

**RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 22, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Family Meeting Room**  
**Catholic Chancery Building**

ATTENDING: Christopher Dietrich, Suzanne Feist, Jennifer Keszler, Brendan Murphy, Cassidy Stalley, Corrie Stephens, Joe Strain

ABSENT: Rev. Brian Christensen, Jess Karim, Bishop Peter Muhich, Tara Schaack, Rev. Andrzej Wyrstek

INTERESTED PARTIES: Robert Aberle, Rebecca Cronin, Jim Johnston, Colleen Lecy, Craig Nowotny, Mary Helen Olsen, Julie Tipton (via Zoom)

GUESTS: Emily Herrera, Pat Moran, Stacey Nelson

RECORDER: Marcia Werner

**0.1 Opening prayer** was led by Robert Aberle.

**MINUTES-APPROVAL**

**1.1 Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2023 Meeting** as presented and filed with the recorder.

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

**2.1** Prayer Meditation, reflection, and discussion on “*Ten Universal Principles*,” “Principle 10 – The Principle of Beneficence,” pgs. 88-120, was led by Robert Aberle.

**REPORTS**

**3.1 Living the Mission Appeal Update** was deferred.

**3.2 Booster Club Report** by Stacey Nelson, new Booster Club President. New officers have been elected. She gave a reporting of funds in the Club account. Discussions with high school administration regarding future plans for concessions’ duties and responsibilities are ongoing and proposals have been brought forth regarding same; however, the Club may want to move in a different direction. Apparel sales and responsibilities will remain under their purview.

**3.3 Chairman's Report** by Corrie Stephens, who invited members to attend upcoming STM High School graduation on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Cathedral of OLPH.

**3.4 Administrative Report** was included in the Board packet.

**3.4.1** Campus Ministry Report was included in the Board packet.

**3.4.2** Superintendent Robert Aberle read a complimentary letter from Ranae Hofer, retiring RCAS Title I teacher, thanking RCCSS for their support and partnership during her tenure. Prayer cards were distributed to all, displaying a prayer written by Bishop Peter for RCCSS. Interviews are scheduled for four Director of Advancement applicants.

**3.4.3** Elementary Principal Colleen Lecy reported on a glitch with standardized testing recently; however, the problem has been resolved. The school year is winding down and many activities are planned for the last few days.

- 3.4.4 Middle School Principal Mary Helen Olsen invited members to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., Cathedral OLPH. She requested Board input on new uniform recommendations; which include, skorts, emblem optional on pants and shorts, and navy as an approved color for pants, skorts, shorts, and skirts. The Board agreed with the changes, which will be implemented for the 2023-24 school year.
- 3.4.5 High School Principal Jim Johnston informed the Board regarding uniform changes for the high school; which include, skorts and emblem optional for the khaki pants and shorts. He highlighted links included in his report to access information on awards and senior accomplishments for the school year. The state golf meet will be held June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in the event members are available to assist the AD during the meet.

### 3.5 Committee Reports

- 3.5.1 **Finance Committee** report was included in the Board packet. Rebecca Cronin highlighted the extra duty/extra pay item, which is currently being researched. Motion by Cassidy Stalley, “Approve an **increase in substitute pay by \$10.00 per day.**” Motion seconded and carried unanimously. Other items were deferred to Executive Session.
- 3.5.2 **Facilities Committee** report was included in the Board packet. Brendan Murphy summarized his report and invited discussion on the Cambell Street property. The property’s listing has changed to reflect usable acreage and a land survey may be done in the near future.
- 3.5.3 **Development Committee & Development Office** reports were included in the Board packet.
- 3.5.4 **Mission Committee** report was deferred.
- 3.5.5 **Investment Committee** report was deferred.
- 3.5.6 **Activities Committee** report by Chris Dietrich and Craig Nowotny. A proposal regarding a change to participation fees and restructuring of monies with regard to the Activities Department budget will be brought forward for Board consideration in the very near future.
- 3.5.7 **Ad Hoc Committee** report by Suzanne Feist. She updated the Board on the Superintendent Transition Committee’s actions under the leadership of Dionne Eastmo. A schedule of meetings with Dr. Tipton has been developed and welcome activities are being planned.
- 3.5.8 **Executive Committee** met to review agenda items.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1 Suzanne Feist provided an **update** on the **Board Retreat**, which is scheduled for June 27, 2023. An agenda will be sent out in the near future, which will include a book study lead by JC Joyce. Members present were given copies of the book.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Suzanne Feist brought forward names of prospective Board members to fill current vacancies for the 2023-24 school year: Eric Scherr, representing Our Lady of the Black Hills for a three-year term, and LeAnn Vance Wenger representing St. Therese for a one-year term. Motion by Cassidy Stalley, “Approval to **extend offers to candidates** as brought forward and recommended by the Executive Committee.” Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

5.2 Motion by Corrie Stephens, “Accept the proposed **slate of School Board officers** as presented for the **2023-24 school year.**” Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

President: Cassidy Stalley

Vice President: Suzanne Feist

Treasurer: Joe Strain

Secretary: Jess Karim

Clergy: Bishop Peter Muhich, Fr. Brian Christensen

5.3 Motion by Chris Dietrich, “Formally accept the previously approved **Algebra and Geometry before grade 9** Waiver through the SD Dept. of Education.” Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

6.1 The Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion by Corrie Stephens, “Approve the selection of the **Richard Thompson Award** recipient as nominated.” Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7.1 The **next meeting** will be held June 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. – Board Retreat – at the Holy Family Meeting Room – Catholic Chancery building.

7.2 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Werner