

Columbus Catholic Schools
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023

Jason D. Mielak called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m., served as Secretary, and presided over the initial board meeting of Columbus Catholic Schools as now constituted. Board members present: Heidi Field, Peg Niedbalski, Matt Niedbalski, Tara Sjuts, Dennis Grennan, Sarah Pillen, and Jay Pelan. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka, President, Brady Vancura (Scotus Principal), Amy Sokol (St. Anthony Principal), Amy Evans (St. Isidore Principal), and Cheryl Zoucha (St. Bonaventure Principal). Absent board members: T.J. Thiem and Paige Young.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Tara Sjuts moved, and Heidi Flood seconded a motion to excuse absent board members and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried.

HANDOUTS – (1) Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation; (2) Amended and Restated Bylaws of Columbus Catholic Schools; and (3) Development and Family Engagement Report.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets)

Mr. Ohnoutka reported on renovation updates occurring at school buildings and security inventory and assessment being completed with assistance from law enforcement in July. Provided update on repairs to pipe burst at Scotus Practice Field. Mr. Ohnoutka will be working on further campus ministry engagement for schools following recent staff changes. Mr. Ohnoutka reported advertising for janitorial positions for evening/after-school and discussed ways to consider utilizing services with other schools/parishes. Finally, Mr. Ohnoutka invited directors the opportunity to join him at meeting with Nebraska State Senator Lou Ann Linehan the following morning at Scotus Central Catholic facilitated by Aaron Dowd to discuss and ask questions relating to school choice issues.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification of Directors. Jay Pelan moved, and Matt Niedbalski seconded, a motion to ratify the initial directors of Columbus Catholic Schools on staggered terms set forth, as follows:

- a. St. Anthony:
 - i. Heidi Field (1 year term);
 - ii. Peg Niedbalski (2 year term); and
 - iii. Matt Niedbalski (3 year term).
- b. St. Bonaventure:
 - i. T.J. Thiem (1 year term);
 - ii. Tara Sjuts (2 year term); and
 - iii. Dennis Grennan (3 year term).

- c. St. Isidore:
 - i. Paige Young (1 year term);
 - ii. Sarah Pillen (2 year term); and
 - iii. Jay Pelan (3 year term).

A director is eligible for a second 3 year term after initial term expires. After opportunity for discussion, the motion carried.

- B. Election of Officers. Tara Sjuts moved, and Heidi Flood seconded, a motion to elect a slate of officers for the 2023-2024 fiscal year set forth, as follows:

- a. Matt Niedbalski (Chairperson);
- b. Sarah Pillen (Vice-Chairperson);
- c. Dennis Grennan (Second Vice-Chairperson);
- d. Jeff Ohnoutka (President); and
- e. Jason D. Mielak (Secretary).

After opportunity for discussion, the motion carried.

- C. Committee Assignments. Peg Niedbalski moved, and Matt Niedbalski seconded, a motion to approve committee assignments. After opportunity for discussion, the motion carried.

- D. Resolution for Bank Account Signatures. Dennis Grennan moved, and Heidi Field seconded, a motion to adopt the following resolution which, after opportunity for discussion, the motion carried:

RESOLVED, that the Directors hereby authorize the President, Jeff Ohnoutka, and the Principal, Brady Vancura, to have signing authority with respect to bank accounts held by Columbus Catholic Schools except that all checks of an amount of \$5,000.00 or more must be signed jointly by both Mr. Ohnoutka and Mr. Vancura. Funds deposited into said accounts shall be used only for the business of Columbus Catholic Schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Advancement and Development. Presentation made by John Schueth and Schmidt relating to upcoming SEF campaign drive. A report was presented reporting on efforts made to incorporate goals and strategies for Columbus Catholic Schools into the SEF campaign drive. A productive discussion was engaged in between the directors, officers, and presenters to reach consensus and provide guidance moving forward. No formal action was taken following the presentation.

B. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

B. Items for the Agenda: TBD by Executive Committee.

Jay Pelan moved, and Matt Niedbalski seconded, the motion to adjourn and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason D. Mielak, Secretary