

Columbus Catholic Schools
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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: Heidi Field, 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). Absent board members: Dennis Grennan. Motion to excuse absent board members made by Sarah Pillen, which was seconded by Tara Sjuts, and the Motion carried unanimously. No visitors were present.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda made by Paige Young, seconded by Jay Pelan and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of February 2024 meeting made by Tara Sjuts, seconded by Peg Niedbalski, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection.

HANDOUTS – (1) Executive Director Report; (2) Scotus Winter Activities Report 2023-24; (3) Scotus Central Catholic Principal Report; (4) Advancement Office Report; (5) Financial Committee Reports; and a (6) 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. Scotus principal report highlighted CNA course that will be offered in cooperation with the Columbus Community Hospital and Central Community College including requirements and cost for students. The Scotus Gala fundraiser will assist in cost to build and equip lab. Mr. Vancura also reported the video board project is moving forward. See also Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth fully relating to School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessments.

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.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: Executive director reported on applications for safety grants for improvements for certain elementary school campuses. Committee Chair Jay Pelan reported the committee did not meet the prior month, but it is still the intent for Committee members and Jeff Ohnoutka to visit elementary school campuses to consider 5-year facility needs.

- 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. There was further discussion of the committee's work toward transitioning to parish investment in place of a subsidy for Scotus students based on 25% of cost of education on pro rata basis multiplied by number of students from each respective parish. Students not belonging to a parish will be paid by CCS without investment from the parishes. There was also a discussion on efforts made to obtain grant funds to supplemental CCS funding. Following the report, Peg Niedbalski made a Motion, which was seconded by T.J. Thiem, to approve the financial report for each school/cafeteria. After an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Mission Integration Committee Report: Brady Vancura presented a report and was available for questions. Work on a survey is being conducted to help shape what the CCS community is looking for in a Scotus graduate.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA –

- A. Regular Meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic.

- B. Items for Future Agenda: (1) Other matters, if any, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

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 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason D. Mielak, Secretary