

Columbus Catholic Schools
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
November 18, 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. 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 Jay Pelan, and after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting made by Dennis Grennan with correction that Brady Vancura was absent at October Board of Directors Meeting, seconded by Tara Sjuts, and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve absent board members was made by Paige Young, seconded by Dennis Grennan and, after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection.

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

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 reported on hiring of Amarha Bridger and intended security improvements to East Entrance and renovation of Scotus Little Theater. Brady Vancura reported on increase of participation of Scotus students and community in activity support and stewardship. Cheryl Zoucha reported on student participation in food drive on election day and start of formal teacher evaluations. Amy Evans reported on impressive integration of new staff in the classroom and grant for new dishwasher. Amy Sokol reported on election day rally held at school and student involvement in community at Emerald Care Rehab.

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

- A. Advancement Committee Report: Dennis Grennan presented a report and was available to respond to questions from board members.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: No separate report from Executive Director report above.
- 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.

- D. Mission Integration Committee Report: Committee Chair Matt Niedbalski was available to answer questions from Board members. Further, Brady Vancura indicated that group is meeting again with coordination of Fr. Taylor and parishes in early December with work continuing on setting goals and timetables.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Staffing Update – Jeff Ohnoutka noted hiring in development office and anticipated retirements at CCS at both elementary and high school level.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:04 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 8:21 p.m. Paige Young made a motion to move out of executive session, seconded by Dennis Grennan, 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, January 20, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Scotus Central Catholic.
- B. Items for Future Agenda – (1) Tuition and Base Salary; and (2) Other matters, if any, to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Chair Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason D. Mielak, Secretary