

Columbus Catholic Schools  
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2024

Columbus Catholic Schools' Board Chair Matt Niedbalski called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and presided over the meeting at Scotus Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School. Board members present: Dennis Grennan, Peg Niedbalski, Matt Niedbalski, Tara Sjuts, Sarah Pillen, Jay Pelan, Paige Young, and T.J. Thiem. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka (CCS President/Executive Director, Brady Vancura (Scotus Principal), Amy Sokol (St. Anthony Principal), Amy Evans (St. Isidore Principal), and Cheryl Zoucha (St. Bonaventure Principal). No visitors were present.

The meeting opened with prayer by Deacon Dan Keiter followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda made by Jay Pelan, seconded by TJ Thiem and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of March 2024 meeting made by Dennis Grennan, seconded by Paige Young, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection.

HANDOUTS – (1) Executive Director Report; (2) Advancement Office Report (3) Financial Committee Reports; and a (4) Mission Integration Committee Report.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets) – Executive director reported on need for hiring and status of search for Spanish instructor for 2024-25 school year. Mr. Ryan Baker, the current Scotus PE teacher has accepted the open elementary position, and his position has been filled at Scotus. The board discussed the reasons for the low enrollment totals for the 24-25 Kindergarten class. This class will likely be in the mid 50's.

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

- A. Advancement Committee Report: Committee Chair Peg Niedbalski presented a report following their committee meeting and was available to respond to questions from board members. This report included a brief update on the financial success of the Scotus Gala. More information on that will be available in May.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: Committee Chair Jay Pelan reported the committee did not meet the prior month, but he and committee member Chris Langan would be visiting St. Isidore on April 18<sup>th</sup> to meet with Mrs. Evans(Principal). They will be doing a facility walk around to look at future needs. Mr. Ohnoutka and TJ Thiem will be doing the same with Mrs. Zoucha(Principal) at St. Bonaventure by the end of April. Mr. Ohnoutka and Mark Bierman completed the St. Anthony facility walk around in March.
- C. Finance Committee Report: Committee Chair Sarah Pillen stated the finance committee met the morning of the board meeting and provided written financial reports to the CCS board and was available to answer questions related to the same. A status update was also provided on

the progress of the CCS lease regarding the elementary school buildings. The lease will be approved by the archdiocese and signed by each parish priest. Following the report, Peg Niedbalski made a Motion, which was seconded by Dennis Grennan, to approve the financial report for each school/cafeteria. After an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Mission Integration Committee Report: Committee chairperson Matt Niedbalski presented a written report regarding the changes proposed by this committee regarding technology use in the schools for the 24-25 school year. The parent profile of a graduate survey has been sent out and results are being compiled to gather the common themes for implementation into the K-12 CCS curriculum.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Each of the four CCS building principals gave a presentation on their plan to support the new teachers in their buildings for the 24-25 school year. Opportunity was provided to board members to ask specific questions about this process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The CCS Board entered into executive session at 6:28pm on a motion by Peg Niedbalski. The board exited executive session at 6:30pm on a motion by Tara Sjuts.

The CCS board accepted the resignation of board member Heidi Field. The board offered their appreciation for her contributions to the board.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA –

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 20th, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic.

- B. Items for Future Agenda: Results of school assessments, Updated cafeteria wellness policy

T.J. Thiem moved, and Peg Niedbalski seconded the motion to adjourn and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and Chair Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Ohnoutka, Executive Director and Acting Secretary