

**RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
BOARD MINUTES
Monday, September 24, 2018
Cathedral Rectory Building – Basement Conference Room**

ATTENDING: Michael Albertson, Rev. Brian Christensen, Thomas Durkin, Christopher Grant, Terri Hilt, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Keszler, Susan Safford, Corrie Stephens, Rev. Edward Witt

ABSENT: Bishop Robert Gruss, Jeffrey Hurd, LeAnn Wenger

INTERESTED PARTIES: Dave Hollenbeck, Barb Honeycutt, Colleen Lecy, Craig Nowotny, Mike Solano, Wayne Sullivan

GUESTS: Robert Aberle, LT. Brian Blenner, Shellie Farwell, Tracy Freidel, Elizabeth Hofer, Officer Nick Strampe, Stephanie Strand, Tomilyn Trask

RECORDER: Marcia Werner

0.1 Opening prayer was led by Fr. Brian Christensen.

MINUTES-APPROVAL

1.1 Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2018 Meeting as presented and filed with the recorder.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Chris Motz, SD Catholic Conference Executive Director** presentation was deferred until next month. Barb Honeycutt distributed materials for review related to gender dysphoria and the development of a statewide policy in conjunction with other Christian schools.
- 2.2 Susan Safford** led a discussion on **prayer meditation**. She also distributed materials related to St. Padre Pio. Fr. Christensen provided further information regarding St. Padre Pio's upcoming relics' veneration and viewing at OLPH.

REPORTS

- 3.1 Living the Mission Appeal Update** was provided by Supt. Honeycutt and Fr. Christensen. The campaign is in the early stages with pilot groups currently being formed.
- 3.2 Booster Club Report** was included in the Board packets.
- 3.3 Chairman's Report** was deferred.
- 3.4 Administrative Report** was included in the Board packet. Supt. Honeycutt commended Principal Lecy on the recent Grandparent's Day success, spoke to Mrs. Olsen's first parent fellowship gathering at the middle school, and congratulated Mr. Sullivan on three student's National Merit finalist status.
 - 3.4.1 Written Chaplain's Report** was included in the Board packet.
- 3.5 Committee Reports**
 - 3.5.1 Finance Committee** report was included in the Board packet. Mike Solano further reported that issues related to the audit's material weakness items are being addressed. Two tuition waiver requests will be deferred to Executive Session.
 - 3.5.2 Facilities Committee** report was included in the Board packet. Mike Johnson will address areas of concern related to the high school's south lawn drainage issue as a high priority item.

- 3.5.3 **Development Committee & Development Office** reports were included in the Board packet. Dave Hollenbeck distributed information and donation forms for the 2018-19 Annual Appeal. 100% staff participation is being strongly encouraged.
- 3.5.4 **Mission Committee** met to continue with a draft of the Purpose Statement, which will be brought before the full Board in the very near future.
- 3.5.5 **Investment Committee** report was deferred.
- 3.5.6 **Executive Committee** met to review agenda and Executive Session items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1 None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Supt. Honeycutt requested the Board's direction on RCCSS's proposal to allow **home school** students' **participation** in school activities along with the ability to take classes pending available space. The Board was in agreement and encouraged administration to proceed with resolution of issues and policies relevant to same.
- 5.2 Two police officers with the Rapid City Police Department spoke to a new community project, *Project Standup*, which is a student texting service for anonymous reporting. Motion by Chris Grant, "Approval to enter into an agreement with the **Rapid City Police Department** in support of and participation in *Project Standup*." Motion seconded and carried unanimously.
- 5.3 Supt. Honeycutt and Principal Sullivan requested Board approval to award graduating seniors according to the Latin honors of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude based on GPA. Motion by Terri Hilt, "Approve the **Latin honors** award system with discretion deferred to administration on criteria for designations." Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 6.1 The Board went into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. Motion by Tom Durkin, "Accept a tuition waiver for student #1 and a tuition buyout for student #2." Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 The **next meeting** will be held October 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Rectory basement large meeting room.
- 7.2 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Werner