



NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 10th, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Nouvel Catholic Central HS/JH

I. Call to Order – Opening Prayer offered by Fr. S. Gavit at 5:31 PM. Meeting called to order.

II. Roll Call

- A. Board members in attendance: P. Furlo, B. Thieme, L. Marshall, B. White, B. Murphy, M. Mitchell, P. Sturtz, B. Buckingham, Fr. S. Gavit. Additional attendees: D. VanSumeran, D. Decuf
- B. Excused absences: C. Lynn, A. Garner, E. Carlson, J. Tunney

III. Action Items

- A. Agenda for current meeting
 - i. Motion to approve by B. Thieme. Support by L. Marshall. Motion approved.
- B. Minutes from prior board meeting, November 11th, 2025
 - i. Motion to approve P. Sturtz. Support by Fr. S. Gavit. Motion approved.

IV. Head of School

- A. Presentation and discussion of international educational principles and systems by D. VanSumeran
 - i. Example of educational design in Finland - delayed start to formal education, strong emphasis on early life skills, system of looping children and teachers together during early years
 - ii. Discussed benefits of multiple decision points for early childhood education (i.e. - emphasis on Y5 options, etc.)
 - iii. Continued emphasis on problem solving skills at all ages
 - iv. Experiential learning opportunities for children, especially in the trades/vocations/professional spaces
- B. General Report
 - i. Shared communication to other diocesan partners
- C. Continued Discussion of Principal Search

V. Superintendent Report

- A. Shared in an electronic report from Dr. Cormac Lynn

VI. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance & Investment- Brian Buckingham

- i. Investment committee met, discussions regarding account status and investment strategies
 - ***Motion to transition current investment funds in the Nouvel Teacher Salary Endowment from the National Catholic Investment Pool to the National Catholic Investment Trust by B. Buckingham. Support by P. Shaheen. Motion approved.***
 - ***Motion to transition the funds within the Nouvel Teacher Salary Endowment and the donor fund within Liberty Capital to the Nouvel Foundation in January 2026 by B. Buckingham. Support by P. Shaheen. Motion approved.***
- ii. Discussion on tuition strategy, financials and Foundation
- iii. Motion of authorization regarding Nouvel Foundation

B. Nouvel Foundation- Jason Tunney

- C. Student Life and Catholic Mission-** Erin Carlson
 - i. Update shared including prayer communications, faith formation
 - ii. Motion to approve shared prayer communication as shared in the Board packet by P. Sturtz. Support by B. Thieme.
- D. Athletic Strategic Planning-** Dr. Blair White
 - i. Updates shared regarding athletic strategic goals
- E. Head Stewardship-** Peter Shaheen
- F. Philanthropy** -Dr. Liz Marshall
 - i. Updates regarding annual report and annual fund
- G. Governance-** Beth Thieme
- H. Building and Grounds-** Pete Shaheen
 - i. Update regarding security audit
 - ii. Update regarding gym repairs

VII. Board of Trustee Members to be Heard: Open Dialogue for Board members to raise issues of importance.

VIII. New Business / Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment

- A. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 at Horizons. Holiday gathering beginning at 4 PM, Board meeting to follow.
- B. Motion to adjourn by P. Shaheen, support by L. Marshall. Meeting adjourned.

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