

St. Benedict Catholic School School Board Meeting

December 14, 2023

St. Benedict School Library

Call to order: 6:01 pm

Opening prayer: Don

Attendance: Don Elsbernd, Lori Galligan, Steve Haluska, Father Hertges, Elizabeth Kane, Michelle McLain-Kruse, Al Weis, Alex Wicks

Guest: Nick Hopp

Church finance council is reducing the school subsidy from \$525k to \$475k for 2024-25 school year.

Review Minutes: Elizabeth motioned to approve November minutes, Alex 2nd, motion carried.

Budget Review: budget was reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Great school concerts the past two weeks. Christmas activities will happen next week.

Finance Council: Guest was Nick Hopp, see summary above.

Building: Previous blueprints for air flow have not been followed. Winona Heat and Ventilation is working on an estimate for updates.

Water softener still in discussion.

PSA: Plant/coffee fundraiser sale was ok.

Getting ready for Catholic Schools Week activities.

Spring plant sale for Mother's Day.

PSA needs 3 new families.

Strategic Planning: Solar panels for the school were discussed. Re-writing the strategic plan was discussed.

Banquet of Blessings: Raffle for side-by-side, all tickets are sold, drawing is December 15 after Mass.

Faculty: Middle school students are caroling at Eastern Star and Wellington, Wednesday, December 20. Students are participating in an Hour of Code (computer).

Old Business:

School Needs/Improvements – update – the school is grandfathered in re: handicap accessibility.

Tuition: Tabled until January.

Intent to Enroll form: was reviewed. Elizabeth made the motion to approve Preschool Intent to Enroll form, with changes as discussed. Alex 2nd, motion carried.

New Business:

Capital Campaign: Fr. Hertges is beginning ground work.

School Subsidy Reduction – See above

Annual appeal update: Just over \$13k raised. A phone campaign is in the works.

Administrative Hire Update: Information is being circulated.

Sub pay: Don made the motion to increase sub pay from \$110 (daily) and \$120 (long-term) to \$140 (daily) and \$160 (long-term). Alex 2nd, motion carried.

Closed session: 8:01 – 8:26

Future Business:

Next meeting, January 10, 2024, 6:00 pm, St. Benedict School Media Center.

Prayer: Jenn

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle McLain-Kruse, EA