



RSM SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
5:15 pm – St. Mary's School Media Center
Wednesday, April 15, 2026

“To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God.”
Micah 6:8

Present – Emily Schroeder, Rachel Keffeler, Angie Galles, Kim Phillips, Fr. Tim Pick, Barry Galles, Ryan Feeck, Ashley Schuttpelz, Neil Sheehan, Shannon Ceccoli

Special Attendees – Jacque Homan, Greg Arens

- I. **Opening Prayer – 5:15**
- II. **Open Forum – No Open Forum**
- III. **Academics at St. Mary's – Jacque Homan**
 - a. Advanced math options
 - b. Training for teachers to accommodate IEPs

Jacque presented an “Academic Growth Opportunity” focused on three key areas: (1) Expanding options for high-achieving students, (2) enhancing services for struggling students, and (3) improving communication with stakeholders. She requested the opportunity to further discuss potential plans and asked for a timely response outlining proposed steps and a timeline for implementation. The item will be included on the next agenda for discussion of implementation strategies.

- Greg Arens presented the need for new transportation accommodation for Brielle. He has been researching several options for used MFAS buses, new MFAS buses, Wheelchair vans, etc. Greg will continue to explore options, and try to find a Suitable used vehicle that will remain under the 14-passenger limit.

- IV. **Review Previous Meeting Minutes**
- Motion to approve by A. Galles. Second by Keffeler. Motion approved.
- V. **Director of Operations Financial Report**
 - a. Review March Financials
-Homan presented financials via email to review.
-Motion to approve by Keffeler. Second by Schroeder. Motion approved.
- VI. **Director of School Advancement Report**
 - a. Ball Update
-The ball raised a total of \$74,367. They served 324 meals. Some suggestions were given for next year including slowing down the reverse auction, marketing the reverse auction purpose prior to the event, and changing the classroom donations for the parish auction to the silent auction during the ball.
 - b. MLTF
-Ceccoli sent out 371 letters in March to market MLTF. Currently, \$1,500 has been raised. Suggestion was made to call people and have one on one conversations, so people better understand the MLTF tax benefits.

- c. New grant ideas
 - Ceccoli is looking for technology grants for promethean boards.
 - Ceccoli will also be applying for “Keep Iowa Beautiful” grants for when construction is completed.
- d. Plant sale & other fundraisers
 - As of 4/15/2026, the plant sales have raised \$5,296 of which we will receive 30% in profit. We will continue to do this fundraiser next year in hope it gets more popular.

VII. Administrator Report

- a. Board Report
 - Phillips presented the board report.
 - The board agreed to send a letter of support for the “Career Academy.”
 - The SIAC committee will not meet this May as the ISASPS scoring has changed and new cut-off scores will not be presented until August.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Finance – Homan Reported Via Email
- b. Facilities/Buildings/Grounds – Everything is going as planned and on schedule.
- c. Technology – No Updates
- d. Academics – Phillips reported
- e. Leadership/Governance – No Updates
- f. Catholic Identity – No Updates
- g. Marketing – A. Galles prepared a report for competitive digital analysis. She will share with Mrs. Connors to show where there are areas for improvement. A. Galles also reported that the Remsen Chamber has created a yard sign for all businesses, including RSM, for marketing purposes.

IX. Old Business

- a. Campaign/Building Updates
 - Discussion was held regarding moving the current elementary playground to the new building. Discussion will be held, and item will be added to next agenda for future planning.

X. New Business

- a. Oktoberfest/Turkey Supper/Fall Events at School
 - New information has been provided indicating that the main-level bathrooms may remain usable for fall events held at the school. The school is open to hosting Oktoberfest; however, it was recommended that alternative plans be considered in the event construction impacts availability.
- b. Closed session

Motion to enter closed session at 6:57 PM by Sheehan. Second by Schuttpelz.
Closed session ended at 7:11 PM.

XI. Other Business

- A suggestion was made to offer free tuition for a designated period as an incentive to attract new families to RSM. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

XII. Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM by Keffeler. Second by Schroeder. Motion approved.

Next Meeting: May 20 @ 5:15 pm