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ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

School Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Steve Lewno video conference, Tom Cogley, VP, Joe Mehlhaff, Meghan Weigel, Alex Grieben, Barb Rezac, Scott Madsen **Absent:** Fr. Jordan Samson **Staff:** Tim Weisz, Tevan Gonsor, Ed Mitzel, Tammy Kost, Michala Heller, Rick Kline **Guests:** Trevor Zens, Joe Brinkman

1. The May 20, 2026, meeting of the Aberdeen Catholic School System Board was called to order by Vice President Tom Cogley.

- a. Opening prayer was led by- Tom Cogley

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda additions/corrections- none

Minutes additions/corrections- none

Motion by Joe Mehlhaff, second by Scott Madsen to approve the May 20, 2026 agenda, April 15, 2026 minutes, April bills for payment, and financial reports. Motion carried.

3. RECOGNITION

- a. Thank you and best wishes to our three retirees this year. Sandy Andera (39 yrs), Laurie Imberi (37 yrs), and Camille Fischer (20 yrs). We are grateful to you and wish you Godspeed.
- b. Thank you to Dcn. Ed Mitzel for his service as 6-12 Principal. He will move back into the classroom next year at RMS/RHS.
- c. Congratulations to the 2026 RHS graduates! We will miss you and wish you all the best.

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

- a. President's report- our seniors were awarded 1.175 million dollars in scholarship money this year. Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Nygaard for your help in guiding them. Offers have been made for the Special Events Coordinator and the RHS English positions. We have two interviews tomorrow for the custodian position. RNN is off to a great start in their new store. Their sales have doubled since they opened on May 7. The efforts of the volunteers is recognized and greatly appreciated!
- b. Principal's reports- Dcn. Mitzel reported we had 5 students score a 30 or higher on their ACT test this year. The 2026 Stanley and Ilene Schmidt

Teachers of the Year are Alyssa Voeller (RMS/RHS) and Samee Scherr (RPS/RES)

- c. Development report- Board members are invited to attend the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the RNN on June 9 at 2pm. Thank you to the Board for supporting the purchase of a new building for the Nearly New store.
- d. Activities Director- no additions
- e. Parish Report- no additions
- f. Cabinet Report- Michala Heller- Admissions. Mrs. Heller updated the board members on admissions activity this year. We enrolled new students into March of the spring semester this year. She feels optimistic that we can reach the 26-27 projected enrollment goal of 530 students.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Administrative/Education Planning – no meeting
- b. Buildings & Grounds – no meeting
- c. Finance- met 5/6/26
- d. Marketing/Recruitment/Development – no meeting

6. ACTION ITEMS-

- a. Approve 2nd reading of policy 006.41 Admin Guidelines for Class Size

Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Alex Grieben to approve 2nd reading of policy 006.41 Admin Guidelines for Class Size. Motion carried.

- b. Approve 2nd reading of policy 006.42 Employee/Student Teacher Criminal Background Check

Motion by Alex Grieben, second by Joe Mehlhaff to approve 2nd reading of 006.42 Employee/Student Teacher Criminal Background Check. Motion carried.

- c. Approve 2nd reading of policy 006.43 Volunteer Criminal Background Check

Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Scott Madsen to approve 2nd reading of policy 006.43 Volunteer Criminal Background Check. Motion carried.

- d. Approve 2nd reading of policy 006.44 Identification Cards

Motion by Alex Grieben, second by Meghan Weigel to approve 2nd reading of policy 006.44 Identification Cards. Motion carried.

- e. Approve 2nd reading of policy 001.9 Duties of Standing Committee

Motion by Meghan Weigel, this motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Alex Grieben to approve 2nd reading of policy 001.9 Duties of Standing Committee as amended. Motion carried.

f. Approve 1st reading of policy 007.3 Cell Phones for Administrators and I.T.
Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Alex Grieben to approve 1st reading of policy 007.3 Cell Phones for Administrators and I.T. Motion carried.

g. Approve 1st reading of policy 007.6 Salary Conditions Auxiliary Staff
Motion by Joe Mehlhaff, second by Scott Madsen to approve 1st reading of policy 007.6 Salary Conditions Auxiliary Staff. Motion not carried.

h. Approve 1st reading of policy 007.7 Salary Condition for Full Time Employees
Motion by Alex Grieben, second by Scott Madsen to approve 1st reading of policy 007.7 Salary Condition for Full Time Employees. Motion not carried.

i. Approve 1st reading of policy 007.8 Part Time Employees
Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Joe Mehlhaff to approve 1st reading of policy 007.8 Part Time Employees. Motion not carried.

j. Approve the recommendation of Derek Larson for election ballot and amendment ballots for the SDHSAA.
Motion by Meghan Weigel, second by Alex Grieben to approve the recommendation of Derek Larson for election ballot and amendment ballots for the SDHSAA. Motion carried.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Joe Mehlhaff, second by Alex Grieben to move into executive session at 4:28 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Madsen, second by Meghan Weigel to move out of executive session at 4:52 pm. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Scott Madsen, second by Meghan Weigel to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. Motion carried.

9. CLOSING PRAYER –

NEXT MEETING- Next meeting is July 15, 2026

Recorded by Michala Heller