

Columbus Catholic Schools
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023

Columbus Catholics Schools Board Chair Matt Niedbalski called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and presided over the meeting at St. Anthony School. Board members present: Heidi Field, Peg Niedbalski, Matt Niedbalski, Tara Sjuts, Sarah Pillen, Paige Young, Jay Pelan, and T.J. Thiem. 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: Dennis Grennan. Motion to excuse absent board member(s) made by Paige Young, and Peg Niedbalski seconded, and after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Deacon Dan Keiter and reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda made by Peg Niedbalski, seconded by Tara Sjuts and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of July and August meetings made by Sarah Pillen and carried without objection.

HANDOUTS – (1) Executive Director Report; (2) St. Anthony’s School Principal Report; (3) Columbus Catholic Schools Security Report; (4) Advancement Office Report; (5) Financial Report/Budget; (6) Mission Integration Report; (7) Tuition Assistance Report; and (8) Development Report.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – Officer Jodi Hefti presented her July 27, 2023 security report for all four campuses/facilities and responded to questions from board members and administrators.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets) – Mr. Ohnoutka stated the coffee talks start tomorrow to advise the community as to the origination of the process to form CCS and explain important roles committees will play in moving the collaboration forward. Mrs. Sokol presented her principal report (St. Anthony’s School) and responded to questions from board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets) –

- A. Advancement Committee Report: Committee Chair Peg Niedbalski presented written report and was available to respond to questions from board members. John Schueth updated board on SEF campaign progress and next steps being taken to achieve a successful campaign. Erin Schmidt updated board on gala brainstorming meeting and reported Mass, Dash, and Burger Bash has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023.

- B. Facilities Committee Report: Committee Chair Jay Pelan presented written report and was available to respond to questions from board members. Committee will also be visiting elementary school sites in addition to Scotus facility.

- C. Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair Sarah Pillen reported that the finance committee met the morning of the board meeting. Following the report, Peg Niedbalski made a Motion, which was seconded by Jay Pelan, to approve the financial report for each school/cafeteria for July and August. After an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Mission Integration Committee Report: Committee Chair Matt Niedbalski presented written report and was available to respond to questions from board members.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Financial Aid Report: Written report presented by Mr. Ohnoutka relating to each of the four campuses followed by opportunity for questions from and discussion between board members and administrators.
- B. Enrollment Report: No action taken or report presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2023, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure's School.
- B. Items for the Agenda: (1) Strategic Plan for CCS; (2) Report of St. Bonaventure's School Principal; and (3) Other matters, if any, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Peg Niedbalski moved, and Tara Sjuts seconded, the motion to adjourn and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and Chairperson Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason D. Mielak, Secretary