

Columbus Catholic Schools
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2025

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. Board members present: Matt Niedbalski, Tara Sjuts, Sarah Pillen, Jay Pelan, Dennis Grennan, Jordan Paitz, and Paige Young. Administrators present: Jeff Ohnoutka (CCS President/Executive Director), Brady Vancura (Scotus Principal), Amy Evans (St. Isidore Principal), Amy Sokol (St. Anthony Principal) and Cheryl Zoucha (St. Bonaventure Principal). Absent board members: Peg Niedbalski and T.J. Thiem. No visitors were present.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda was made by Paige Young, seconded by Tara Sjuts, and after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting made by Dennis Grennan, seconded by Jay Pelan, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to excuse absent board members made by Tara Sjuts, seconded by Dennis Grennan, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection.

HANDOUTS – (1) Executive Director Report; (2) Advancement Committee Report; (3) Facility Committee Report; (4) Financial Committee Reports; and (5) 7th Grade Student/Parent Survey Results.

VISITOR RECOGNITION/CORRESPONDENCE/INTRODUCTIONS – None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (in addition to submitted printed reports in board packets) – Executive director presented his written report and was available to answer questions. Elementary and Scotus Principals reported on activities during Catholic Schools week including, but not limited to, Eucharistic procession/rosaries, all-school Masses, Governor Pillen state capital visit, and talk by Nebraska volleyball player Rebekah Allick. Angie Rusher was also acknowledged as having received Gerhold Teacher of the year award. Brady Vancura reviewed 7th grade parent/children survey results and was available for questions from the board members.

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

- A. Advancement Committee Report: Jeff Ohnoutka presented the committee report and was available for questions in Committee Chair Peg Niedbalski's absence. There was also a discussion about status of consideration of re-branding of Columbus Catholic Schools with a new logo.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: Committee Chair Jay Pelan presented a written facilities report and was available to answer questions from board members.
- 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. Following the report, Dennis Grennan made a Motion, which was seconded by Sarah Pillen, to approve the financial report for each school/cafeteria. After an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mission Integration Committee Report: No report presented at this month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. State of the Schools Update – Jeff Ohnoutka presented oral report on feedback he received from State of the Schools presentations he had made and fielded questions from board members.
- B. Professional Contracts/Staffing Update – After coming out of executive session, Dennis Grennan made a Motion to approve professional contracts as proposed by Executive Director Jeff Ohnoutka, seconded by Paige Young, and, after an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to enter into executive session made by Paige Young at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Tara Sjuts, and, after an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously. Motion to exit executive session made by Matt Niedbalski at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Sarah Pillen, and after an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA –

- A. Regular Meeting – The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, March 17, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic.
- B. Items for Future Agenda – (1) Staffing Update; and (2) Other matters, if any, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Dennis Grennan moved, and Jay Pelan seconded, a motion to adjourn and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and Chair Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason D. Mielak, Secretary