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## **ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**

### **School Board Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Joe Mehlhaff, Kristi Martin, VP, Jon Schaff, Steve Lewno, Tom Cogley, Brenda Mitzel via phone, Fr. Jordan Samson, Scott Madsen **Staff:** Tevan Gonsor, Ed Mitzel, Tammy Kost, Rick Kline, Michala Heller, Derek Larson, Cal Nygaard, Amy Heinz, **Guest:** Joellen Lindner, Joe Brinkman, students Lydia Kost, Cambry Feickert, Ava Sayler, Ava Meyers

1. The May 14, 2025, meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by President Joe Mehlhaff.

- a. Opening prayer was led by- Tom Cogley

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda additions/corrections-** strike 7a and 7e. Add 3c- announcement of new school board member.

**Minutes additions/corrections-** none

Motion by Tom Cogley, second by Steve Lewno to approve, the May 14, 2025 agenda, with corrections/additions, the April 9, 2025 minutes, and the March bills for payment, and financial report. Motion carried.

## **3. RECOGNITIONS**

- a. State Visual Arts awards- Art teacher Amy Heinz was present with several of the students who won awards at the state level.
- b. Cal Nygaard shared the number of scholarships the class of 2025 has been awarded so far. The total amount of dollars is over 1 million as of today.
- c. As Kristie Martin comes to the end of her service on the school board, Fr. Samson announced the new board member representing St. Mary's parish will be Meghan Weigel

## **4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS** (additions to previously submitted written reports)

- a. President's report- no additions
- b. Principal's reports- Ed added that Mr. David Pierson, RHS Science teacher, received the Stan and Ilene Schmidt Teacher of the Year award at the 6-12 level.
- c. Development report- no additions
- d. Activities Director- The NEC Track meet was canceled due to bad weather and won't be rescheduled.

- e. Parish Report- Fr. Samson corrected the breakdown of time for Fr. Scott Miller, he will start at a 60% school /40% parish split and work up to 75% school and 25% parish.
- f. Cabinet report- included in Derek Larson's update to the board were
  - i. The rotation of new sports uniforms
  - ii. school classifications for the coming three years.

## **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Administrative/Education Planning – no meeting
- b. Buildings & Grounds – met 4/30/25
- c. Finance- no meeting
- d. Marketing/Recruitment/Development – no meeting

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Vote on approving Derek Larson's recommendations for the SDHSAA Ballot and Amendments items.

Motion by Jon Schaff, second by Scott Madsen to approve Derek Larson's voting recommendations on the SDHSAA ballot and amendment items. Motion carried.

1. Small School Group Board of Education Representative (5yr term). Vote is for Billy Clanton, Harding County
2. East River At-Large Principal (secondary level, 5yr term). Vote is for Brittney Eide, Corsica/Stickney
3. Division I Representative (Athletic/Activity Director, 5yr term). Vote is for Steve Moore, SF Roosevelt
4. Division III Representative (Principal). Vote is for Jeff Sheehan, Hamlin
5. Amendment #1. Vote is YES
6. Amendment #2. Vote is YES
7. Amendment #3. Vote is YES
8. Amendment #4. Vote is YES
9. Amendment #5. Vote is YES

- b. Approve elimination of policy 010.2 Purchasing Plan

Motion by Kristie Martin, second by Steve Lewno to approve elimination of policy 010.2 Purchasing Plan. Motion carried.

- c. Approve updates to 2025-2026 academic calendar

Motion by Scott Madsen, second by Steve Lewno to approve, updates to 2025-2026 academic calendar. Motion carried.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- ~~a. Facility Assessment Study & Longevity Plan- Spencer Sommers~~

- b. Strategic Plan Update- Joellen Lindner presented the board members with an updated draft of the plan. The timeline was refined. She suggested areas the board needs to look at in order to move forward and hopefully present for approval soon.

- c. School Board 2025-2026 Proposed committee meeting calendar. The board agreed the updated calendar can now be set.

- d. Cell Phone Policy. Discussion indicated the board members would like to see the procedural plan to approve the policy when presented to them. It was noted they will see the procedural plan when they approve the school handbooks.

- ~~e. End of the Year reflection by principals. Since Mr. Weisz couldn't attend this meeting, 7e. will get moved to the July meeting.~~

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kristie Martin, second by Steve Lewno to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 pm. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer led by Steve Lewno

**NEXT MEETING-** Next meeting is July 9, 2025

*Recorded by Michala Heller*