

Columbus Catholic Schools  
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes  
October 28th, 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 St. Bonaventure Elementary School. Board members present: Peg Niedbalski, Matt Niedbalski, Tara Sjuts, Jay Pelan, Dennis Grennan, Jordan Paitz, Paige Young and T.J. 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 members: (excused) Sarah Pillen. No visitors were present.

The meeting opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion to approve agenda, as amended, was made, seconded, and after an opportunity for discussion, carried unanimously without objection. Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting made by Tara Sjuts, seconded by Paige Young, 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; (5) Mission Integration Committee Report; (6) 2024-25 School Improvement Plans for St. Bonaventure and St. Isidore.

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 the WSC Teachers Fair and updated everyone on interviews for open Communications and Marketing position. He also gave an update on the success of the Opportunity Scholarship meeting with Se. Linehan. Cheryl Zoucha presented a report on the progress of the school improvement plan and goals and was available to answer questions. Amy Evans also presented a report on progress of the school improvement plan for St. Isidore and responded to questions from board members.

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. The board did ask for an update on the current Annual Appeal. That update will be emailed to the board.
- B. Facilities Committee Report: Report was deferred to the New Business area of the agenda.
- C. Finance Committee Report: Committee representative Jeff Ohnoutka stated the finance committee met one week prior to 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, Jay Pelan made a Motion, which was seconded by TJ Thiem, 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, Jeff Ohnoutka reported on upcoming meeting to discuss and improve upon parent engagement.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Security Report – Jeff Ohnoutka presented a written report on the following security upgrades. An estimate was obtained to install 3M security tint at our four locations on all exterior doors. The estimate was for \$20,100. After discussing the recommendations made by TJ Thiem and Jay Pelan of the facility committee, the board declined to move forward on that bid. Six new security cameras will be installed at St. Isidore elementary school. They will be placed in the classroom hallways, near the entrance to the gym and the cafeteria. New security doors will be installed at St. Bonaventure on the east end of the classroom hallway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The board moved into executive session at 6:25. The motion was made by Matt Niedbalski to move into executive session and seconded TJ Thiem. The board moved out of executive session at 6:32pm. The motion to move out of executive session was initiated by Peg Niedbalski and seconded by Tara Sjuts.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA –

- A. Regular Meeting – The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at St. Isidore School.
- B. Items for Future Agenda – (1) CCS staffing update for 25-26 school year.

TJ Thiem moved, and Peg Niedbalski seconded a motion to adjourn and, after an opportunity for discussion, the motion carried unanimously, and Chair Matt Niedbalski adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Ohnoutka, Executive Director