for the 7-12 grade students and staff, she reported that teachers and students have given positive feedback.
- c. Development- no additions
- d. Activities Director- no additions

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kristie Martin, second by BJ Schaeffbauer to move into executive session at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Father Michael Griffin, second by Kristie Martin to move out of executive session at 5:11 p.m. Motion carried.

**1. ACTION ITEM vote from Executive Session**

Motion by Father Mike Griffin, second by BJ Schaeffbauer, to accept the \$15,000 Homeland Security Grant. Motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by BJ Schaeffbauer, second by Joe Mehlhaff to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer led by Catherine Knapp

**NEXT MEETING-** Next meeting is October 14, 2020.

*Recorded by Michala Heller*