

Columbus Catholic Schools
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2025

Columbus Catholic Schools' Board Chair Matt Niedbalski called the board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and presided over the meeting at Scotus Central Catholic. Board members present: Dennis Grennan, Matt Niedbalski, Peg Niedbalski, Jordan Paitz, Jay Pelan, Sarah Pillen, Tara Sjuts, TJ Thiem 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 member: Paige Young. No visitors were present.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda was made by Peg Niedbalski, seconded by Dennis Grennan, and after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting made by Jay Pelan and seconded by Tara Sjuts, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve absent board members was 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 Reports (4) Mission Integration Committee Report (5) 25-26 School Calendar (6) Tuition and Base Salary Proposal

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. Mr. Ohnoutka discussed current heating issues on the north end of Scotus. The Facility Committee has identified areas in need of attention. The building principals provided the school board with Catholic Schools Week schedules at each of their locations.

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

- A. Advancement Committee Report: Peg Niedbalski presented a report and was available to respond to questions from board members.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: A company from Lincoln (Balcon) has been contacted by Facilities Committee member Chris Langan to rebalance air handler units at Scotus.
- 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. She also reported lunch sales were down while food costs were higher than anticipated. Following the report, Dennis Grennan made a Motion, which was seconded by Jordan Paitz, to approve the financial report for each school/cafeteria. After an opportunity for discussion, the Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Mission Integration Committee Report: A preliminary copy of the Scotus Profile of a Graduate was presented to the board. This is not the final version and will be discussed at February board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. State of the Schools Update – Jeff Ohnoutka updated the board on the finalized presentation. The dates for the presentations will be Feb. 3rd at 5:30pm and Feb. 6th at 6:30pm. The location will be the St. Bonaventure Parish Center.
- B. 25-26 School Calendar- The proposed 25-26 school calendar was presented to the board by CCS administration. The calendar was approved by a motion by Sarah Pillen and seconded by Tara Sjuts.
- C. Tuition and Base Salary- Jeff Ohnoutka presented the board with a proposal to increase elementary tuition by \$140 and Scotus tuition \$300 for the 25-26 school year. After discussion from the board the tuition increase was approved by a motion from Peg Niedbalski and seconded by Jordan Paitz. The board was then presented a base salary increase proposal to increase the base salary 2.5% for 25-26. After discussion the proposal was approved by a motion from Jay Pelan and seconded by TJ Thiem.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 5:47 p.m., Matt Niedbalski made a motion to move into executive session, seconded by Sarah Pillen, and after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously. At 6:36 p.m. Dennis Grennan made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Peg Niedbalski, 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, February 17th, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic.
- B. Items for Future Agenda – (1) Profile of a Graduate; and (2) Offering of Professional Contracts (3) Other matters, if any, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Chair Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Ohnoutka, Executive Director